

JONATHAN MCLEAN  
MONROE COUNTY CLERK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:16 a.m. by Chairman George E. Green.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Vicki Koerber and Commissioner Doug Garmer were present.

Others present included County Clerk Jonathan McLean, Deputy Clerk Kara Etherton, State's Attorney Ryan Webb, Treasurer Kevin Koenigstein, County Engineer Aaron Metzger, Eli Kamins, Mindy Hanna, Public Safety Director Kevin Scheibe, Scott Scheibe, Jay Papenberg, Lynden Prange, Paul Minton, Donna DeWilde, Zoe Weakley, Marvin Wittenauer, Pat Kelly, Scott Woodsmall with the Republic Times and Sheila Wetzler.

Commissioner Koerber made a motion to approve the minutes from November 3, 2025, regular and closed meetings and November 10, 2025, special and closed meetings. Second by Commissioner Garmer. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Green asked if there were any public comments.

Pat Kelly spoke concerning the nursing home, specifically asking when Accolade took over operations, and questioned why the newspaper had not reported the results of the hearing with the Illinois Department of Health.

Marvin Wittenauer spoke concerning the nursing home lease and asked who would be negotiating the lease with Accolade in 5 years and asked for clarification of when the sale option would be put before the voters.

In recognition of their retirements from the highway department plaques were presented to Jay Papenberg for his more than 35 years of service and Scott Scheibe for his more than 39 years of service. County Engineer Aaron Metzger said both men had been exemplary employees and that it would be challenging to replace them. The Board stated their appreciation and thanked both men for their many years of service.

There were no items for approval on the consent agenda.

Mindy Hanna and Eli Kamins came before the Board to present the Oak Hill Non-Financial Report.

Public Safety Director Kevin Scheibe and Lynden Prange and Paul Minton who are both on the Stringtown Levee Board gave an update on the Stringtown Levee scour hole. Director Scheibe stated that it was discovered a legacy levee from 1890 had not been removed when the levee was updated in the 1950's and that this had a direct effect on the formation of the scour hole. He then stated that work on the levee was now underway with the help of Luhr Brothers and SD Resources. They are only using materials from the site itself as regulations require that they have to stay within the original footprint of the legacy levee. He stated that the help and cooperation from Luhr Brothers and SD Resources will help keep the cost of the project well below original estimates.

Commissioner Koerber made a motion to approve the following financial reports:

- a. Nursing home financial statements and resident refunds.
- b. Monthly nursing home distribution report.

Second by Commissioner Garmer. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Garmer made a motion to approve the following financial reports:

- c. Approval of invoices \$10,000.00 or greater
- d. Monthly County Distribution Report

Second by Commissioner Green. Green and Garmer voting Aye. Koerber voting Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garmer made a motion to approve the following financial report:

- e. County financial statement.

Second by Commissioner Green. Garmer and Green voting Aye. None Nay. Koerber Abstaining. None Absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kevin Koenigstein gave an update on the FY2026 Budget.

Zoning Administrator Chris Voelker and Emily Calderon with Moran Economic Development presented the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Garmer made a motion to approve the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried. Ordinance #25-10

County Engineer Aaron Metzger presented a revised ordinance establishing Access Control for the Proposed Rogers Street North and Country Club Lane Realignment and Rose Lane Extension Improvement. This ordinance would be repealing and replacing ordinance #25-9. Commissioner Garmer made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried. Ordinance #25-11

Mr. Metzger also presented the 2025 Road District Financial Data Book.

Commissioner Koerber gave an update on progress for the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monroe County, including the ringing of the bells on New Year's Day, new flags being ordered, and the planned activities and promotional items.

Also discussed was celebrating the success of the Columbia High School sports teams who have won state championships this year.

Commissioner Garmer made a motion to approve going into closed session for the purpose of the lease of real property and personnel. Second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioner Koerber made a motion to come out of closed session. Second by Commissioner Garmer. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

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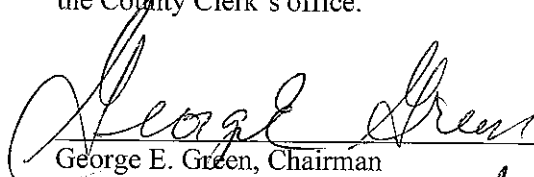
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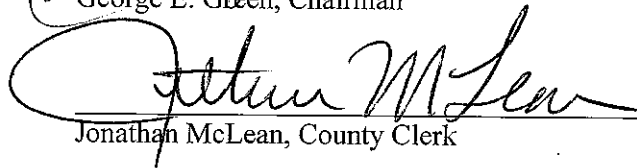
Commissioner Garmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 11:42 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday December 1, 2025.

Minutes approved on December 1, 2025, and filed for record in the County Clerk's office.

  
George E. Green, Chairman

  
Jonathan McLean, County Clerk

