

May 20, 2026
OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD

*Members of the Douglas County Board convened in regular session at 9:00 A.M., County Board Room, Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois. Chairman of the Board, Tom Hettinger called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

*Members answering roll call: Bibby Appleby, Tom Hettinger, Phil Morris, Dan Henry, Ed Carleton, Gary Luth, and Travis Wilson.

PRESENT: 7

ABSENT: 0

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2026 SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MINUTES AND
APRIL 15, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**

***Motion by Appleby/Morris:** To approve the April 10, 2026, Special County Board Minutes and April 15, 2026, Regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

***Motion by Morris/Wilson:** To approve the monthly financial obligations for the County as reviewed by the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

***Motion by Carleton/Luth:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

**APPROVAL OF SCRIVENRS ERROR CORRECTING ORDIANANCE 26-O-01 GRANT
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO ORDINANCE 26-O-02**

***Motion by Carleton/Wilson:** To approve Scrivenr's error, Ordinance **26-O-01** was inadvertently stated as the ordinance number for Grant Agreements with Illinois Department of Transportation to provide public transportation in Douglas County Illinois. This error occurred at the March 18, 2026, County Board meeting. The correct number is Ordinance **26-O-02**, and the documents have been corrected to reflect the correct ordinance number.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

**APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
DISTRICT TRUSTEE**

***Motion by Henry/Morris:** To approve with a recommendation from the Douglas County Historical Museum District Trustees to reappoint Janet Butler as Trustee of the museum district for a 5-year term effective July 1, 2026.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

STATUS REPORTS ON DOUGLAS SOLAR 1, LLC AND DOUGLAS SOLAR 1B, LLC

Jim Crane updated the County Board on the Status of Douglas Solar 1, LLC and Douglas Solar 1b, LLC.

TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EXTEND/LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT
CRONUS CHEMICALS SECTION: 13-00106-02-PV JOB # P-95-327-15

***Motion by Wilson/Luth:** To approve that the Amendment to Extend/Local Agency Agreement document extending the end date for Section: 13-00106-02-PV, Job # P-95-327-15, Obligation AL16060, Cronus Chemical Infrastructure Improvements to August 24, 2028, be approved as submitted and that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the amendment agreement.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EXTEND/LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT
CRONUS CHEMICALS SECTION: 13-00106-00-PV JOB # P-95-325-15

***Motion by Morris/Henry:** To approve that the Amendment to Extend/Local Agency Agreement document extending the end date for Section: 13-00106-00-PV, Job # P-95-325-15, Obligation AL15368, Cronus Chemical Infrastructure Improvements to May 5, 2028, be approved as submitted and that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the amendment agreement.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-O-03 ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER

***Motion by Wilson/Luth:** To approve to adopt Ordinance **26-O-03** establishing compensation of the Douglas County Treasurer by the County Board pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2 and known as The Local Government Officer Compensation Act. Compensation listed reflects a 5.99% COL increase.

December 1, 2026 - \$ 90,102.00

December 1, 2027 - \$ 95,499.00

December 1, 2028 - \$101,220.00

December 1, 2029 - \$107,283.00

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-O-04 ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

***Motion by Carleton/Luth:** To approve to adopt Ordinance **26-O-04** establishing compensation of the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder by the County Board pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2 and known as The Local Government Officer Compensation Act. Compensation listed reflects a 5.99% COL increase.

December 1, 2026 - \$ 90,102.00

December 1, 2027 - \$ 95,499.00

December 1, 2028 - \$101,220.00

December 1, 2029 - \$107,283.00

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

**TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 26-O-05 ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK**

***Motion by Henry/Appleby:** To approve to adopt Ordinance **26-O-05** establishing the compensation of the Douglas County Circuit Clerk by the County Board pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2 and known as the Local Government Officer Compensation Act. Section 18b of Article VI of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 states that the Circuit Clerk is the Clerk of the Judicial System and that the salary of the Clerk may be amended at any time. Compensation listed reflects a 5.99% COL increase.

December 1, 2026 - \$ 90,102.00

December 1, 2027 - \$ 95,499.00

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 26-O-06 ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF
THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF**

***Motion by Morris/Appleby:** To approve to adopt ordinance **26-O-06** establishing the compensation of the Douglas County Sheriff by the County Board pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2 and known as The Local Government Officer Compensation Act. The Public Act that was enacted on April 19, 2022 amends the Counties Code stating the salary of a sheriff elected or appointed after the effective date of this amendatory Act shall not be less than 80% of the salary set for the State's Attorney for the county in which the sheriff is elected or appointed.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

Questions and comments

Jacob with the County Chronicle asked why the COL increase went from 26% to 6%. Gary Luth responded by stating it went from 26% to 23% over a four-year period.

Jim Allen asked the Board how much the Sheriff makes. Mr. Allen was directed to the Douglas County Website.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** At 9:30 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until May 22, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk