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### COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

BROWN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

December 8, 2025

The adjourned meeting of the members of the Brown County Board convened December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse. Said meeting being adjourned from the Annual meeting held in September, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Sheriff, Justin Oliver, with the Honorable David Ferrill, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**INVOCATION:** Dave Ferrill, gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** David Ferrill, present; Ethan Koch, present; Rob Akright, present; Bob Willis, present; Mark Yingling, present; Mick Myers, present; Karl Groesch, present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Willis, second by Yingling, to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented or with changes.

**ROLL CALL:** Willis, yes; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

**BUDGET AMENDMENT: RECORDERS FUND: MOTION:** by Myers, second by Akright, to approve the budget amendment for the Recorders Fund- supplies line-item from \$21,000 to \$29,000 for the 2026 Budget.

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT: WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND: MOTION** by Myers, second by Akright, to approve the budget amendment for the Workmen's Compensation line-item increase from \$47,250 to \$52,500 for the 2026 Budget

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT: TORT JUDGEMENT FUND: MOTION** by Myers, second by Akright, to approve the budget amendment for the Tort Judgement fund line-item increase from \$184,000 to \$186,000 for the 2026 Budget.

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORTS: SHERIFF, CIRCUIT CLERK, COUNTY CLERK & TREASURER: MOTION** by Myers, second by Koch, to approve the annual reports of the Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, County Clerk and Treasurer for the 2025 as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE: HIGHWAY: MOTION** by Myers, second by Groesch, to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Sec #26-00000-00-GM for the Highway Department as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY BID TABS: MOTION** by Yingling, second by Willis, to approve the Bid Tabs for Sec #20-00075-00-SC for the Highway Department as presented.

**ROLL CALL:** Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes. Motion carried.

**BIRCH CREEK SOLAR:** Representatives with Birch Creek Solar addressed the Board regarding a new Solar project that is being proposed on the Jason and Kelly Garthaus property in Lee Township. Birch Creek has submitted their application to the County for review. The project is proposed to start in early 2027 with completion, weather permitting, by late 2027 or early 2028. Birch Creek has signed an agreement with Ameren already along with an agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Project is expected to cost roughly \$40 million with \$8 million to go towards construction. The Board has asked for time to look over the application and will put the discussion on the January agenda.

**FOP CONTRACT: SHERIFF:** Sheriff Oliver informed the board that a verbal tentative agreement with the FOP and the County is in place. He is hoping to have something in writing in the next few days. The previous union contract had ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mark Yingling discussed the November claim from the Civil Defense regarding the Over Head Door invoice. Curt Hannig explained to the board that it was a purchase of a new door opener. He was informed that the Civil Defense should not be making purchases for the Ambulance Department. Mr. Yingling asked Mr. Hanning to see if he could return the door opener.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mick Myers stated that he had heard positive comments from the Community regarding how well the roads looked after the last winter storm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Highway:** N/A

**Finance:** N/A

**Ambulance:** Brian Gallaher would like to thank his employees for all their hard work over the last month.

**Sheriff:** N/A

**Civil Defense:** N/A

**Sup. Of Assessments:** N/A

**State's Attorney:** N/A

**Treasurer:** N/A

**Insurance:** N/A

**Elections:** N/A

**CLAIMS: MOTION** by Groesch, second by Yingling, that the board has reviewed the presented claims and has been assured by the various office that the claims are within the approved 2026 Budget:

General	Highway	Engineering
Equipment Rental	Ambulance	GIS
Civil Defense	Recorders	Co. Motor Fuel
Fed. Aid Matching	Animal Control	Sheriff Asset Fort.
Twp Motor Fuel	Highway Construction	Tort Judgement

**ROLL CALL:** Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Ferrill wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**CLOSING: MOTION** by Myers, second by Koch, to adjourn until **Monday, January 12, 2026**, at the Brown County Courthouse at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.** (8:16 P.M)

Respectfully,

Jenny Welty  
Clerk of the Board