COLES COUNTY BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present, Bob Bennett, Mike Clayton, John Doty, Jeremy Doughty, David Johnson, Nancy Purdy, Thomas Royal, Rick Shook, Michael Watts with Chairman Darrell Cox presiding. Absent was member Tad Freezeland.

Invocation was given by Jeremy Doughty
Moment of Silent Reflection
Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT - Tom Sherman

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Correction on the March 11, 2025 Minutes to reflect the Sheriffs expense line item should be 001-009-7453-000 for the Sheriffs Grant from Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Resolution

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Doughty to approve the County Board Minutes for March 11, 2025 with the correction of the Sheriffs line item number, with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)

APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #12 BRISTOLE ZIMMERMAN

Motion was made by Cox, to appoint Bristole Zimmerman to County Board District # 12, with the consent of the County Board until December, 2026.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)

APPOINTMENT TO THE COLES-CLARK DRAINAGE DISTRICT - WESLEY VEACH

Motion was made by Cox, to appoint Wesley Veach to the Coles-Clark Drainage District until the first Tuesday in September, 2027, with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)

RESOLUTION RE: AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

For a copy of the resolution see page(s) 7006 - 7007

Upon motion by Clayton, seconded by Purdy

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF AUDIT - CIRCUIT CLERK

For a copy of the resolution see page(s) 7008

Upon motion by Clayton, seconded by Doty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

RESOLUTION RE: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

For a copy of the resolution see page(s) 7009

Upon motion by Purdy, seconded by Bennett

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR A STRUCTURE REHABILITATION ON CH-20 OVER CRABAPPLE CREEK, STRUCTURE #015-0057 TO HOWELL PAVING INC.

For a copy of the resolution see page(s) 7010

Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Doughty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BONDS FOR THE COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP SEALCOAT PROGRAMS FOR FT25 FROM EARL WALKER CO. AND NE-CO ASPHALT CO.

For a copy of the resolution see page(s) 7011 - 7022

Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Johnson

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

APPROVAL OF BILLS - COLES COUNTY

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Doty to approve the payment of the Coles County bills, with the approval of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

DISCOVER DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS

For Certification see page 7023

Upon motion by Bennett, seconded by Shook to participate in the Discover Downstate Program with the approval of the County Board

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts (10)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)
ABSTAIN: Zimmerman (1)

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE MAY 13, 2025 COUNTY BOARD MEETING

1. Two re-appointments to the Lincoln Fire Protection District
2. Two appointments to the Coles County Board of Review
3. Three appointments to the Public Health Board
4. One appointment to the TB Board

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Doughty, the Coles County Board was recessed at 6:43 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Doughty, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Freezeland (1)

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

State of Illinois)
)ss.
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

WHEREAS, the County Board of Coles County, Illinois passed a resolution on April 8, 2025 regarding changes in the Personnel Policy Manual concerning Reimbursement Policy in county offices; and

WHEREAS, after review by the County Offices/Rules Committee, the attached sections of the Coles County Personnel Policy Manual have been amended and unanimously recommended for adoption by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois to adopt the attached amendments to the Coles County Personnel Policy Manual.

DATED this __ day of _____,2025.

ATTEST:

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JULIE COE, Coles County Clerk

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DARRELL COX, Chairman

SECTION 15
REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

County personnel shall be reimbursed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. Expenses shall be documented as per Department policy, and shall be detailed on the approved expense statement at the end of each month.

Should time allow, and if applicable, a check may be issued in advance to the employee for the expense amount.

Mileage reimbursement shall be at the current allowable IRS per-mile amount.

Meal reimbursement shall be at the current allowable county rate.

County Officials/Department Heads on a case-by-case basis may determine exceptions to expense limits.

Hotel, travel expenses, etc. require prior County Official/Department head approval and, where applicable, may be issued in advance to the employee.

Meal Reimbursement Rate

MEAL	MAXIMUM
Breakfast	$10.00
Lunch	$15.00
Dinner	$25.00

Approved: February 9, 1999

Revised: May 13, 2014; April 8, 2025

State of Illinois)
)ss.
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF THE
AUDIT OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK

WHEREAS, Illinois Compiled Statutes requires an audit of the Circuit Clerk within six (6) months of year end; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Clerk's fiscal year end is November 30, 2025 and the audit is due May 31,2025;and

WHEREAS, the audit fieldwork is scheduled after that date; and

WHEREAS, a six-month extension may be granted by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Coles County, Illinois grant a six-month extension of time to file the annual audit of the Circuit Clerk.

DATED this_ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____Clerk

_____Chairman

RESOLUTION
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the County Board of Coles County authorized the Coles County State's Attorney on behalf of the Coles County Board and County of Coles, to participate in a multi-state litigation against certain companies, manufacturers and distributors in the chain of distribution of controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, Coles County has received settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board created a special ad hoc committee known as the '"Coles County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee" for the purpose of reporting recommendations to the County Board for appropriate action related to the use and allocation of the opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee deems it appropriate and within the spending guidelines that 15% of all settlement funds be allocated to Coles County for administrative expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 15% of all opioid settlement funds received shall be allocated to the Coles County general fund for administrative expense purposes. The Coles County treasurer is granted all authority to take any necessary measures to transfer 15% of all opioid settlement funds received to the general fund.

PASSED this __ day of _____,2025.

Approved this __ day of _____,2025

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

_____
COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION TO AWARD

Section 23-00197-00-BR

WHEREAS a letting was held at the Coles County Highway office on March 11, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the bridge rehabilitation project on County Highway 20 over Crabapple Creek, Structure Number 015-0057, and

WHEREAS, said section was advertised in the Charleston Times Courier and the Mattoon Journal Gazette on February 25, 2025, and March 4, 2025, and the State's "Notice to Contractors Bulletin" on February 28, 2025, and March 7, 2025, and

WHEREAS bids were received from _3 _ qualified contractors, and

WHEREAS, Howell Paving Inc., 1020 N. 13th Street, PO Box 1009, Mattoon, IL 61938, submitted the low bid in the amount of$ 248,171.58, and

WHEREAS the engineer's estimate for said section was$ 266,172.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Coles County award a contract for said section to Howell Paving Inc., 1020 N. 13th Street, PO Box 1009, Mattoon, IL 61938,

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COLES

I, being properly authorized, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Coles County on this 8th day of April 2025.

_____(SEAL)
Julie Coe, County Clerk

Illinois Department of Transportation

Contract Bond

BOND NO. 54-265040

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Bond information to be returned to Local Public Agency at 825 18th Street, Charleston, Illinois 61920

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we, Ne-Co Asphalt Co. Inc., Charleston, IL 61920

Contractor's Name and Address

a/an Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as PRINCIPAL, and

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United Fire & Casualty Company PO Box 739909 Cedar Rapids IA 52407

Surety Name and Address

as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (thereafter referred to as "LPA") In the penal sum of

One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars & 00/100-

Dollars ($103,500) lawful money of the United States. to be paid to said LPA. the payment of which we bind ourselves, successors and assigns jointly to pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that the said Principal has entered into a written contract with the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of work on the above sections, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, as If written herein at length, and whereby the said Principal has promised and agreed to perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work and has further agreed to pay all direct and indirect damages to any person. firm, company or corporation to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company or corporation for the recovery of any such money.

NOW, THEREFORE. if the said Principal shall perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in said contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages. direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of the performance thereof and until the said work shall have been accepted. and shall hold the LPA and Its awarding authority harmless on account of any such damages and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions and requirements of said contract, then this obligation shall be void: otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective agents this 8th Day day of April, 2025 Monlh and Year

PRINCIPAL

Company Name
jNe-Co Asphalt Co" Inc.

By
Sionature & Date

4-8.25

Attest
Signature & Date

4-8-25

Company Name

By
Signature & Date

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(If PRINCIPAL Is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names and authorized signature of each contractor must be affixed.)

STATE OF' IL '

COUNTY OF MACON

I, Catherine L Ater , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
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John Robinson and Brent Cole
Insert name o nd1v1duals srgmng on behalf of PRINCIPAL

who ls/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing Instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 8th day of April, 2025
---=-oa_y Month, Year

Notary Public Signature & Date

(SEAL)

CATHERINE LATER
NOTARY PUBLIC, NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY
COMMISSION# 894369
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: MAY 07,2027

Date commission expires May 7, 2027

SURETY

Name of Surety

United Fire & Casualty Company

Title Attorney-in-Fact

By:

STATEOF IL

COUNTY OF _M_A_C_O_N_

I, **Catherine L Ater** , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
Notary Name

James D Morgason
Insert name or Ind1vtduals signing on behalf of SURETY

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) ls/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 8th day of April, **2025**
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Notary Public Signature & Date

(SEAL)

CATHERINE LATER
NOTARY PUBLIC, NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY
COMMISSION# 894369
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: MAY 07, 2027

4-8-25

Date commission expires May 7, 2027

Approved this 8th. day of April 2025
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Awarding Authority

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UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, CEDAR RAPIDS. IA
UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, WEBSTER, TX
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CA
CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
(original on file at Home Office of Company - See Certification)

Inquiries: Surety Deparrmcnt
ll8 Second Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

KNOW ALL PERSONS y 'IT-IESE PRESENTS, lbat United Fire & Casualty Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws o dte _State f Iowa; Uwted Fire & Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized and existi11g wider the laws of the State of Texas; and Fmnncial Pacific lusurance Company. a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (herein collectively callc.'<1 the Companies), and having their corporate headquarters in Cedar Rapids, State oflowa, does make. constitute and appoint

MICHAEL K. BREHENY, TIM R. PATTON, JAMES D. MORGASON, DANIEL A. MARTINI, ASHLYN B. TUCKER, MATTHEW D. BENNETT, WESLEY SHADE, HOLLI SCHOREY, EACH INDIVIDUALLY

their true and lawful Allomey(s)-in-Fact with power and authority hereby conferred lo sign, seal and execute in its behalf all lawful bonds, w1dertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature provided that no single obligation shall exceed $40,000,000.00 and to bind the Companies thereby as fitlly 011d to die same extent as if such instnnuents were signed by the duly authorized officers of die Companies and all of the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to dte authority hereby given and hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Authority hereby granted is continuous and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

This Power of Attomey is made and executed pursuant lo and by audiority of the following bylaw duly adopted by lhe Boards of Directors of Uniti:d Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indef!111,ity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

"Article VI - SUl'ety Bonds and Undertakings"

Section 2, Appoinnnent of Attorney-in-Fact -The President or any Vice President, or any other officer of the Companies may, from time lo rime, appoi111 by wrillcn certificates anomeys-in-fa,:1 to act in behalf of the Companies in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatoiy instruments or like nature. The signature of 11ny officer authorized hereby, and lhe Corporate seal, may be affixed by facsbnile 10 mty power of attomey or special power of altomey or certilio:alion of either authorized hereby; such signature and seal, when so used, being adopted by the Companies as the original signature of such officer and the origb1al seal of the Companies, to be valid mid binding upon the Companies with the same force and cffecl as though manually affixed. Such anomeys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set of fonh in their rcspccti\.'C certificates of authority shall have full power to bind the Companies by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to anach d1c seal the Companies thereto. The Pmidenl or any Vice President, the Bo.ml of Directors or any other officer of the Companies may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any anomcy-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COMPANIES have each caused diesc presents to be signed by its vice president and its coq,orate seal to be hereto affixed Ibis 15th day of November, 2017

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
UNITED FIRE & INDEMNIlY COMPANY
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Pn:sidcnl

State of Iowa. Cowity of Linn, ss:

On 15th day of November, 2017, before me personally came Kyanna M. Saylor to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that she resides in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa; that she is a Vice President oflJnitcd **Fire** & Casually Comppny, a Vice President of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and a Vice President of Financial Pacific Insurance Compa11y the corporations descnbed• in and which executed the above instru01ent; that she knows the seal of said corporations; that the seal affixed to the said inslIUDlent is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporations and that she signed her name dtereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.

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Commission number 713274
My Commission **Expires** 10/261202S

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I, Macy A. Bensch, Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Casualty Company and Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Assistaut Secretary of Financial Pacific Insurance Company, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of lhe Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of d1e Section of the bylaws and resolutions of said Corporations as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with die ORIGINAL?,9N r-,.L? IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID CORPORATIONS, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of lhe said o?g?}:i,,?4;M}?? d1_e said Power of Attomey has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

In testimony whereofl have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Corporati«:>}IS" this 8th day of April . 2025 .

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Illinois Department of Transportation

Contract Bond

Local Public Agency | County | Street Name/Road Name | Section Number

Coles County | Various County Highways | 25-00000-00-GM

Bond information to be returned to Local Public Agency at 825 18th Street, Charleston, Illinois 61920

We, Earl Walker Co. Inc., 915 W. Magill, Sullivan, IL 61951
Contractor's Name and Address

a/an Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as PRINCIPAL, and

Cincinnati Insurance Company PO Box 145496, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250
Surety Name and Address

as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (thereafter referred to as "LPA'1 in the penal sum of

Three Hundred Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety

Dollars ($331,890.00) lawful money of the United States, to be paid to said LPA, the payment of which we bind ourselves, successors and assigns jointly to pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that the said Principal has entered into a written contract with the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of work on the above sections, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, as if written herein at length, and whereby the said Principal has promised and agreed to perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work and has further agreed to pay all direct and indirect damages to any person, firm, company or corporation to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company or corporation for the recovery of any such money.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in said contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages, direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of the performance thereof and until the said work shall have been accepted, and shall hold the LPA and its awarding authority harmless on account of any such damages and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions and requirements of said contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective agents this 16th Day day of March 2025 Month and Year

PRINCIPAL

Company Name	Company Name
Earl Walker Co., Inc	
By Signature & Date 3-17-25	**By** Signature & Date
Attest	Attest
Signature & Date	Signature & Date

(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names and authorized signature of each contractor must be affixed.)

STATE OF IL
COUNTY OF MOULTRIE

I, _M_a_d_e_li_n_e_E_l_iz_a_b_e,.,..th...B.._.ri_c_ke_r_,a Notary ◆ublic In and for said county, do hereby certify that
Notary Name

Bradford 0. Wheeler

Insert name of Individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name{s) ls/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 16th **day of** March 2025
Day **Month, Year**

Notary Public Signature & Date

Madeline Elizabeth Bricker

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MAOd◆LIZABETH BRICKER
Notary Public. State of Illinois
Commission No. 995758
My Commission Expires
Auaust 23, 2028

Date commission expires 08/23/28

SURETY

Name of Sure

Cincinnati Insurance Company

Title

By: Gordon R. Wood, Jr.

STATEOF IL
COUNTY OF MOULTRIE

I, Madeline Elizabeth Bricker , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
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Gordon R. Wood, Jr.

insert name of IndMduals signing on behalf of SURETY

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person{s) whose name{s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 16th day of March 2025
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OFFICIAL SEAL
MADELINE ELIZABETH **BRICKER**
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My Commission Expires
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Date commission expires 08/23/28

Approved this 8th day of April 2025
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Awarding Authority

!Awarding Authority Signature& Date

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Local Public Agency Type

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

Fairfield, Ohio

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, and having its principal office in the City of Fairfield, Ohio, does hereby constitute and appoint

Gordon R. Wood, Jr.

of Sullivan, IL its true and lawful Attomey(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute seal and deliver on its behalf as Surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments, as follows:

Any such obhgation:1 in the United States,

Five Million and No/100 Dollars ($5,000,000.00).

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution by the Board of Directors of said Company at a m[illegible]g h[illegible]ld.in the principal office of the Company, a quorum being present and voting, on the 6th day of December, 19S8, which resolution is still m effect:

RESOLVED that the President or any Vice President be hereby authorized, and cmJ)C?wered to appoint Attomcys-in-Fact of the Company to execute any and all bonds, licies, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Corporation, and may authorize any officer or any such Attorney-in-Fact to affix the corporate seal; and may with or witliout cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority. Any such writings so executed by such Attomeys-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they bad been dufy executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 7th day of December, 1973.

RESOLVED, that the simiature of the President or a Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney gr-mted, and the signature of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Comi:,any may be affixed by facsunile to ady certificate of any such power and any such power of certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. A:n.y such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and bindirlg on the Comp[illegible]y.'

Il'l WITNESS WHEREOF, THE Cil'lCINNA1I INSURANCE COMPANY bas caused these presents to be scaled with its corporate seal, duly attested by its Vice President this 1st day of April, 2007.

CORPORATE SEAL OHIO

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

[illegible]

Vice President

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF BUTLER ss:

On this 1st day of April, 2007, before me came the above-named Vice President of THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the officer described herein, and acknowledged that the seal affixed to the l)!Cceding instrument is the coJpOrate seal of said Compan_y and the corporate seal and the signature of the officer were duly affixed and subscnbed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said corporation.

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MARK J. HULLER, R. Attorney at Law
NOTARY PUBLIC - S[illegible]
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commlssl • STATE OF OHIO has no expiration date. Section 147.03 O.R.C.

I, the undersigned Secre[illegible] or Assistant Secretary of TilE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Ori_ginal Power of Attorney issued by said Company, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect.

GIVEN under my band and seal of said Company at Fairfield, Ohio.
this 22nd day of April· 2015

CORPORATE SEAL OHIO

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Contract Bond
BOND NO. 54-265039

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Bond information to be returned to Local Public Agency at 825 18th Street, Charleston, Illinois 61920
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We, Ne-Co Asphalt Co. Inc., Charleston, IL 61920
Contractor's Name and Address

a/an Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as PRINCIPAL, and
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Unlted Fire & Casualty Company PO Box 739909 Cedar Rapids IA 52407
Surety Name and Address

as SURETY, are held and fimily bound unto the above Local Public Agency (thereafter referred to as "LPA") in the penal sum of

One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars & 00/100-

Dollars ($126,850) lawful money of the United States, to be paid to said LPA. the payment of which we bind ourselves. successors **and assigns** jointly to pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that the said Principal has entered into a written contract with the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of work on the above sections, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, as if written herein at length, and whereby the said Principal has promised and agreed to perform said work In accordance with the terms of said contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus. fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work and has further agreed to pay all direct and indirect damages to any person, firm, company or corporation to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise for any such labor. materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained onsuch bond by any such person, firm, comppny or corporation for the recovery of any such money.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall perform said work In accordance with the terms of said contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in **said** contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages. direct and indirect. that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of the performance thereof and untll the said work shall have been accepted, and shall hold the LPA and its awarding authority harmless on account of any such damages and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions and requirements of said contract. then this obligation shall be void: otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF. the said PRINCIPAL and the said.SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective agents this 8th Day day of April, 2025 Month and Year

PRINCIPAL

Company Name

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Company Name

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(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names and authorized signature of each contractor must be affixed.)

STATE OF IL

COUNTY OF _MA_C_O_N___ _

I, Catherine L Ater , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
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John Robinson and Brent Cole
Insert name of Ind1v1duals s1gmng on behalf of PRINCIPAL

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 8th day of April, 2025
-◆o-a_y___ Month. Year

Notary Public Signature & Date

Catherine L Ater
4-8-25

(SEAL)

CATHERINE LATER
NOTARY PUBLIC, NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF ILLIHOIS, MACON COUNTY
COMMISSION# 894369
MY CO MISSION EXPIRES: MAY 07 2027

Date commission expires May 7, 2027

SURETY

Name of Surety

United Fire & Casualty Company

Attorney-In-Fact

By: Title

STATE OF IL

COUNTY OF _MA_C_O_N___ , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that

Catherine L Ater
Notary Name

James D Margason
Insert name of Ind1v1duals signing on behalf of SURETY

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name{s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively. that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 8th day of April, 2025
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Notary Public Signature & Date

Catherine L Ater
4-8-25

(SEAL)

CATHERINE LATER
NOTARY PUBLIC, NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY
COMMISSION# 894369
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: MAY 07, 2027

Date commission expires May 7, 2027

Approved this 8th day of April 2025
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Attest:

Local Public Agen.a. Clerk Signatu.o & Date

Awarding Authority

!Awarding Authority Signalu.o & Date

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UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY. CEDAR RAPIDS. IA
UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, WEBSTER. TX
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CA
CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
(original on file al Home Office of Company - See Certification)

Inquiries: Surety Department
ll8 Second Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY 'fl-IESE PRESENTS, lbat United Fire & Casualty Company, a corporation duly organized and existing Ullder the laws of the State of Iowa; United Fire & Indemnity Company, a co1poration duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Te.'<as; and Financial Pacific Insurance Company. a corporation duly organized and existing uudcr the laws of the Stale of California Oicrein collectively cnllc<l the Companies), and having their coiporate headquarters in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa, does make, constitute and appoint

MICHAEL K. BREHENY, TIM R. PATTON, JAMES D. MORGASON, DANIEL A. MARTINI, ASHLYN B. TUCKER, MATTHEW D. BENNETT, WESLEY SHADE, HOLLI SCHOREY, EACH INDIVIDUALLY

their true and lawful AUomey(s)-in-Fact ,vilh power and autl1ority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf all lawful bon<ls, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature provided that no single obligation shall exceed $40,000,000.00 and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to tile sanie extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies and all of the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given and hereby ratified and confumed.

The Authority hereby granted is continuous and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & lnderunity Compaoy, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following bylaw duly adopted by the Boards of Directors of United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

"Article VI - Surety **Bonds and** Undertnklngll"

Section l, Appointment of Attomey-in-Facr. "The President or any Vice President, or any other officer of the Companies may. from time to time, appoint by wrinen certificales atlome-in-fact lo w:1 **in behalr**of lhe Compllllies in the eiteculion of policies of insurance, bonds, undenakings and other obligatory instruments or like nature. The signature of any officer authorized hereby, mid the Co1p0mte seal, may be affixed by facsimile to any power or allomey or special power of altomey or .:e11ifi.:ntion of either aUlhorizcd hereby; such signature and seal, when so used, being adopted by the Companies as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of th.: Companies, 10 be valid and binding upon the Companies with the same force and erree1 as though mll!lllllllly affixed. Such attomeys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set of fonh in their respective certificates of awhority shall ha,;c lull power to bind the Companies by their signature and execution of any such inSIJUmcnts and to attach the seal the Companies thereto. The President or any Vice Presidenl, the Boan! ofDireclOrs or any olher officer of lhe Companies may at any time revoke 1111 power and outborily previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COMPANIES have each caused these presents lo bcsiguc<l by its vice president and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this lSth day of November, 2017

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
UNI'IED FIRE & INDEMN!IY COMPANY
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

State of Iowa, Cowity of Linn, ss:

By, e Presidenl

On 15th day of November, 2017, before me personally came Kyanna M. Saylor to me known, who being by me duly sworn. did depose and say; lhal she resides in Cedar Rapids, Slate of Iowa; that she is a Vice President of Uaitc<l Fire & Casualty Company, a Vice President of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and a Vice Prcsidenl of Financial Pacific Insurance Company the corporations descnbed in and which executed the above instrument; !hat she knows the seal of said corporations; that the seal affixed to Ute said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporations and that she signed her name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said coiporations.

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commission number 713274
My Commission Expires 10/26/2025

Notnry Public
My commission expires: I0/26/2025

I, Macy A. Bertsch, Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Casualty Company and Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Assistnut Secretnry of Financial Pacific lnsunmce Company, do hereby certify lhat I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, anti the copy of die Section of the bylaws and resolutiom of said Corporations as set forfu in said Power of Attomey. with die ORIGINALS <?,N.1%E:< IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID CORPORATIONS, and dtat the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said orig ats:.J.'!,'t tllttlldJ';.ai Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect

In esttmony whereofJ have ereunto subscribed my name and aff ed the corporate seal of the said Corporations. this 8th day of Apnl •-012._.

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Contract **Bond**

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Bond infonnation to be returned to Local Public Agency at 825 18th Street, Charleston, Illinois 61920

We, Earl Walker Co. Inc., 915 W. Magill, Sullivan, IL 61951
contracloi's Name and Address

a/an Corporation organized under the laws of the State of I Il inois as PRINCIPAL, and

Cincinnati Insurance Company PO Box 145496, Cincinnati Ohio 45250
Surely Name and Address

as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (thereafter referred to as "LPA") in the penal sum of

One Million Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Eighteen

Dollars ($1,728,018.00) lawful money of the United States, to be paid to said LPA, the payment of which we bind ourselves, successors and assigns jointly to pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that the said Principal has entered into a written contract with the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of work on the above sections, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, as If written herein at length, and whereby the said Principal has promised and agreed to perform said work in accordance with the tenns of said contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work and has further agreed to pay all direct and indirect damages to any person, firm, company or corporation to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company or corporation for the recovery of any such money.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall perform said work in accordance with the tenns of said contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in said contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages, direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of the perfonnance thereof and until the said work shall have been accepted, and shall hold the LPA and Its awarding authority harmless on account of any such damages and shall In all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions and requirements of said contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain In full force and effect

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective agents this 16th Day day of March 2025 Month and Year

PRINCIPAL

Company Name	Company Name
!Earl Walker Co., Inc.	
By	**By**
Signature & Date 3-17-25	Signalura& Date
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(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names and authorized signature of each contractor must be affixed.)

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STATEOF IL

COUNTY OF MOULTRIE

I, Madeline Elizabeth Bricker , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that

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Bradford 0. Wheeler

Insert name of Individuals s1gmng on behalf of PRINCIPAL

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 16th day of March 2025

--O◆ay-- Month, Year

Notary Public Signature & Date

Madeline Elizabeth Bricker

O.f.EtCIAL SEAL
MADE◆tiFtL..iABETH BRICKER
Notary Public, State of Illinois
Commission No. 995758
My Commission Expires
Auaust23,2028

Date commission expires 08/23/28 ____

SURETY

Name of Sure

Cincinnati Insurance Company

Title

sy:

STATEOF IL

COUNTY OF MOULTRIE

I, Madeline Elizabeth Bricker , a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that

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Gordon R. Wood, Jr.

Insert name of InchV1duals signing on behalf of SURETY

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said Instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 16th day of March 2025

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OFFICIAL SEAL
MADELINE ELIZABETH BRICKER
Notarv Public, State of Illinois
e.tlo)i,mlssion No. 995768
My Commission Expires
August 23, 2028

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Date commission expires 08/23/28 ____

Approved this 8th day of April 2025

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Local Pubhc Agency Type

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

Fairfield, Ohio

POWER OF AITORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, and having its principal office in the City of Faidield, Ohio, does hereby constitute and appoint

Gordon R. Wood, Jr.

of Sullivan, IL its true and lawful Attomey(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute seal and deliver on its behalf as Sw-ety, and as its act and deed, an)' and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments, as foliows: Any such obligation..; in the United States,

Five Million and No/100 Dollars ($5,000,000.00).

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution passed by the Board of Directors of said Company ata meeting held in the principal office of the Company, a quorum being present and voting, on the 6th day of December, 1958, wbich resolution is still in effect:

> RESOLVED, that the President or any Vice President be hereby authorized, and empowered to appoint Attomeys-in-Fact of the Company to execute any and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Corporation, and may authorize any officer or any such Attorney-in-Fact to affix the corporate seal; and may with or witliout cause modify or revoke any such ap[illegible]intment or authority. Any such writings so executed by such Attomeys-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they had been dufy executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 7th day of December, 1973.

> RESOLVED, that the signature of the President or a Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney [illegible]ted,and the signature of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Com[illegible]any may be aff"ixed by facsunile to adY certificate of any such power and any such power of certificate bearing such facsimi1c signature and sea1 shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Com[illegible]y.'.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be sealed with its coi:porate seal, duly attested by its Vice President this 1st day of April, 2007.

CORPORATE SEAL OHIO

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

Vice President

OF OHIO
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF BUTLER [illegible]ss:

On this 1st day of April, 2007, before me came the above-named Vice President of THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally kriown to be the officer described herein, and acknowledged that the seal affixed to the[illegible]ecedin[illegible] instrument is the corporate seal of said Compan_y and the corporate seal and the signature of the officer were duly affixed and subscnbed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said corporation.

MARK J. HULLER, Attorney at Law
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date. Section 147,03O.R.C.

I, the undersigned Secre[illegible] or Assistant Secretary of THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct cop)' of the Ori_ginal Power of Attorney issued by said Company, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect.

GIVEN under my band and seal of said Company at Fairfield, Ohio.
this 22nd day of April 201s

CORPORATE SEAL OHIO

Secretary

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COLES COUNTY BOARD

COUNTY BOARD OFFICE
3RD FLOOR - COUNTY COURTHOUSE
651 JACKSON, ROOM 326
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS 61920
(217) 348-0595
Fax: (217) 348-7355
Email: countyboard@co.coles.il.us

Darrell Cox
Chairman

Tad Freezeland
Vice Chairman

Darrell Cox, Chairman

March 26, 2025

Discover Downstate Illinois
Attn: Darlene Chapman
4387 N Illinois Sr., Suite 200
Swansea, Illinois 62226

Re: FY 2026 Certification

Dear Ms. Chapman:

The purpose of this letter is to indicate that Coles County will recognize Discover Downstate Illinois as their state certified tourism bureau for the fiscal year.

As one of the certified local tourism convention bureaus within the State of Illinois, we understand that Discover Downstate Illinois will provide promotional support through its FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) annual program of service area which, includes Coles County Illinois.

We look forward to working with Discover Downstate Illinois to develop an effective marketing program for Coles County and other counties in the region.

Sincerely,

Darrell Cox

Coles County Board Chairman

David Johnson John Doty Rick Shook Tom Jeremy
Mike Clayton Nancy Purdy

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Bennett	Gail Mason