COLES COUNTY BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 12, 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, David Johnson, Thomas Royal, Rick Shook, Michael Watts, Bristole Zimmerman with Chairman Darrell Cox presiding. Absent were members Jeremy Doughty, Tad Freezeland and Nancy Purdy.

Invocation was given by Mike Clayton
Moment of Silent Reflection
Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Benishek Kyle Gill Tom Sherman

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
July 1, 2025 and July 8, 2025

Motion by Doty, seconded by Johnson to approve the County Board Minutes for July 1, 2025 and July 8, 2025 with the consent of the County Board.

July 1, 2025 Minutes corrected by scriveners' error to replace the word increase with the word add.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY 9-1-1 BOARD
MARISOL GAMBOA

Motion was made by Clayton seconded by Royal, to re-appoint Marisol Gamboa to the Emergency 911 Board with the consent of the County Board until June, 2028.

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DAVID GROSS

Motion was made by Clayton, seconded by Royal, to re-appoint David Gross to the North Fork Conservancy District until August, 2030, with the consent of the County Board.

Voted the re-appointments together.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

ENDORSEMENT OF EDWARD COLES HISTORIC MARKER AND PORTRAIT PROJECT

For a copy of the endorsement see page(s) 7128 - 7129

Motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Shook

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 CALENDAR

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7130

Motion was made by Clayton, seconded by Johnson

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7131

Motion was made by Clayton, seconded by Bennett

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION RE: TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUNDS

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7132

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

APPROVAL OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR CARPET AND BENCHES FOR COURTROOMS

For a copy of the bids see page(s) 7133 - 7135

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Doty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION RE: AMEND BUDGET- SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7136

Motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Johnson

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

CONTRACT FOR MULTIMEDIA COORDINATOR FOR THE COLES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

For a copy of the contract see page(s) 7137

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Watts (6)
NAYS: Cox, Shook, Zimmerman (3)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION TO USE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7138

Motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Royal

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION FOR BESS MORATORIUM AND RESOLUTION FOR DATA CENTER MORATORIUM

For a copy of both resolutions see pages (s) 7139 - 7140

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Clayton to pass both resolutions with the consent of the County Board

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION APPROVING COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PLAN FOR COLES WIND, LLC

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7148

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Zimmerman

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL ABILITY TO COMPLETE PROJECT FOR COLES WIND, LLC

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7149 - 7156

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE MIDTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7157

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Shook

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

COST SHARE WITH EAST OAKLAND FOR CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON TR-332 (CR 2700E)

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7158-7160

Motion was made by Doty, seconded by Shook

AYES:	Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

APPROVALOFBILLS-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, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OPPOSES SANCTUARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

For a copy of the Resolution see page(s) 7161 - 7162

Motion was made by Bennett seconded by Doty

AYES:	Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal (6)
NAYS:	Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (3)
ABSENT:	Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE SEPT. 8, 2025, COUNTY BOARD MEETING

I. Five appointments to the Drainage Districts

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Watts, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES:	Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Doty, Johnson, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	Doughty, Freezeland, Purdy (3)

ATTEST:

_____County Clerk

Endorsement for Edward Coles Historic Marker

Edward Coles (1786-1868) became the second governor of Illinois (1822-1826) defeating two proslavery candidates. As governor he waged a campaign against proslavery supporters in 1823-24 who called for a constitutional convention to allow slavery in Illinois. Coles and his antislavery allies quashed the call for the convention. keeping Illinois a free state a generation before the Civil War. Born Into a slave-holding Virginian family. Coles abhorred slavery but inherited enslaved people In 1807. Unable to legally free them in Virginia, he brought 17 of his enslaved people to Illinois In 1819 after emancipating them on the Ohio River. Coles County was named for Edward Coles in 1830.

The marker will be placed somewhere on the courthouse grounds (to be determined) and will look like the Courthouse Square Riot marker that is just east of the south sidewalk leading to the main courthouse entrance.

Attached is a photo of the painting that Is being reproduced. It will be approximately the same size and quality as the Lincoln portrait in the courthouse rotunda. The Coles portrait will join the Lincoln and Edgar portraits. (The painting will replace the old photo of the courthouse. which belongs to Judge Mitch Shick, with his permission and endorsement.) We received special permission from the Winterthur Museum in Delaware to use this image; they have the original painting in their permanent collection and supplied us with the photograph.

The project is being done by the Charleston Action Network's History & Tourism Committee, with assistance from the City of Charleston Tourism Office. with funding from the Southeast Illinois Community Foundation, the Coles County Historical Society, the Daughters of the Revolution/Gov. Edward Coles & Sally Lincoln Chapter. and the Society for the Preservation of Historic Coles County.

DATED this__ day of _____2025.

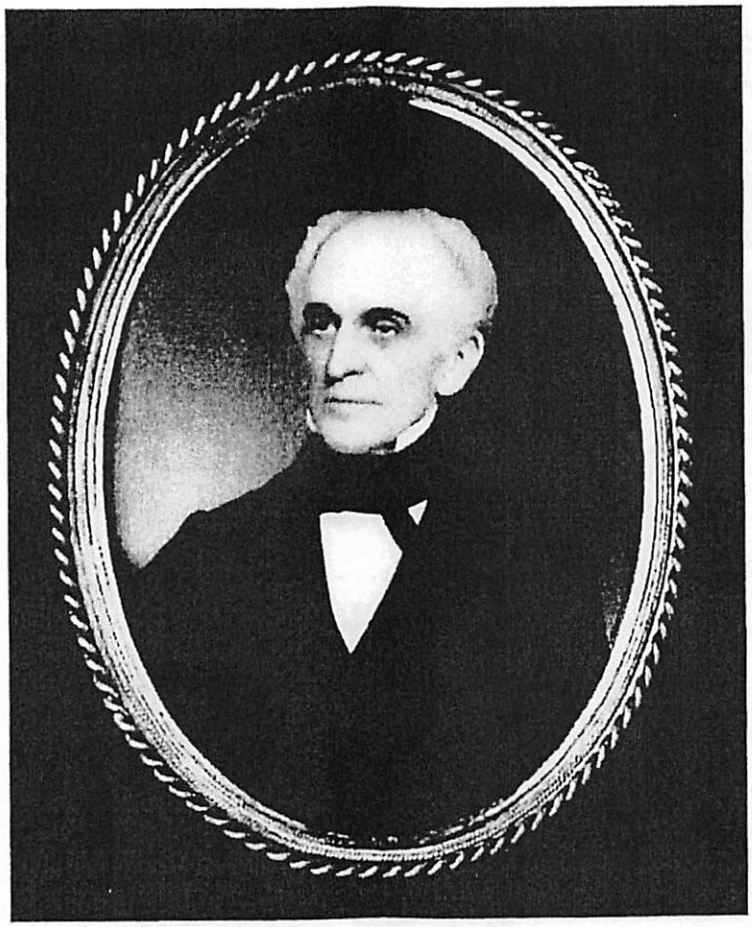
ATTEST:

_____

County Clerk

_____

Chainnan



State of Illinois)
)ss.
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

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 Opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the County needs to establish an expense line item in the County General Fund budget for purposes of distribution of Opioid Settlement funds.

New Expenditure Line item 001-040-7311-000 a budget increase of $238,001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois, to amend the FY 2025 budget to provide for an expense line item 001-040-7311-000-Opioid Settlement Funds for purposes of distribution of said funds.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Chairman

ATTEST:

_____
County Clerk

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUNDS

WHEREAS, Coles County Judiciary was previously awarded the following funds:
Technology Modernization - $367,660.58 and

WHERAS, Coles County Judiciary has been awarded the following additional funds:
Technology Modernization - $308.56

WHEREAS, these funds will be deposited into the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, Brien J. O'Brien, Coles County Presiding Judge, requested that these funds be included; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board to increase the revenue line item 001-000-4095-000 to the Budget by the amount of $309. (Total line item should be $367,970)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board to increase the expense line item 001-011-7420-000 by the amount of $309. (Total line item should be $367,970)

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk

Cottle Flooring
Kansas, IL
217-948-5555

750 West Illinois Rt. 16
Kansas, Illinois 61933
Phone: 217-948-5555

Name Coles County Courthouse Sale Date 6/2/25
Address Court Room # 3 Order Number
City/State/Zip Charleston Order Date
Talked To
Home Phone When Ship
Cell/Work Phone

Quantity / Description	Price	Amount
Diversified / 26oz / 100% Nylon / Color ?		
12 X 150 = 1800 sq ft	2.49	4482.00
5 Buckets glue	75.00	375.00

INSTALLATION DETAILS

Zust Carpet 2250.00
Remove old + Dump 360.00
Remove + Reset Chairs 250.00
Remove + Replace Q.R 300.00
Steps + Trim Work 600.00

Materials ..... $ 4857.00
Sales Tax ..... $ EXEMPT
Sub-Total ..... $ 4857.00
Installation ..... $ 9250.00
TOTAL ..... $ 14107.00

BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION OF JOB.

7133

Cottle Flooring
Kansas, IL
217-948-5555

750 West Illinois Rt. 16
Kansas, Illinois 61933
Phone: 217-948-5555

Name Coles County Courthouse
Address Court Room #1
City/State/Zip Charleston
Home Phone
Cell/Work Phone

Sale Date 6/2/25
Order Number
Order Date
Talked To
When Ship

Quantity / Description	Price	Amount
Diversified / 26oz / 100% Nylon / Color?		
12 X 215 = 2580 Sq. Ft	2.49	6424.20
8 Buckets Glue	75.00	600.00

INSTALLATION DETAILS

Just Carpet 3225.00
Remove Old & Dump 560.00
Remove & Load Chairs 250.00
Remove & Replace Q.R. 400.00
Step Trimming 600.00

Materials ..... $ 7024.20
Sales Tax ..... $ Exp
Sub-Total ..... $ 7024.20
Installation ..... $ 11885.00
TOTAL ..... $ 18909.20

BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION OF JOB.

7134

PREMIER DESIGN
CABINETS & FURNITURE

201 E. C.R. 200 N. - Arcola, IL 61910
P 217-543-3863
Email: sales@premierdesignfurniture.com
Hours :Mon. - Sat. 9:00 - 4:00 Closed on Sunday

INVOICE NO 4071

NAME Coles County Court House DATE 4-22-25

ADDRESS 651 Jackson Rm 5 Charleston IL 61920

PHONE 217-549-5571 EMAIL

☐ PICKUP ☐ DELIVERY SALES REP

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EA.	AMOUNT
12	Benches for court Room		23,097 60
	14' 6" Long with Fabric seat &		
	Back		
	Delivery & Install Included		
	The benches are built with solid wood		
	& the fabric is Stain free -		
Wood	Oak		
Finish	Stain		
Hardware			
Fabric/Leather	TBD	SUBTOTAL	
Special Instructions		TAX	
		DELIVERY	
		TOTAL	
DEPOSIT DATE / /	☐ CHECK# ☐ CASH ☐ CC	JOB DEPOSIT*	
FINAL PAYMENT DATE / /	☐ CHECK# ☐ CASH ☐ CC	BALANCE DUE	

Accepted by _____

* Deposits Not Refundable

7135
Customer

State of Illinois)
)ss.
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: AMEND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County agreed to fund the Employee Equipment Purchase Program at $5,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, a mechanism malfunction has been identified in the Sig Sauer P320; and

WHEREAS, 11 Sheriff Deputies have this model as their deputy weapon; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Sheriff's Department requests an adjustment to the employee equipment purchase program fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee voted to forward a resolution to the County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County to increase the Sheriff's Employee Equipment Purchase Program borrowed funds by $13,000.00 for fiscal year 2025.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____
County Clerk

_____
Chairman

CONTRACT FOR MULTIMEDIA COORDINATOR FOR THE COLES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this __ day of _____,202__ , by and between the County of Coles, Illinois, (County) and **NATALIE PILCHER,** WITNESSETI-I:

WHEREAS, the County of Coles has resolved to utilize the services of a Multimedia Coordinator (MC) for the purposes of assisting in the promotion of programs and operations of the Coles County Animal Control Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator and Animal Control Warden have recommended NATALIE PILCHER to act in the capacity of Multimedia Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has budgeted for such position as set forth in the Coles County Animal Control Facility budget.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. The term of this agreement shall begin on the day of _____, 202__ and continue through the ____ day of _____, 202__ with renewal available at the discretion of the Administrator and Animal Control Warden and within County budgetary constraints.

2. That Natalie Pilcher shall provide multimedia coordination including Facebook postings and photographs of animals available for adoption, website advertising and program promotions, utilization of other social media and public media forums for purposes of seeking donations, informing the public of services, promoting programs, and informing the public of animals available for adoption. This position will include attendance at promotional events. Vehicles assigned to the Coles County Animal Control Facility may be utilized for the transporting of animals to promotional events. (A valid Driver's License is required).

3. The Multimedia Coordinator (MC) shall be a contractual employee receiving $300.00 per week paid semi-monthly. MC shall receive a 1099 Miscellaneous Income form at the end of the year for tax filing purposes.

4. The MC shall answer directly to the Administrator and Animal Control Warden and is anticipated to devote between 10 to 20 hours per week.

5. This contract may be terminated at any time at the discretion of either the Administrator/Animal Control Warden or Natalie Pilcher with 3 days oral or written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Natalie Pilcher have hereunto affixed their hands and seals on the date first above written.

County of Coles, Illinois

NATALIE PILCHER, Multimedia Coordinator

_____

DARRELL COX, Chairman

_____

NATALIE PILCHER

RESOLUTION TO USE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

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 to disburse these settlement funds as follows;

LifeLinks	$21,000
Coles County Sheriff's Department	$42,914
Maranatha Christian Academy	$25,000
Kingdom Driven	$25,000
Prevail	$26,400
Beauty from Ashes	$30,000
Hour House	$67,687

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois that Opioid Settlement Funds be available and shall authorize the Coles County Treasurer to disburse settlement funds as listed above.

Approved this _____day of _____, 2025

_____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

_____
COUNTY CLERK

Resolution for BESS Moratorium

Whereas, Coles County does not currently have a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinance in place

Whereas, said BESS ordinance is currently being considered for adoption in the near future.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a moratorium be placed on any new applications for BESS development in Coles County, Illinois effective August 13, 2025. This moratorium will remain in effect until Coles County, Illinois passes a BESS Ordinance.

I move for the adoption of the foregoing resolution

_____
Board Member

I second the motion for adoption of this resolution

_____
Board Member

Passed and adopted this 12th day of August, 2025

_____
Chairman of the Board

Witness:

_____
Coles County Clerk
(Seal)

Resolution for Data Center Moratorium

Whereas, Coles County does not currently have a Data Center Ordinance in place

Whereas, said Data Center ordinance is currently being considered for adoption in the near future.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a moratorium be placed on any new applications for Data Center development in Coles County, Illinois effective August 13, 2025. This moratorium will remain in effect until Coles County, Illinois passes a Data Center Ordinance.

I move for the adoption of the foregoing resolution

_____
Board Member

I second the motion for adoption of this resolution

_____
Board Member

Passed and adopted this 12th day of August, 2025

_____
Chairman of the Board

Witness:

_____
Coles County Clerk
(Seal)

Coles County, Illinois
Resolution No. _____
Resolution Approving Complaint Resolution Plan for Coles Wind, LLC

WHEREAS, Coles Wind, LLC was approved for the construction and operation for a Wind Energy Conversion System pursuant to Ordinance 25-0701 ("Ordinance");

WHEREAS, the Ordinance approving the Wind Energy Conversion System included conditions requiring a Complaint Resolution Plan to be approved by the County Board;

WHEREAS, the developer has provided the attached Exhibit A, as its Complaint Resolution Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed and approves the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Coles County Board that the attached Complaint Resolution Plan (Ex. A) is approved.

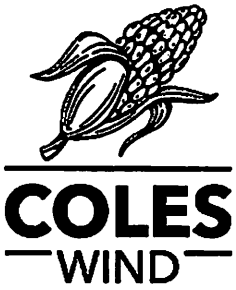
PRESENTED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois this August 1, 2025.

PRESENT _____AYES_____ NAYS_____ ABSTAIN_____

_____
Chair, Coles County Board

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk of the County Board



Coles Wind Complaint Resolution Plan

Revised Coles Wind Complaint Resolution Plan

August 2025

Apex Clean Energy
Apex Plaza
120 Garrett Street, Suite 700
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Contents

Introduction 3
Purpose 3
Policy 3
Complaint Resolution System and Procedure 4
Special Circumstances and Procedures 6
Recordkeeping and Reporting of Complaints Received and Resolved 7

Introduction

Coles Wind, LLC (Coles Wind) plans to construct, operate, and maintain its wind project in a manner consistent with all applicable laws, regulations, and responsible community engagement. A key part of doing so is having a plan and procedures in place to responsibly address any complaint should one be made. This Complaint Resolution Plan has been drafted to accomplish this goal.

It is always our goal that no issues emerge for landowners, neighbors, local officials, first responders, or anyone in the broader community during construction or operation.

If an issue does arise, it will be addressed by Coles Wind through the transparent and effective complaint resolution process detailed below. Coles Wind takes all complaints whether received from non-participating landowners, participating landowners, or members of the public very seriously. This plan will ensure concerns or problems voiced by members of the community are addressed and promote quality control and accountability for Project staff. Further, this process would work to strengthen the construction and operation procedures over time that can be used to improve our services.

Purpose

Coles Wind is committed to ensuring that an accessible process is in place for community members to voice concerns and for those concerns to be addressed as quickly and effectively as possible.

An important aspect of the complaint resolution plan is maintaining a detailed record of all complaints and the resolutions that follow. This plan outlines how Coles Wind will receive and document complaints, respond to complaints in a timely manner, and report on the resolution of the complaint as required.

This Complaint Resolution Plan is also drafted to ensure the Project is in compliance with (and remains in compliance with) the Coles County Wind Ordinance, dated May 9, 2023, and the Special Use Permit approved by Coles County (the "County") on July 1, 2025.

Policy

Coles Wind is committed to addressing complaints in a timely, efficient, and respectful manner through this complaint resolution process. While some issues may require more time to investigate and resolve than others, Project staff will work in good faith to resolve all complaints as soon as practicable.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee provided on August 4, 2025, Coles Wind will initially respond to all complaints within 7 days.

The complaint resolution process has the following elements:

- A clear and simple way to file the complaint,
- An immediate response indicating that the complaint was received,
- A prompt process for reviewing the complaint and determining a course of action,
- A report back to the complainant on the course of action to address the complaint, and
- A final report back to the complainant on the resolution of the complaint.

Complaint Resolution System and Procedure

Coles Wind will hereby implement the following system and set of procedures for logging and investigating complaints related to the Project. Coles Wind shall resolve all non-emergency complaints on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the following procedures and shall provide confirmation of such resolution to the County.

Public Notification of Complaint Resolution Process

Prior to the commencement of construction, Coles Wind will provide the following information to the public: (1) a brief description of the Project; (2) the name and contact information for key Project contacts; (3) the procedure and methods of registering complaints, including the 24/7 toll-free complaint phone number, Project e-mail address, and online complaint portal.

This information will be provided in the following ways:

- To local and county officials and emergency personnel,
- To participating landowners,
- Posted at the Project site, and
- Posted on the Project website (including a link to the electronic complaint portal)

Prior to the commencement of operations, Coles Wind will communicate any necessary updates regarding Project staff responsible for managing complaints during the operational phase to landowners, local government officials, and other stakeholders. This information will be updated on the Project website, as needed, throughout operations.

Complaint Submission

To ensure Coles Wind can thoroughly investigate and address any issue, complainants will be asked to provide as much information as possible regarding the issue, including:

- Full Name
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Email address (if applicable)
- Date of the issue that prompted the complaint
- Location of issue
- Detailed description of the complaint, including any information that may help to identify the source of a concern (e.g., location of dust incident, type of noise, description of construction vehicle, direction of observation, duration of issue, time of day, etc.).

An online complaint submission form will be available on the Project website, www.Coleswind.com, for the electronic submission of complaints. An example of the form can be found at https://apexcleanenergy.boreal-is.com/portal/apexcleanenergy.

Project Contact Information:

Complaints or questions may be submitted through an online complaint form on the project website, via email by using the project's designated email address, or by calling Apex Clean Energy's 24/7 construction & operations toll-free number. The contact information for each of these methods is provided below.

Toll-Free Complaint Line: (866) 370-9546

Project Email Address: info@Coleswind.com

Project Website: www.Coleswind.com

Complaint Evaluation and Response

After receiving a complaint, Coles Wind will provide an initial response within 7 days. Coles Wind will also investigate the complaint to determine its significance and explore potential resolutions. This process may include follow-up conversations with the complainant to understand the nature of the complaint (traffic, noise, dust, etc.) and its source. Complaints received during construction and operation will be thoroughly investigated.

The intent of initial correspondence is to garner more information from the individual's complaint. Coles Wind will initiate reasonable and necessary action to resolve a legitimate interference or disturbance that is a direct result of the Facility.

In some cases, a resident or stakeholder may simply want to express a concern or opinion that does not require any further action. In those circumstances, the conversation will be archived, but no additional follow-up is required, and the record will not be included in the annual complaint report.

Documentation and Record Keeping

Coles Wind will maintain a log of all complaints regardless of how they were submitted (online portal, email, or 24/7 phone answering service).

The complaint log will include basic information regarding the complaint (name of complainant, date complaint received, nature of complaint, results of investigation, plan for resolution, follow-up with complainant), and copies of supporting documentation as required.

Special Circumstances and Procedures

Emergency Complaints

Coles Wind shall treat any complaint that raises immediate health or safety concerns, or any other complaint that warrants treatment as an emergency complaint (an "emergency complaint"), in accordance with the Project's Emergency Action Plan that has been developed with local emergency response agencies. For any such emergency complaint, Coles Wind shall respond as soon as possible and take reasonable immediate steps necessary to ensure the health and safety of those involved. After the immediate response stabilizes the situation, Coles Wind shall coordinate with appropriate emergency response agencies to respond to the situation in accordance with its Emergency Action Plan. All record keeping and reporting obligations in this Complaint Resolution Plan shall apply equally to any emergency complaint so long as such requirements are not superseded by the Emergency Action Plan or any other legal authority.

Sound or Shadow Flicker Complaints

Upon any complaint regarding noise or shadow flicker related to one or more wind turbines by a resident or landowner of property in the immediate area thereof, the County may investigate and take such action against Coles Wind as may be warranted. The County may retain, at Coles Wind's expense, such experts and other professionals as necessary to conduct field tests, modeling or take such other measures as may be necessary to determine whether a violation of said noise or shadow flicker regulations is occurring or has occurred. Coles Wind shall fully cooperate with the County, promptly remedy any such violations and pay the expenses of the County related thereto.

Crop Damage Complaints

Coles Wind shall investigate complaints of crop damage within 7 days. The results of any investigation shall be provided to the County Board and the person making the complaint within 60 days, including the resolution or proposed resolution of said complaint. This paragraph does not preclude any private right of action by an affected party. This paragraph does not apply to

any contractual agreements between Coles Wind and landowners or farmers regarding crop damage issues.

Communication Related Complaints

Coles Wind agrees to take all commercially reasonable steps to respond to complaints related to interference caused by the Project, including correcting any interference related to TV, radio, or internet, and service levels shall be brought to a level of serviced experienced prior to construction of the Project or better. Coles Wind will also take immediate action to mitigate or minimize interference with communications radio, telephone, internet, or microwaves or television signals, and to eliminate any such interference that impacts public safety (police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency management services, 911 dispatch) communications caused by the impact of the Project.

Recordkeeping and Reporting of Complaints Received and Resolved

Coles Wind shall retain the complaint log and all documentation received pursuant to this Complaint Resolution Plan for at least three years and shall make such documentation available to the County upon request.

As required by the Planning & Development Committee, Coles Wind shall provide the County with a copy of any complaint received and the initial response to each complaint. For complaints submitted online and initial responses sent via email, Coles Wind will provide an instantaneous copy of such a complaint via a carbon copy to County staff. Further, Coles Wind will provide a copy of any of the following written complaints or initial responses to the County within one business day: (1) written complaints submitted via email or U.S. Mail, and (2) initial responses sent via U.S. Mail. Finally, Coles Wind will provide a summary of the following types of complaints or initial responses within one business day: (1) complaints or initial responses made telephonically, and (2) complaints or initial responses made in person.

Coles Wind shall further report to the County information the County may request from time to time regarding complaints received, each complaint's status and ultimate resolution. Unless the County requests such reporting on a different frequency, Coles Wind shall submit an annual report on the anniversary date of the Special Use Permit Approval that includes, *inter alia*, information regarding complaints pertaining to setback, noise, shadow flicker, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by Coles Wind concerning the Project and how such complaints were resolved.

Coles County, Illinois
Resolution No. _____
Resolution Approving Affidavit of Financial Ability to Complete Project for Coles Wind, LLC

WHEREAS, Coles Wind, LLC was approved for the construction and operation for a Wind Energy Conversion System pursuant to Ordinance 25-0701 ("Ordinance");

WHEREAS, the Ordinance approving the Wind Energy Conversion System included conditions requiring an Affidavit of Financial Ability to Complete the Project to be approved by the County Board;

WHEREAS, the developer has provided the attached Exhibit A, as its Affidavit of Financial Ability to Complete Project; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed and approves the affidavit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Coles County Board that the attached Affidavit of Financial Ability to Complete Project (Ex. A) is approved.

PRESENTED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois this August 1, 2025.

PRESENT _____AYES_____ NAYS_____ ABSTAIN_____

_____
Chair, Coles County Board

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk of the County Board

IN RE: CONSTRUCTION OF COLES WIND PROJECT

AFFIDAVIT RE: FINANCIAL ABILITY TO COMPLETE PROJECT

AFFIDAVIT OF KEN YOUNG ON BEHALF OF COLES WIND, LLC

Commonwealth of Virginia)
)
County of Albermarle)

I, Kenneth Young, on behalf of Coles Wind, LLC, having been duly sworn and upon oath states as follows:

1. **My name is Kenneth Young. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and under no legal disability.**

2. **I have personal knowledge of the facts of this affidavit or have been reasonably informed regarding the facts contained in this affidavit.**

3. **I hold the position of Chief Executive Officer within Apex Clean Energy ("Apex") and have been employed at Apex since 2015.**

4. **I make this affidavit in compliance with the conditions of the issuance of the Special Use Permit issued by Coles County, Illinois.**

5. **Apex is a clean energy infrastructure company founded in 2009. It is the sole owner of the Project company known as Coles Wind, LLC.**

6. **On July 1, 2025, Apex received a Special Use Permit for the Coles Wind project in Coles County, Illinois (hereinafter "Project").**

7. **The Project consists of up to 51 wind turbines that will generate approximately 311 MW of nameplate generating capacity.**

8. **The current estimated total cost to construct the Project is $755,382,983. This amount consists of the following categories of costs: (1) wind turbines; (2) development; (3) balance of plant construction costs and expenses; (4) owner costs; (5) interconnection; (6) engineering; (7) O&M building; and (8) meteorological towers. Proof of the cost estimation is provided in the attached Exhibit A. To date, Apex has already invested over $17,300,000 in the Project.**

9. **To date, Apex has constructed thirty projects with an approximate total construction cost of $9.2 billion and has another five projects under construction.**

10. **Currently, Apex owns fourteen projects, representing approximately 2.26 GW of installed capacity.**

11. As of July 16, 2025, Apex holds in excess of $70,000,000 in monetary assets which can be deployed toward the construction of projects under its control, including Coles Wind. Proof of the availability of such funds is provided in the attached **Exhibit B**.

12. In addition, Coles Wind has been selected by the Illinois Power Agency as a supplier of renewable energy credits from the Project and thus has secured a binding REC agreement that benefits all consumers in the State of Illinois including those of Coles County, provides a guaranteed income stream, and provides a mechanism for achieving the state's renewable portfolio standard. A copy of the Illinois Power Agency's 2024 fall procurement results is attached as **Exhibit C**. While equity participation in the Project may be sought after the building permits are issued, Apex has the financial ability to complete construction of the project without equity participation from other financing institutions.

13. OPTIONAL: To ensure complete construction of the Project in accordance with the Special Use Permit ("SUP") issued by the Coles County Board on July 1, 2025, and representations made in the SUP application and during the public hearing associated with the Project, Apex represents that it has secured financing for the majority of projects it has previously constructed after obtaining siting permits and building permits and prior to turbine construction. Apex will seek financing for the Project once the building permits are issued.

FURTHER AFFIDAVNT SAYETH NOT

Dated: 7/21/25

By: _____ (signature) Ken Young (printed name)

On behalf of: Coles Wind, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July

Commonwealth of Virginia

County of Albermarle

_____

Notary Public

ERICA DENEAN CHAPMAN
NOTARY PUBLIC
REG # 7769493
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
9/30/2026
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFIED CONSTRUCTION COSTS

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE
(CERTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS)

Date: July 21, 2025

I, Adam Carlson, certify that I am a Senior Project Manager at Apex Clean Energy ("Apex") and in that capacity, I am the Project Manager for Coles Wind project. In that capacity, I am responsible for overseeing construction of Coles Wind and for estimating the costs of that construction.

In my capacity as Project Manager for Coles Wind, I hereby certify that as of July 21, 2025, the estimated total cost to construct the Coles Wind project is $755,382,983. This amount includes the following categories:

Wind Turbines	$353,556,890
Development	$51,607,835
Balance of Plant	$251,517,584
Owner Costs (Finance, Direct Costs, and Contingency)	$73,448,840
Interconnection	$17,526,834
Engineering	$3,325,000
O&M Building	$3,200,000
MET Towers	$1,200,000
Total:	$755,382,983

I affirm, under penalty of perjury that the statements in this certification are true.

NAME: Adam Carlson
TITLE: Sr. Project Manager
Apex Clean Energy
120 Garrett Street, Suite 700
Charlottesville, VA 22902

EXHIBIT B
CERTIFIED MONETARY ASSETS

FINANCIAL CERTIFICATE
(CERTIFICATION OF MINIMUM MONETARY ASSETS)

Date: July 16, 2025

I, Kenny Chernauskas, certify that I am the Chief Financial Officer of Apex Clean Energy ("Apex") and in that capacity, I am an authorized corporate officer of Apex and have access to and responsibility for the financial assets of Apex.

In my capacity as Chief Financial Officer, I hereby certify that as of July 16, 2025, Apex's bank accounts show a cash balance above Seventy Million Dollars ($70,000,000). These assets can be deployed toward the construction of projects under Apex's control.

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements in this certification are true.

Kenny Chernauskas
Chief Financial Officer
Apex Clean Energy
120 Garrett Street, Suite 700
Charlottesville, VA 22902

EXHIBIT C

Fall 2024 Procurement Events
Indexed REC RFP Results

05 December 2024
Indexed Renewable Energy Credit Procurement Results

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(h) of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and ICC Orders. the following information is made public at the time of Commission approval of a procurement event under the Indexed REC Procurement: (i) the names of successful bidders; (ii) the average of the winning bid prices for each contract type and contract duration; (iii) the address and nameplate capacity of the new renewable energy generating facility; (iv) the annual quantity of RECs selected; and (v) the business address and contact information for each successful bidder. These are provided below. There were three winning projects in the Fall 2024 Indexed REC RFP that are proposed to be located at least 50% within an Energy Transition Community Grant Area.

Successful Suppliers and Selected Projects.

Supplier Name, business address and contact information	Address of Selected Project	Project Type	Nameplate Capacity (in MW AC rating)	Annual Quantity of RECs Selected	Average Winning Bid Price ($/MWh)
Coles Wind, LLC 120 Garrett Street, Suite 700 Charlottesville, VA 22902	(39.605953°N, 88.180255°W) Charleston, IL 61920	Utility-Scale Wind	300.00 MW	965,052 RECs	$76.98/MWh
Panther Grove 2 LLC 412 W 15th Street, Floor 15 New York, NY 10011	12632 N 600 E RD Gridley, IL 61744	Utility-Scale Wind	450.00 MW	1,532,747 RECs	
Coyote Road Solar, LLC 353 N Clark St, Floor 30 Chicago, IL 60654 Siamak.niroomand@rwe.com	563-729 Towerline Road (40.32989°N, 89.61213°W) San Jose, IL 62682	Utility-Scale Solar	150.00 MW	338,000 RECs	
Earthrise Illinois Northwest Solar I, LLC 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 700 Arlington, VA 22201	(41.392830°N, 87.927408°W) Manhattan Township, IL 60442	Utility-Scale Solar	150.00 MW	312,000 RECs	
Earthrise Illinois South Central Solar IV, LLC 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 700 Arlington, VA 22201	(39.245405°N, 88.406643°W) Springpoint Township, IL 62447	Utility-Scale Solar	150.00 MW	313,000 RECs	

The Average Winning Bid Price reflects the strike price ($/MWh). The price of an index REC shall be calculated by subtracting the strike price from the index price in a given settlement period.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE MIDTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, the Midtown Tax Incremental Financing Redevelopment Project Area ("Midtown TIF") district was created in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 on December 19, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the City in designating Midtown TIF was to mitigate blighting influences in the area and spur the redevelopment of underutilized property, construct supporting infrastructure, and expand the tax base for all of the overlapping taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City, with the financial support of the overlapping taxing bodies, made significant progress toward accomplishing the stated goals of Midtown TIF, but there is work left to be done; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois (the "State") allows municipalities to extend the life of their tax increment financing districts beyond the regular twenty-three year term, but only with the support of the overlapping taxing bodies, including {REPLACE THIS WITH TAXING BODY NAME} (referred to herein as the "Taxing Body"); and

WHEREAS, adding twelve additional years to the term of Midtown TIF will enable the City to complete the redevelopment of the area and expand the tax base of the overlapping taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, a letter of support is required by each overlapping taxing body to be submitted to the state so that special legislation may be passed resulting in a twelve-year extension of the term of Midtown TIF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COLES COUNTY, as follows:

Section 1. The Taxing Body pledges support for the addition of twelve years to the original term of Midtown TIF.

Section 2. Upon approval of this resolution, the Taxing Body will supply a letter of support that clearly states the Taxing Body's support for a twelve-year extension of the term of Midtown TIF.

Section 3. By approving this resolution, the Taxing Body acknowledges that their letter of support will be packaged by the City, along with letters from all other overlapping taxing bodies, and sent to both of the Taxing Body's State of Illinois General Assembly legislators so that a bill may be proposed, passed, and signed by the Governor of Illinois.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

_____	Taxing District Attest:
Taxing District	
_____	_____
Taxing Body Chief Elected Official	Taxing Body Representative Signature
_____	_____
Title of Representative	Title of Representative
_____	_____
Date	Date

COLES COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Richard A. Johnson, P.E – County Engineer

651 Jackson Street, Room 16
Charleston, IL 61920
Telephone 217 348-0527

COUNTY BRIDGE FUND PETITION

COLES COUNTY BOARD

Petition from: East Oakland Road District
P.O. Box 442
Oakland, IL 61943

Project No. 07-01.2025

Structure No. N/A

Location: TR-332 (CR 2700E), see attached map.

Work to be performed: Remove existing culvert and replace with 42" diameter culvert, 30' long. Place riprap around inlet and outlet of new culvert and restore roadway.

Estimated Cost of Project: $8,800.00

0.02% of Assessed Valuation of City or Township $ 7,972.00

Whereas all requirements of Article 5-501, Chapter 121 of the Illinois Statutes have been satisfied concerning aid from the County Board, I hereby petition the Coles County Board to appropriate a sufficient sum to match a portion of the estimated cost of the proposed bridge/ drainage project.

Signed: _____
Highway Commissioner

Approved by the Coles County Board

this 12th day of August, 2025.

Amount Approved for Appropriation from the County Bridge Fund:

_____
Board Chair

$ 4,400.00

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Project Completed _____, 20___

Actual Amount Used _____

Estimate of Costs

Cost Share with East Oakland Twp.

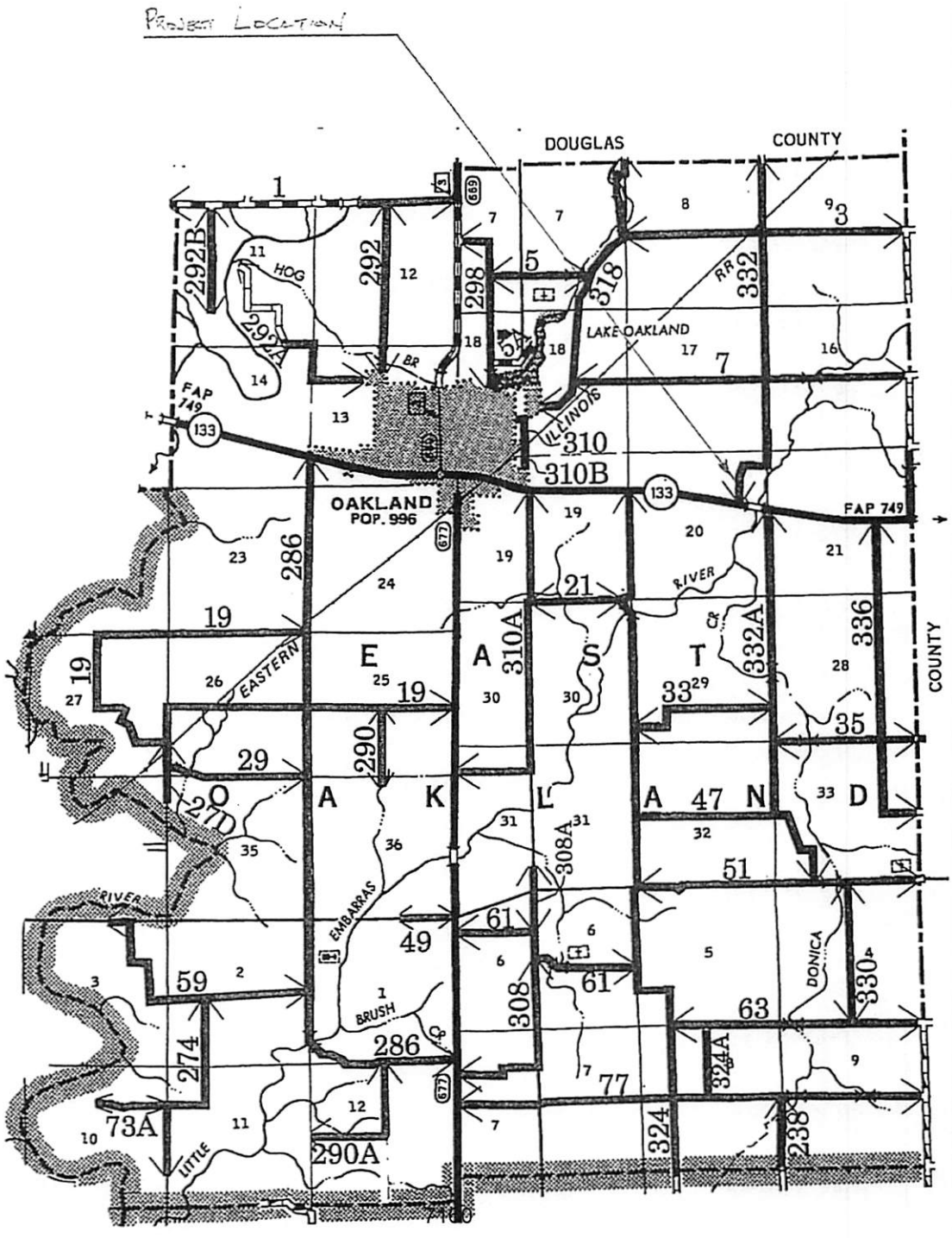
TR-332 (CR 2700E)

Estimate of Costs:

Item	Quantity	Hrs./ Units	Rate	Total
42" Dia. Aluminized Culvert, 30' long	1		$4,400.00	$4,400.00
Backhoe w/Operator	1	16	$160.00	$2,560.00
Laborer	1	16	$20.00	$320.00
Sand	15	tons	$15.00	$225.00
CA-6, Crushed Stone	40	tons	$20.00	$800.00
Riprap (RR4)	15	tons	$32.00	$480.00
				$8,785.00

Coles County Portion (1/2): $4,392.50

EAST OAKLAND



COLES COUNTY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. [ ]
A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OPPOSES SANCTUARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board is the duly elected legislative body responsible for representing the interests and values of the residents of Coles County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that public safety, national security, and the rule of law are fundamental concerns of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that immigration enforcement is a power delegated by the United States Constitution to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has adopted certain statutes, including the TRUST Act [5 ILCS 805], which restrict the extent to which local law enforcement and public officials may engage with federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board wishes to make clear that it does not support sanctuary policies that prohibit or obstruct cooperation with lawful federal immigration enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that it cannot override State law, nor may it compel independent county officeholders or law enforcement agencies to act contrary to Illinois statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois:

1. **Coles County hereby declares that it is not a sanctuary county**, and does not support policies which intentionally obstruct, interfere with, or prevent cooperation with federal immigration enforcement authorities, to the extent such cooperation is permissible under state and federal law.
2. **Coles County affirms that no policy or ordinance shall be adopted that encourages the concealment or harboring of individuals in violation of federal immigration law**, or that prevents lawful information-sharing with federal immigration agencies, except as required by Illinois statute.
3. **Nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted to require any action that violates existing state or federal law**, nor shall it be construed to direct the independent actions of constitutional officeholders or law enforcement personnel under their own statutory mandates.
4. This resolution is a statement of policy and public sentiment by the Board and shall be transmitted to relevant parties including the Governor of Illinois, members of the General Assembly, the Illinois Sheriff's Association, and the Department of Homeland Security.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Chairperson, Coles County Board

_____

Attest: County Clerk

_____