COLES COUNTY BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following members present, Bob Bennett, John Doty, David Johnson, Nancy Purdy, Thomas Royal, Rick Shook, Michael Watts, Bristol Zimmerman with Vice Chairman Tad Freezeland presiding. Absent were members Jeremy Doughty and Darrell Cox.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Sherman

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COLES COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Daniel Haifley, Samantha McCullough, and Dalena Hall

Motion was made by Purdy seconded by Johnson to appoint Daniel Haifley, Samantha McCullough, and Dalena Hall to the Coles County Housing Authority until February, 2030, with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Elaine Komada and Jon Althaus

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Shook to re-appoint Elaine Komada and Jon Althaus to the Regional Planning & Development Commission until November 2027, with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

RESOLUTION: TAX SALE
2021-90092 PARCEL 10-R-0000-00274

For a copy of the resolution see page (s) 7366

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Purdy

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

RES: AMENDING BUDGET TO TRANSFER INSURANCE FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT SQUAD CAR

For a copy of the resolution see page (s) 7367 *Amended 01-13-2026*

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Bennett

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET – ANIMAL SHELTER

For a copy of the resolution see page (s) 7368

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Purdy

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

ORDINANCE ABATING TAX LEVY FOR 2025 FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (SERIES 2024)

For a copy of the ordinance see page (s) 7369 -7374

Motion by Watts, seconded by Johnson

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

ORDINANCE INCREASING SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MID-TERM

For a copy of the ordinance see page (s) 7375

Motion by Watts, seconded by Purdy

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET – GOVTC

For a copy of the resolution see page (s) 7376

Motion by Watts, seconded by Shook

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

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, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (9)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)

ANNNOUNCEMENTS OF APPOINTMENTS

1. One appointment to the County Board District #2.

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Shook, the Coles County Board was recessed at 6:28 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Doty, Freezeland, Johnson, Purdy, Shook, Watts, Zimmerman (8)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Cox, Doughty (2)
ABSTAIN: Royal (1)

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

11-25-001

RESOLUTION

202190092

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of 35 ILCS 516/35 the County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent mobile home taxes;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described mobile home:

VIN: 01218326
1981 LIBERTY 980 SqFt

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 10-R-0000-00274

As described in certificate(s): 202190092 sold on October 20, 2022

Commonly known as: 3862 E CO RD 250N

and it appearing to the Finance Committee that it is in the best interest of the County to accept full payment of the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property.

WHEREAS, Russ Jr Miller, has paid $1,354.79 for the full amount of taxes involved and a request for surrender of the tax sale certificate has been presented to the Finance Committee and at the same time it having been determined that the County shall receive $629.50 as a return for its Certificate(s) of Purchase. The County Clerk shall receive $110.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s), the Tax Liquidation Fund shall receive $44.73 to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services.

WHEREAS, your Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Coles County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase on the above described mobile home for the sum of $629.50 to be paid to the Treasurer of Coles County, Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____

ATTEST:

_____ CLERK

_____ COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

SURRENDER

11-25-001

State of Illinois)
)ss *Amended 01-13-2026*
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET TO TRANSFER INSURANCE FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT SQUAD CAR

WHEREAS, the Coles County Sheriff's Office has received insurance settlement proceeds from Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. for Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency in the amount of $13,614.72 as compensation for a destroyed squad car; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Sheriff requested said $13,614.72 be allocated to the Coles County Sheriff's automobile expenditure line item (# 001-009-7430-000) to facilitate the purchase of a replacement squad car.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois that the FY2025 budget be and is hereby amended to transfer the insurance proceeds in the amount of $13,614.72 for the settlement relating to a destroyed squad car be transferred to expenditure line item #001-009-7430-000.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk

State of Illinois)
)ss
County of Coles)

Resolution to Amend Budget

WHEREAS, the Coles County Animal Shelter received an insurance settlement from Pekin Insurance Agency in the amount of $6,765.66 as compensation for building damage; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Animal Shelter requested the amount be added to expense line item 001-022-7117-000, Building Maintenance, to facilitate the building repair; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee voted to forward a resolution to the County Board amending the fiscal year 2025 budget as requested:

Increase line item 001-000-4085-000	$6,766.00
Increase line item 001-022-7117-000	$6,766.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County to amend the FY2025 budget as stated above.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____ _____

County Clerk County Board Chairman

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois, held in the Coles County Courthouse, 651 Jackson Street, Charleston, Illinois, in said County at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 10th day of September, 2024.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order and directed the County Clerk to call the roll.

Upon the roll being called, _____, the Chairman, and the following members were physically present at said location: _____

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The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the County Board in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the County Board to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

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No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

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The Chairman announced that the County Board would consider the adoption of an ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on the County's outstanding alternate bonds.

Whereupon Member _____ presented and the County Clerk read by title an ordinance as follows, a copy of which was provided to each to each member of the County Board prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

ANNUAL ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, of The County of Coles, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the County Board (the *"Board"*) of The County of Coles, Illinois (the *"County"*), by ordinance adopted on the 10th day of September, 2024 (as supplemented by a notification of sale, the *"Bond Ordinance"*), did provide for the issue of $1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024 (the *"Bonds"*), and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 12 of the Bond Ordinance, the County hereby determines that funds are available to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, so as to enable the abatement of the Pledged Taxes levied for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the County that the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds be abated;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Ordained by the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Abatement of Tax. The tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 in the Bond Ordinance is hereby abated in its entirety.

Section 3. Filing of Ordinance. Forthwith upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County Board shall file a certified copy hereof with the County Clerk of The County of Coles, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerk to abate said tax levied for the year 2025 in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 4. *Effective Date*. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Approved November 12, 2025.

Darrell Cox

Chairman of the County Board of
The County of Coles, Illinois

Julie Cyr

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County
Board of The County of Coles, Illinois

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded the motion that said ordinance as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the Chairman directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said ordinance.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE:

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The following members voted NAY:_____

Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried and said ordinance adopted, approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the County Clerk to record the same in the records of the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said ordinance was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COLES)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois (the *"Board"*), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 12th day of November, 2025, insofar as same relates to the adoption of an ordinance entitled:

> ORDINANCE abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, of The County of Coles, Illinois.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said ordinance as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 96 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 96-hour period preceding said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 12th day of November, 2025.

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COLES)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Coles, Illinois, and as such official I do further certify that on the 12th day of November, 2025, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a ordinance entitled:

> ORDINANCE abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2025 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, of The County of Coles, Illinois.

(the *"Ordinance"*) adopted by County Board of The County of Coles, Illinois (the *"County"*), on the 12th day of November, 2025, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

I do further certify that the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 for the payment of the County's General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, as described in the Ordinance will be abated in their entirety as provided in the Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said County this 12th day of November, 2025.

Julie Cyr
County Clerk of The County
of Coles, Illinois

[SEAL]

COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MID-TERM

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board is statutorily required to determine the amount of compensation for the Clerk of the Circuit Court pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.3 and 55 ILCS 5/4-6001; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board previously set the salaries of county elected officials, including the Clerk of the Circuit Court, prior to the commencement of the current term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to increase the salaries of all elected officials to maintain equity; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board may increase the compensation of the Clerk of the Circuit Court mid-term as the Clerk of the Circuit Court is not a county officer under the Illinois Constitution but rather a non-judicial member of the judicial branch of the State government (Ill. Const. art. VI, § 18).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary of the Clerk of the Circuit Court be increased from $69,784.00 to the amount of $85,000.00 per year with appropriate stipends and benefits to remain and increases to be decided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of this salary adjustment is to begin in full force and effect immediately with the first pay period on or after December 1, 2025.

Approved this _____day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

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DARRELL COX, CHAIRMAN

_____
JULIE COE, Coles County Clerk

State of Illinois)
)ss
County of Coles)

Resolution to Amend Budget

WHEREAS, the Coles County entered into a multi-agency agreement to form GOVTC; and

WHEREAS, each agency contributed monthly for internet services from Illinois Century Network; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Century Network has been compensated fully and the account has a surplus of $1,130.96 returned to Coles County on behalf of GOVTC; and

WHEREAS, GOVTC is requesting reimburse from Coles County; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee voted to forward a resolution to the County Board amending the fiscal year 2025 budget as requested:

Increase line item 001-000-4055-000	$1,131.00
Increase line item 001-009-7255-000	$1,131.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County to amend the FY2025 budget as stated above.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____ _____

Coles County Clerk County Board Chairman