COLES COUNTY BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present John Doty, Tad Freezeland, Brian Ingram, David Johnson, Nancy Purdy, Tom Royal, Rick Shook, Michael Watts, Bristole Zimmerman and with Chairman Darrell Cox presiding. Absent was member Bob Bennett.

Invocation was given by David Johnson
Moment of Silent Reflection
Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Smith Johna VonBehrens Charles Stodden James Dinaso
Kirk Allen Michael Strack

APPROVAL OF THE COLES COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Motion was made by Freezeland, seconded by Johnson to approve the April 14, 2026 County Board Minutes.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS PROPERTY TAX LEVY COMMITTEE- JANET GROVE

Motion was made by Darrell Cox to appoint Janet Grove to the Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee until November 2029, with the consent of the County Board.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD - JOHN COIN

Motion by Darrell Cox to appoint John Coin to the Housing Authority Board until February 2027, with the consent of the Coles County Board.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #4 – BRANDON STEWART

Motion by Darrell Cox to appoint Brandon Stewart to the County Board District #4, with the consent of the Coles County Board.

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

COLES COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ATTACHED ADDENDUM A

For a copy of the agreement see page (s) 7847 - 7935

Motion by Watts, seconded by Doty

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

AMENDED COLES COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE EXPANSION ORDINANCE AND IGA WITH ATTACHED ADDENDUM A

For a copy of the Ordinance see page (s) 7936 - 8019

Motion by Watts, seconded by Johnson

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – COLES COUNTY

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

1. One appointment to Public Health Board
2. One appointment to the Board of Review

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Freezeland, seconded by Shook, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

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

Attested by:

JULIE COE, Coles County Clerk

COLES COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Charleston, the City of Mattoon, the City of Oakland, the County of Coles and the Village of Ashmore, hereafter referred to as "the Designating Units of Government."

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston, the City of Mattoon, the City of Oakland and the County of Coles have adopted ordinance(s) and resolution(s) establishing an Enterprise Zone, herein after collectively referred to as "the Ordinance," as previously certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, herein after referred to as "the Department," effective January 1, 2020, including incorporated portions of the City of Charleston, incorporated portions of the City of Mattoon, incorporated portions of the City of Oakland and unincorporated portions of the County of Coles; and

WHEREAS, the Governor signed Senate Bill 3616, as amended, into law on August 7, 2012, thereby amending the "Illinois Enterprise Zone Act" (20 ILCS 655/1 et. seq.) under the provisions of Public Act 97-0905 outlining application procedures and related changes to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance is or will be part of application(s) to the Department for various modifications of the Coles County Enterprise Zone pursuant to 20 ILCS 655/1 et. seq. and Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200-170) herein after referred to as the "Act;" and

WHEREAS, the local units of government listed above desire to operate the Enterprise Zone in an efficient and effective manner in keeping with the terms of the Act and rules and regulations promulgated by the Department and the Illinois General Assembly for the operation of an Enterprise Zone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual promises herein after recited, the City of Charleston, the City pf Mattoon, the City of Oakland, the County of Coles and the Village of Ashmore agree that the following terms shall govern the operation and management of the Enterprise Zone.