

Knox County Board Member Packet

Regular Meeting of the Board March 26, 2025



This packet contains the meeting's agenda, accompanying documentation, and minutes of recent standing committee meetings.

Compiled by Scott G. Erickson
Knox County Clerk / Recorder

THE COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK



SCOTT G. ERICKSON
KNOX COUNTY CLERK

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD ON MARCH 26, 2025**

In accordance with action taken at its February 26, 2025, regular meeting, the Knox County Board ordered that members of the Knox County Board will hereby meet in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 2025, at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois and via teleconference due to public gathering restrictions.

Along with this notice is the agenda of matters to be discussed at said meeting. The agenda can also be accessed through our web site at www.KnoxClerk.org.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott G. Erickson".

DATED: February 21, 2025

Scott G. Erickson
Knox County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

Please Note:

There will be a closed session starting at 5:30PM for personnel, collective bargaining, security procedures, property, and pending litigation.



Knox County Board
Regular Monthly Meeting – March 2025
Galesburg City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois
And Via Teleconference for
Public Viewing Access
March 26, 2025

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Special Events		
5:30 p.m.		Closed Session for Personnel, Collective Negotiations, Security Procedures, Property, and Pending Litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2c-1,2,8, & 11)
Opening Ceremonies		
6:00 p.m.		Call to Order (Chairman)
		Roll Call (Clerk)
		Declaration of Quorum (Chairman)
		Proclamation (Sheriff)
		Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (Chairman)
		Moment of Silence. (In lieu of a formal Invocation).
		Additions to the Agenda (for discussion only)
Public Comment		
Consent Agenda (R/C)		
Item 1	Approve	Minutes of the Board Meeting and Closed Board Meeting on February 26, 2025.
Item 2	Presentation	Sales tax and various taxes for month of December 2024 in the amounts of \$161,085.74 and \$44,406.66 and public safety tax in the amount of \$275,856.77
Items for the Chairman		
Item 3	Approve R/C	Approve Proclamation of National Health Week in Knox County.
Item 4	Presentation	Approve Resolution for Allies in Agriculture for 2025.
Item 5	Approve R/C	Approve Resolution for Withdrawal from Agricultural Conservation and Protection Area.
Item 6	Approve R/C	Approve Settlement Agreement for Hans v. Knox County
Item 7	Approve R/C	Approve Settlement Agreement for Health Department.

Item 8	Approve R/C	Approve Appointment to Knoxville Fire Protection District Trustee of Gary Eklund. (New Appointment)
Item 9	Approve R/C	Approve Appointment to Galesburg Sanitary District Trustee of Kenneth Swanson. (Re-Appointment)
Item 10	Approve R/C	Approve Payment from ARPA Appropriation to Family Planning of Western Illinois in Amount of \$51,057.06
Report – Committee on Ways and Means.		
Item 11	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 12	Approve R/C	Approve Resolutions on Deeds of Conveyance. (Clerk)
Item 13	Approve R/C	Approve Budget Schedule for FY2025 - 2026. (Treasurer)
Item 14	Approve R/C	Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Warren County for Inmate Housing. (Sheriff)
Item 15	Approve R/C	Approve Purchase of Glass Master CC206 Boat for Water Rescue Team. (Sheriff)
Item 16	Approve R/C	Approve Purchase of 2021 Chevy Tahoe for Sheriff's Department. (Sheriff)
Item 17	Approve R/C	Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Office of Education for Abingdon / Avon School Resource Officer. (Sheriff)
Item 18	Approve R/C	Approve Repairs to Muffin Monster for Jail. (Sheriff)
Item 19	Approve R/C	Remove from Table – Contract for Administrative Hearing Officer.
Item 20	Approve R/C	Approve Contract for Administrative Hearing Officer. (If Necessary)
Report – Committee on Public Service.		
Item 21	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Report – Committee on Infrastructure		
Item 22	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 23	Approve R/C	Approve Bid and BUY for Financing of 2025 Kenworth Roll Off Truck for 4 Years. (Landfill)
Item 24	Approve R/C	Approve Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Section 25-00043-02-BR. (Highway)
Item 25	Approve R/C	Approve Resolution for Certificate of Authority for County Engineer to Enter into Joint Participation Agreement for Salt Procurement. (Highway)
Item 26	Approve R/C	Approve Resolution Awarding MFT Aggregate Bids for Various Townships, Section 25-XX000-00-GM. (Highway)
Item 27	Approve R/C	Approve Payment Request for MSI for Mary Davis Home Bid Package Design under Performance Contract – Draw 1 for \$189,810.00.
Item 28	Approve R/C	Approve Payment Request for MSI for Fire Alarm System and Security under Performance Contract in Amount of \$9,243.50.
Item 29	Approve R/C	Approve Bid and Bring Back for Whole Courthouse Generator.
Item 30	Approve R/C	Remove from Table – Amendment to Performance Contract Adding 50 East Main Street Building.
Item 31	Approve R/C	Approve Amendment to Performance Contracting Master Contract to Add 50 East Main Street Building into Contract. (If Necessary)

Report – Committee on Health and Human Services		
Item 32	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 33	Approve R/C	Approve Case ZA-01-25 – Request for Zoning District Change from “B2” Highway Business to the “R” Residential Zoning District, Under Section 5.4 of the Knox County Zoning Resolution, Filed by Applicant, Village of Altona, P.O. Box 235, Altona, along with Village President Derrick Appell, 612 N. Depot Street, Altona. (Assessor)
Reports – External Committees Assigned to Board Members		
Reports from these Committees will be placed on file in the County Clerk’s office. No presentations will be provided during the meeting. If you have specific questions, please direct them to the specific Board representative.		
Knox County Board of Health (Bondi)		
Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau (Pugh)		
9-1-1 Committee (Hawkinson)		
Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development		
Prairie Hills Resources Board (Robertson)		
United Council of Counties (J. Fredrick)		
Western Illinois Regional Council (Cohen)		
Knox County Mental Health 708 Board (Weiss)		
University of Illinois Extension Office (Boone)		
Knox County Civic Center Authority – Orpheum Board (Sandoval)		
Claims Against the County – R/C		
Item 34	Approve R/C	Approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. (If Necessary)
Item 35	Presentation	Presentation of the Proposed Budget Line Item Changes
Item 36	Approve R/C	Approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. (If Necessary)
Item 37	Presentation	Review of Manual Checks Issued for Current Cycle.
Item 38	Approve R/C	Claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of March 2025, Board Meeting in January, and other claims for per diem from Meetings.
Item 39	Approve R/C	Claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of February 27, 2025 through March 26, 2025 (ordering that invoices be accepted and approved and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue County Warrants in payment of the bills in the aggregate amount approved by the County Board)
Announcements		
Item 40	Presentation	The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m. , at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers.
Closing Ceremonies		
Item 41	Presentation	Adjournment of meeting until next scheduled meeting of the Board.

* CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a

Member or citizen so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

** Action item to be used only if previous Motion to Remove from Table is approved.

VOTING CHART: R/C = Roll Call Vote; Voice = Voice Vote; 2/3 = 2/3rds Vote

PLEASE NOTE: Except for emergency personnel, please turn off all cellular telephones and paging devices during the meeting.

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, the week of April 7th through the 13th 2025, is recognized and known as National Public Health Week and is also celebrating the 30th anniversary of celebration ; and

WHEREAS, public health fundamentally works to prevent, promote, and protect the health of the entire Knox County community; and

WHEREAS, public health improves the quality of life, reduces human suffering, and is essential to every part of our life. Every day, the public health field is working – often behind the scenes – to prevent hazards and keep people healthy; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals have been and will continue to shape Knox County for the better, working together with scientific and technological advances, expanding access to immunizations, improving food safety, advocating for clean air and water, eliminating poisonous lead hazards, reducing the spread of infectious diseases, and working to eliminate health disparities; and

WHEREAS, during National Public Health Week we commit to the Knox County Health Department vision of “Healthy People in a Healthy Community”. Together, we share our appreciation to all those who strive to promote public health and strengthen our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jared Hawkinson, Chair of the Knox County Board of Knox County Illinois do hereby proclaim that the week of April 7th through the 13th 2025 as Public Health Week 2025 in Knox County, Illinois. We call upon the residents, businesses, and governmental agencies in Knox County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting the great accomplishments of public health.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2025.

Hon. Jared Hawkinson
County Board Chair

Attest:

Scott G. Erickson, Knox County Clerk

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KNOX COUNTY AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, of which 96% are family owned and a third of which include livestock; and,

WHEREAS, Knox County accounts for 984 of those farms totaling 440,387 acres; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture supports 2,572 jobs which accounts for an estimated 11 percent of total jobs in the economy; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture and related industries generate total sales or outputs estimated at \$469.3 million; and,

WHEREAS, farm property provides 24.1% of taxable value, which provides services to residents; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers support the food security of our citizens. The international pandemic displayed the importance of American food systems, processing, and supply chain weaknesses, and,

WHEREAS, farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals in ways that also benefit the land. Using tools and technology to better manage soil nutrients, water runoff, and air quality on the farm, farmers are using fewer natural resources and reducing their carbon footprint while producing more food; and

WHEREAS, farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of our Country; and,

WHEREAS, farmers in Illinois face multiple layers of regulation involving state and federal agencies providing a comprehensive, robust regulatory program for all farms including those raising livestock; and,

WHEREAS, data and information from state regulatory agencies demonstrates environmental issues from agriculture are an extremely rare occurrence; and,

WHEREAS, Knox County recognizes the value agriculture contributes to our county and the rural way of life is the backbone of our country, and efforts should be made to accommodate future success of the rural community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board acknowledges and supports agriculture within Knox County. The jobs created, taxes generated, technologies embraced, and environmental practices implemented by farmers make agriculture a valuable industry within our county. Also, the Knox County Board and County staff will work to support and promote the development of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents.

Resolved and passed this 23rd day of December, 2024

Jared Hawkinson,
Knox County Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott G. Erickson, County Clerk

Resolution Number _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, David L and Ann M. Appell, trustees of the David L. Appell and the Ann M Appell trusts, Paul Q Appell and Nicholas & Rochelle Appell filed with the Knox County Board a written petition to withdraw parcels of landed owned by the aforementioned individual(s) from the established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas that was adopted for the parcels listed in the attached petitions on July 15, 1992, as provided under "AN ACT to provide for the establishment of an agricultural conservation and protection area in connection therewith. P.A. 81-1173, certified Nov. 19, 1979, effective July 1, 1980, "Section 1001. et seq., Chap. 5, AGRICULTURAL ARES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT, Illinois Revised Statutes, on certain real estate, located in northwest quarter of section twenty-nine, township thirteen north, range four east of the 4th principal meridian, Knox County, Parcel ID 04-29-100-001 and 04-29-100-002; northwest quarter of section twenty-eight, township thirteen north, range fourth east of the 4th principal meridian, Knox County Illinois, Parcel ID 04-28-100-003; east half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-eight, township 113 north, range four east of the fourth principal meridian, Parcel ID 04-28-300-003; as all specifically described in each petition filed, attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Areas Committee consisting of 1 active County Board Member and 4 active farmers (2 democrat & 2 republican) as required by Illinois Compiled Statutes, as amended, had published a "Public Notice" of said petitions attached hereto, in a secular newspaper in general circulation in the Victoria and Lynn Townships, and in person, posted notices in seven conspicuous places within the areas of the active Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas (Altona Post Office, Oneida Post Office, Wataga Post Office, Victoria Post Office, Knox County Farm Bureau, USDA Field Office-Galesburg) on February 20, 2025, giving landowners, owners of adjacent to or within the areas designated of the petitioners parcels, notice of said Public Notice of the petition(s) to withdraw said parcels from the established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Area(s).

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Areas Committee, after publication of the public notice, as required by the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act, of the time and place of the public hearing to be held at the Copley Township Building, 1531 Illinois Route 167, Victoria, Illinois 61485, at 5:30pm on Thursday March 13, 2025, held said public hearing on the petition,

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Areas Committee, having the full Agriculture Areas Committee present, and four non-committee members present (Knox County Board Chairman, 1 Land Owner, 2 general at large citizens), received zero written or verbal public comments in opposition to said petition(s) and hearing testimony for the purpose and reasoning for said petition(s) from petitioner Nicholas Appell, it was recommended that the said petition for the withdrawal of requested parcels in said petition(s) and listed above and attached hereto, be approved and forwarded to the Knox County Board for approval,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Knox County, Illinois, that said petitions submitted that are attached hereto and said parcel(s) listed above to withdrawal from the established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas, is granted Aand the the Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas for the aforementioned parcels are hereby withdrawn.

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

JARED HAWKINSON, Chairman
Knox County Board

ATTEST:

SCOTT ERICKSON, Knox County Clerk

PETITION
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE KNOX COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION AREAS

To the County of Knox, Illinois

We, David L. Appell and Ann M. Appell, trustees of the David L. Appell and the Ann M. Appell trusts HEREBY PETITION THE Knox County Board to request the withdrawal of two parcels of our land from the Knox County Agricultural Area as provided for in Chap. 5, par. 1012 – 1015, AGRICULTURAL AREAS CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT, Illinois Revised Statutes, located in Section 29 and described as follows:

The North 39.4 acres of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Four (4) East of the 4th Principal Meridian, Knox County, Illinois.

Parcel ID 04-29-100-001 & 04-29-100-002

1. Proposed alternate use of the land: Approximately 1 - 1.5 acres of land is proposed to be converted to a single wind turbine site with an access driveway in order to produce renewable energy pending FAA and other approvals. The balance of the 39.4-acre parcels will remain in agricultural use.

2. Explanation of the necessity for changing the current use: Although almost exclusively located in areas in agricultural use, a wind turbine site is not a permissible use of land within an established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Area.

3. Explanation why land outside the agricultural area would not be suitable for proposed use: The property is better suited than other land outside the agricultural area because it is physically able to accommodate wind energy equipment located a sufficient distance from residences, community buildings, infrastructure and property lines as set forth by Knox County along with State and Federal requirements while keeping the overall wind farm as compact as possible.

Dated this 22 day of January, A.D. 2025

By: *David L. Appell*

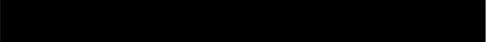
By: *Ann M. Appell*

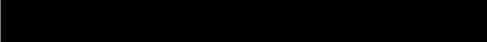
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Ann M. Appell, Trustee
Trustee, Ann M. Appell Trust

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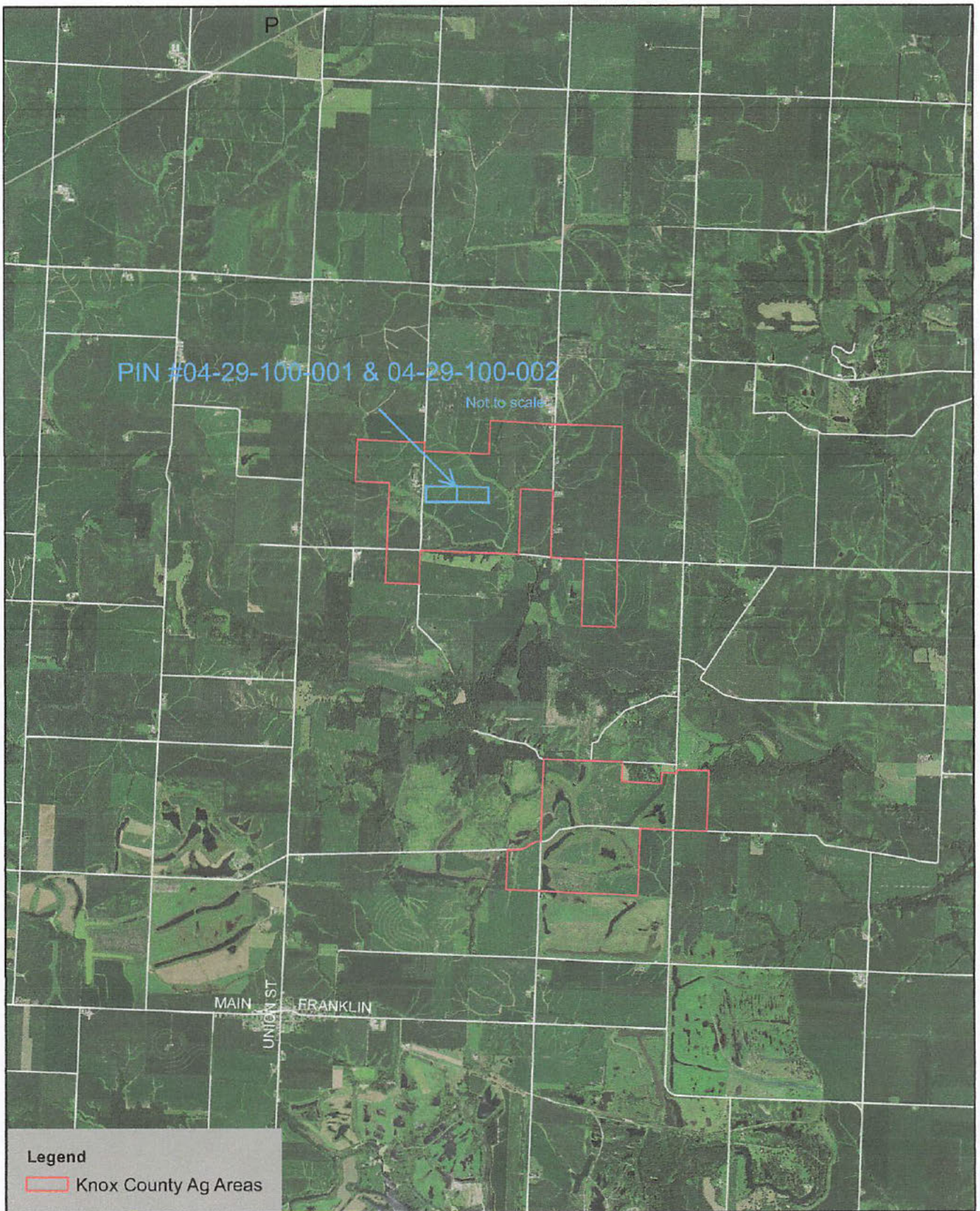
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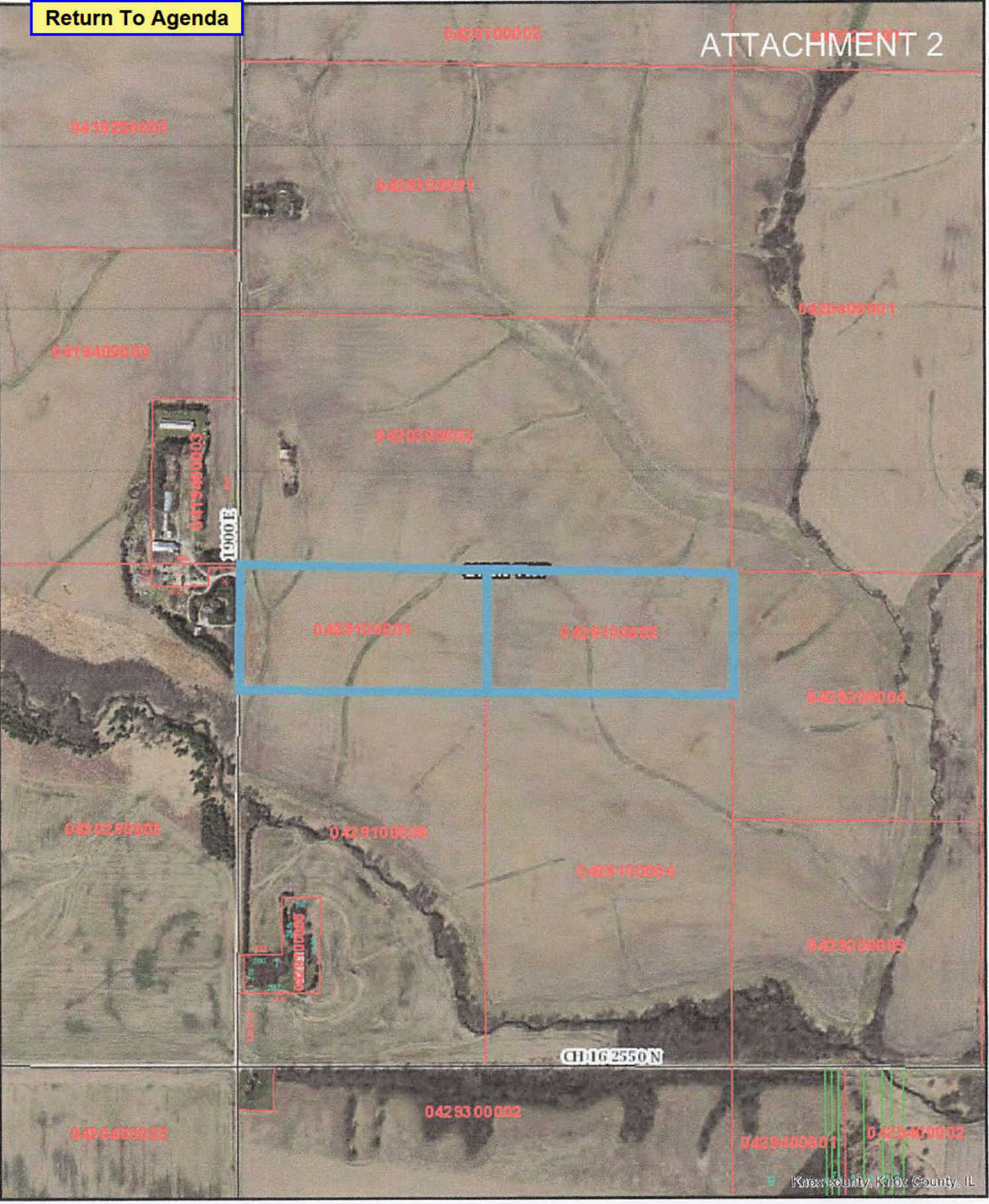
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ATTACHMENT 2



PIN #04-29-100-001 & #04-29-100-002, David L. & Ann M. Appell Trusts, owners

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PETITION
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE KNOX COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION AREAS

To the County of Knox, Illinois

I, Paul Q. Appell, HEREBY PETITIONS THE Knox County Board to request the withdrawal of a parcel of land owned by myself from the Knox County Agricultural Area as provided for in Chap. 5, par. 1012 – 1015, AGRICULTURAL AREAS CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT, Illinois Revised Statutes, located in Section 28 and described as follows:

Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Four (4) East of the 4th Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Knox, in the State of Illinois.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Four (4) East of the 4th P.M., containing 4 acres, more or less, more particularly described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, thence running East along the North line of said Section 28, 580.8 feet to a point; thence running South parallel with the West line of said Section 28, 300.0 feet to a point; thence running West parallel with the North line of said Section 28; thence running North along the West line of said Section 28, 300.0 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township 13 North, Range 4 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, containing 4 acres, more or less, more particularly described as: Beginning 1290.0 feet South of the Northwest Quarter, of said Section 28 thence running East parallel with the North line of said Section 28, 440.0 feet to a point; thence running South parallel with the West line of said Section 28, 396.0 feet to a point; thence running West parallel with the North line of said Section 28, 440.0 feet more or less, to the West line of said Section 28; thence running North along the West line of said Section 28, 396.0 feet, more or less to a point of beginning.


Parcel ID 04-28-100-003

1. Proposed alternate use of the land: Approximately 1 - 1.5 acres of land is proposed to be converted to a single wind turbine site and an access driveway in order to produce renewable energy pending FAA and other approvals. The balance of the 152-acre parcel will remain in agricultural use.
2. Explanation of the necessity for changing the current use: Although almost exclusively located in areas in agricultural use, a wind turbine site is not a permissible use of land within an established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Area.

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3. Explanation why land outside the agricultural area would not be suitable for proposed use:
The property is better suited than other land outside the agricultural area because it is physically able to accommodate wind energy equipment located a sufficient distance from residences, community buildings, infrastructure and property lines as set forth by Knox County along with State and Federal requirements while keeping the overall wind farm as compact as possible.

Dated this 21 day of January, A.D. 2025

By: 


Paul Q. Appell

Address:



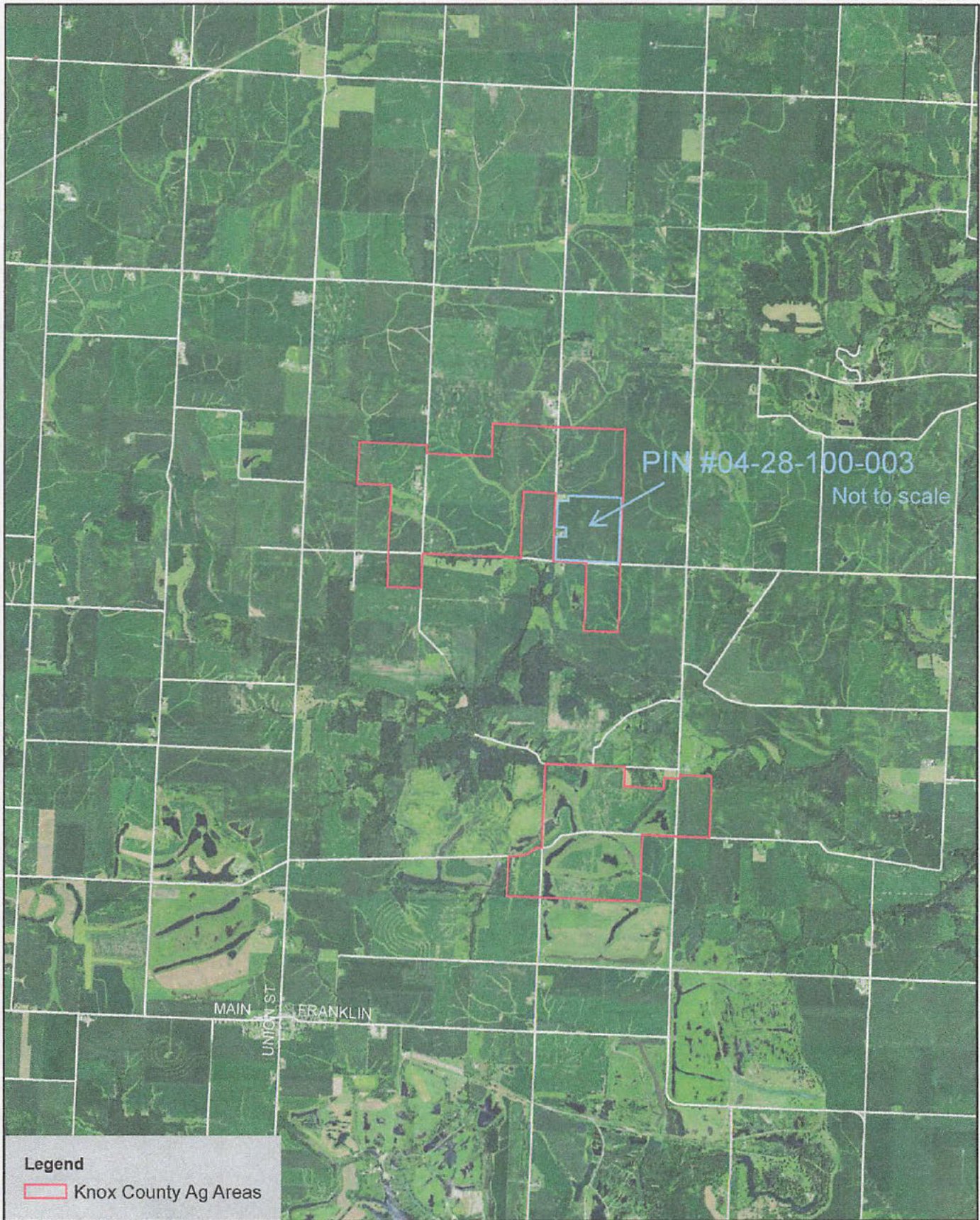
Altona IL 61414

Phone:



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Knox county, Knox County, IL

Pin #04-28-100-003, Paul Q. Appell, owner

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PETITION
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE KNOX COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION AREAS

To the County of Knox, Illinois

We, Nicholas and Rochelle, HEREBY PETITION THE Knox County Board to request the withdrawal of one parcel of our land from the Knox County Agricultural Area as provided for in Chap. 5, par. 1012 – 1015, AGRICULTURAL AREAS CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT, Illinois Revised Statutes, located in Section 28 and described as follows:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 28, Township 13 North, Range 4 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Consisting of 80 acres or less. Situated in Knox County, Illinois.

Parcel ID 04-28-300-003

1. Proposed alternate use of the land: Land to be made available for participation in the Knox County Wind Farm development. The balance of the 80 acres will remain in agricultural use.
2. Explanation of the necessity for changing the current use: Although almost exclusively located in areas in agricultural use, a wind turbine site is not a permissible use of land within an established Agricultural Conservation and Protection Area.
3. Explanation why land outside the agricultural area would not be suitable for proposed use: The property is better suited than other land outside the agricultural area because it is physically able to accommodate wind energy equipment located a sufficient distance from residences, community buildings, infrastructure and property lines as set forth by Knox County along with meeting State and Federal requirements while keeping the overall wind farm as compact as possible.

Dated this 22 day of January, A.D. 2025

By: *Nicholas Appell*
Nicholas Appell

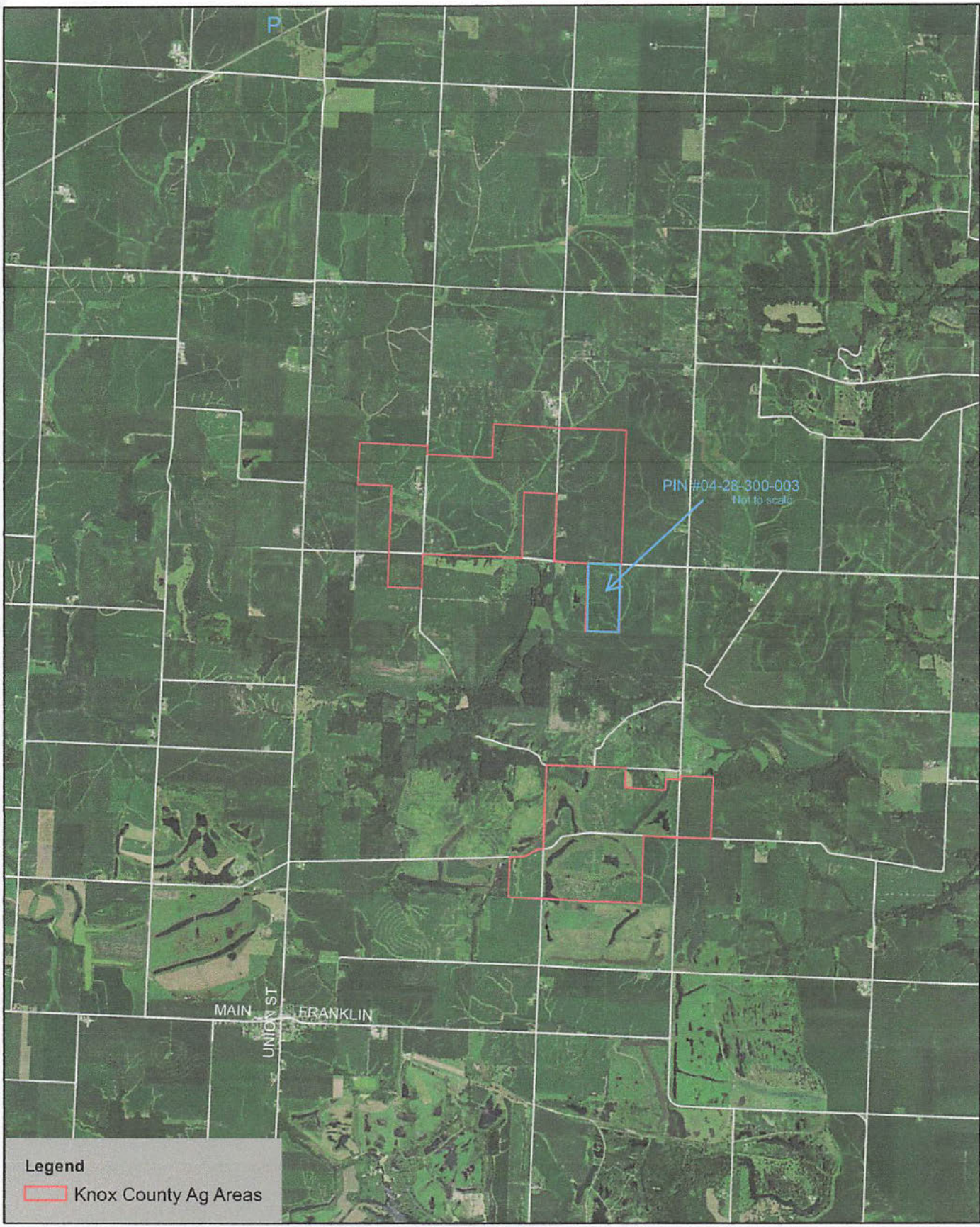
By: *Rochelle Appell*
Rochelle Appell

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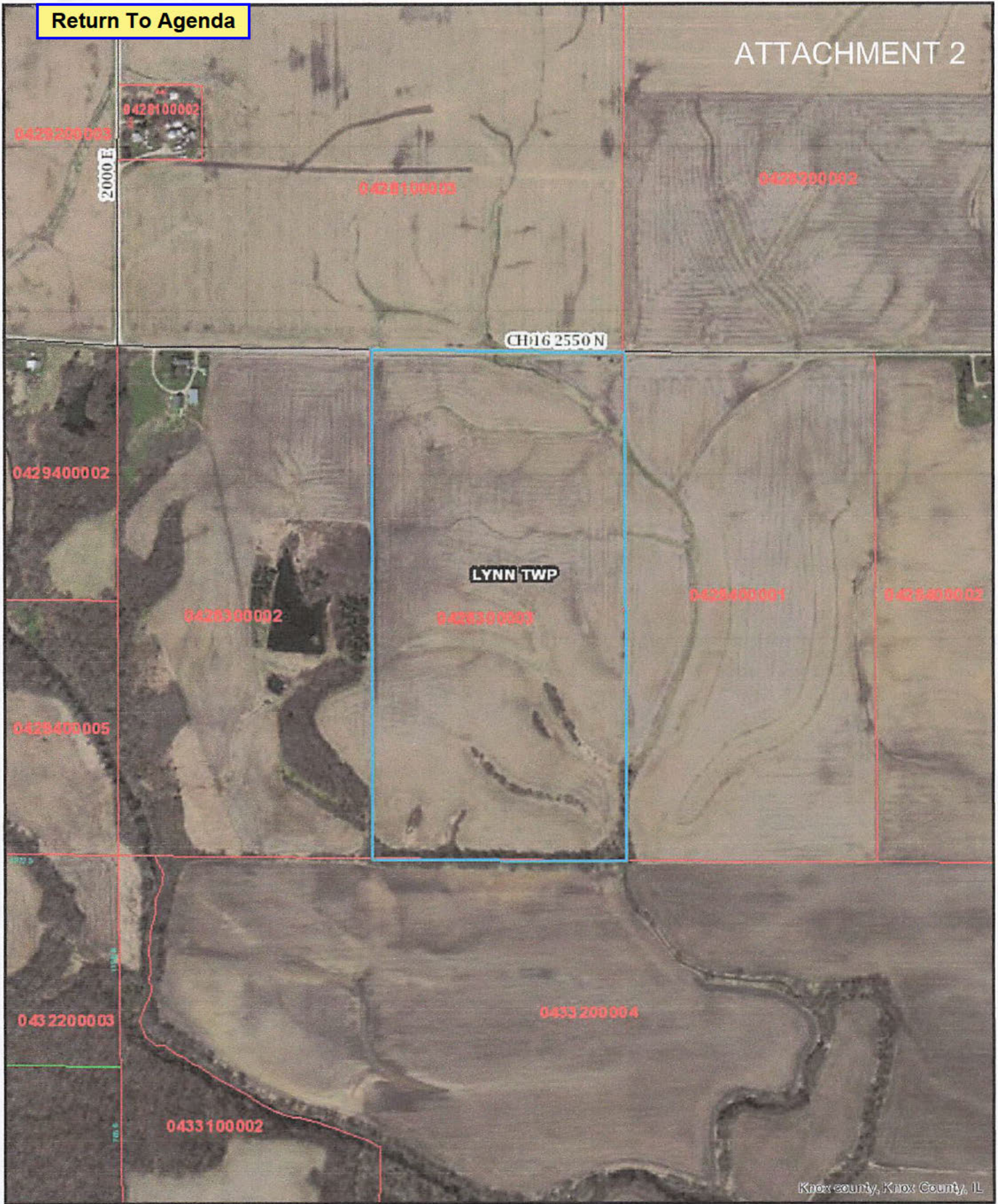
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Division of Natural Resources
Bureau of Land and Water Resources





PIN #04-28-300-003, Nicholas and Rochelle Appell, owners

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KNOX

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named Paul Appell, who is a resident of Knox County, State of ILL., and makes this his/her statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge:

I grant Nicholas Appell the ability to speak on my behalf regarding my petition to the Knox County Board to withdraw land from the Knox County Agricultural and Conservation Areas.

Dated this the 21 day of January 2025

[Signature]

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to subscribed before me, this 21 day of January, 2025

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC



My Commission Expires: 11-3-2026

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KNOX

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named ANN M APPELL, who is a resident of KNOX County, State of ILLINOIS, and makes this his/her statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge:

I grant Nicholas Appell the ability to speak on my behalf regarding my petition to the Knox County Board to withdraw land from the Knox County Agricultural and Conservation Areas.

Dated this the 21 day of January, 2025

Ann M. Appell
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to subscribed before me, this 22 day of January, 2025

Stacy L Hanks
NOTARY PUBLIC



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My Commission Expires:

11-3-2026

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KNOX

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named David L. Appell, who is a resident of Knox County, State of Illinois, and makes this his/her statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge:

I grant Nicholas Appell the ability to speak on my behalf regarding my petition to the Knox County Board to withdraw land from the Knox County Agricultural and Conservation Areas.

Dated this the 22 day of January, 2025

David L. Appell
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to subscribed before me, this 22 day of January, 2025

Stacy L. Hanks
NOTARY PUBLIC



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My Commission Expires:

11-3-2024

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Knox County Board External Appointment Request Form

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SCOTT C. FRANKSON
COUNTY CLERK, KNOX COUNTY, TN

The following form shall be used for any appointments that are made by the Knox County Board. Please complete the form and submit to the Knox County Clerk for presentation to the County Board.

Requesting Entity: Knoxville Community Fire Protection District

Position to be appointed: Trustee

Name of Candidate for position: GARY EKLUND

Address of Candidate: 

Re-Appointment or New Appointment: New

Background or experience of candidate that make them qualified for the position (attach resume or extra sheet if needed):

Please see attached

Number of applicants for the position: 4

Were all applicants interviewed: yes

I / We do hereby attest that the proposed candidate has been properly reviewed and is recommended for appointment by the Knox County Board to serve in the above noted position. I / We have reviewed all other applicants and have concluded that the proposed candidate is the best suited for the position. Please consider this our formal request for appointment.

Signed: Donald L. Moffitt Title: Trustee President

Address to mail correspondence and certificate of appointment:

137 N Public Sq, Knoxville, TN 37948

Knox County Board External Appointment Request Form

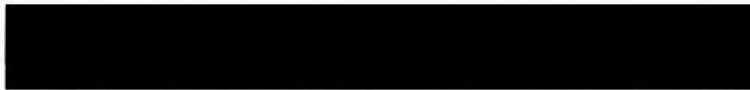
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Requesting Entity: The Galesburg Sanitary District

Position to be appointed: Trustee

Name of Candidate for position: Mr. Kenneth C. Swanson

Address of Candidate:



Re-Appointment or New Appointment: Re-Appointment

Background or experience of candidate that make them qualified for the position (attach resume or extra sheet if needed): resume

attached

Number of applicants for the position: 1

Were all applicants interviewed: Yes

I / We do hereby attest that the proposed candidate has been properly reviewed and is recommended for appointment by the Knox County Board to serve in the above noted position. I / We have reviewed all other applicants and have concluded that the proposed candidate is the best suited for the position. Please consider this our formal request for appointment.

Signed: Margaret K. Swanson Title: District Superintendent

Address to mail correspondence and certificate of appointment:

2700 W. Main Street, Galesburg, IL

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THE GALESBURG SANITARY DISTRICT

March 20, 2025

Honorable Jared Hawkinson
Chairman, Knox County Board
c/o Knox County Clerk
Knox County Courthouse
200 S. Cherry Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

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GALESBURG, ILLINOIS 61401
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Re: Re-Appointment of Trustee
The Galesburg Sanitary District

Dear Mr. Hawkinson,

The current term of Mr. Ken Swanson as Trustee of The Galesburg Sanitary District will expire on the first Monday of May 2025. Mr. Swanson has faithfully served the residents of Galesburg as Trustee of the District and has expressed a willingness to serve another term. Pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1917, as Knox County Board Chair, you are entrusted with the responsibility to appoint Trustees for the District, with the advice and consent of the County Board.

As you are aware, public service as a member of *any* Board, while very important, is often underappreciated in its value to the community. That reality is especially true for the Board of the Galesburg Sanitary District, where the collection and treatment of wastewater is mostly a thankless task. However, without efficient operations and good oversight, the failures associated with these systems can be catastrophic. Ken has proven to be a faithful contributor to the operations necessary to maintain the District in good order. This has been especially important in these most recent years as we have embarked upon the most significant infrastructure improvement that the District has seen in at least 50 years.

It is because of these reasons that I, along with the remainder of the Board, support his reappointment to the position of Trustee for The Galesburg Sanitary District. Mr. Swanson has served his community in a variety of capacities, and pursuant to the Knox County Board's policy, a copy of his resume is enclosed for your examination.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Landon
Board Vice President
The Galesburg Sanitary District

Enclosure

Return To Agenda **Planning Service of Western Illinois, Inc.**

311 East Main Street, Suite 409
Phone (309) 343-6162

Galesburg, Illinois 61401
Fax (309) 343-3802

March 21, 2025

Chairman Hawkinson,

Please treat this letter as a request for the remaining balance of the ARPA appropriation for Family Planning Service of Western Illinois, Inc. ("FPSWI"). The remaining balance is \$51,057.06

During calendar years 2024 and 2025, FPSWI has experienced an increase for all our services, including reproductive care, prenatal services and STD testing. This is in large part due to lack of healthcare in the Galesburg area (OSF provides limited options in this treatment area), fear of the changing political climate and its potential impact on reproductive health, increased hours and word-of-mouth buzz about the excellent care given our clients.

The charge for our services is based on income. While FPSWI accepts all forms of insurance, these plans may not cover the service provided, or there still may be a significant deductible that the patient must pay. We use a sliding scale for the remaining balance owed, but a large percentage of our clients fall into the little to no fee category based on their economic situation. While we encourage payments, our non-profit protocols do not allow us to turn individuals into collections. This created a significant deficit spending situation that was not entirely clear to the Board of Directors until very recently.

As a result of the above situation, inflation and supply/demand issues, the cost of providing our expanded services has drastically increased. This has created a significant and immediate cash flow issue for the organization. We have robust plans to improve FPSWI's future fiscal situation which include investigating additional grant opportunities and launching a local/state-wide fundraising campaign. While these plans should eliminate the deficit in the future, the requested funds will allow us to continue to meet the immediate financial needs of the organization as these plans are made and executed. These funds will go to pay payroll and past due amounts for rent, IT work and medical supply vendors.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the president of the FPSWI board of directors, Nikki Malley at





OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Thursday Feb 20, 2025
Time of Meeting: 6pm
Location of Meeting: Knox County Annex Conference Room

Committee Chairman Friedrich called the meeting to order at 1802hrs and took roll call.

Attendance: Committee Chairman Friedrich, Hawkinson, Bondi, Kramer, Sandoval, Thierry

Public comment was announced with no members of the public requesting to provide comment.

No Modifications to Agenda

Member Sandoval motioned with Member Kramer making a second to approve the meeting minutes from January 2025. Motion passed with Member Bondi abstaining.

Treasurer

Member Bondi motioned to approve the Bid and Bring Back for Health Insurance with Member Kramer making the second. Discussion ensued with Chad Morse from Porter Hay Insurance and Treasurer Davis providing a recap of what could happen and that he will provide a 3 year review. Also advised there is an individual cap of \$100 and discount with wellness with \$125 is the max in the contract. Also advised of an alternate plan increase is possible with a deductible increase to \$6000/\$1000 and that the cost of healthcare is skyrocketing along with prescription costs. Possibility that the \$1600/\$3000 may have to increase to \$1700/\$3000 which means an out of pocket increase before the 20/80 sets the guidelines set by the IRS. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Member Kramer to enter closed session for litigation, Motion seconded by Member Nache. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Member Bondi to leave closed session. Motion seconded by Member Sandoval. The motion passed and went back into open session at 1825hrs

Clerk/Recorder

Knox County Clerk/Recorder provided his report and advised a copy of the report was in the committee's GDrive. Advised that new hires and the FOIA training are underway. Also advised that the first day of early voting for the consolidated elections is approaching. Shared that electronic voting tablets for the board have been purchased and has exhausted the boards equipment line and had come out of the Clerks budget and will need to be replenished at some point in March or April.

Action Item(s)

- None

Sheriff

Sheriff Harlan reported that he currently has 14 federal inmates, 11 Cook County inmates and 2 other inmates in custody as of today in addition to 45 local inmates. Shared that Peoria/Peoria County either went with or will be going with AES encryption on their Starcom21 radio system and it could prove to be somewhat costly when we move to this along with GPD. Advised that bullet heaters that were purchased at the boards directive during budget process would be paid for from the general fund for tracking purposes. The committee agreed that when money is needed to be replenished later that this would serve as notation of such.

Tre **Return To Agenda** report that is on the GDrive. Advised that she only had 1 additional action item.

Action Item(s)

- Approve Kill Claims for 2024 of Zero
 - Member Sandoval made a motion, Member Nache seconded the motion. Discussed ensued that this is done every year and currently has zero claims. Sheriff Harlan advised he believed there should have been one claim for a donkey kill and would research.

Budget / County Board / ARPA / MISC

Treasurer Davis provided items of interest in that the insurance fund has reduced from \$1.3M a year ago to \$674k this year. Also reported that a transfer from TORT was available due to TORT not having a maximum cap. Shared that the county has had 2 insurance claims that have hit stop loss already and that we received \$185k back in stop loss reimbursement with \$33k received today and another \$7k coming back shortly. Indicated that TORT was at \$1.593M a year ago but she wasnt terribly worried about the figure with the levee ability.

Treasurer Davis continued and provided an update on the budget and that at the current time, nothing was alarming, yet there are a few lines that are trending high and that 2 of them, workmans compensation and unemployment is issued at the start of the fiscal year.

Member Kramer made a motion to modify the current county credit card policy. Member Nache seconded the motion. Board Chairman Hawkinson explained we need to review and adjust if needed the current policy to address the Director of Probation Services Painter to have some mechanism for purchases instead of using her personal bank account on a monthly basis and then having to wait on the board to issue a reimbursement. Treasurer Davis advised the best way to address this was to start a petty cash account with a specified amount and have itemized receipts entered into the system for tracking. Board Chairman Hawkinson advised he would discuss further with Judge Mast and Judge Doyle. Member Kramer and Member Nache agreed to withdraw their motion.

Member Sandoval made a motion to approve moving funding from contingency to the FOIA lines to pay for the JUSTFOIA programing. Member Bondi made the second. The amount needed for the software was \$11,221.00 from contingency to cover said cost. Board Chairman Hawkinson advised the purchase was made after he and County Clerk Erickson attended a couple hour training session on the system and that the City of Galesburg and other area governments utilize the system which is needed to properly handle the influx of FOIA's and to better track and provide better services. Treasure Davis recommended moving \$20k from contingency to cover this and any upcoming purchases such as the computers, printers, etc that are needed instead of moving money multiple times. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Sandoval motioned to approve budget changes presented. Member Nache seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approval of Bills

Member Sandoval motioned to pay the bills presented at the committee meeting. Member Bondi seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache. Voice Vote - Passed unanimously.

BUDGET SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Thursday, March 20 (Finance Committee)

Discuss schedule and guidelines for budget preparation.

Friday, April 4 (Treasurer)

Grant access to CIC Budgeting Preparation module for Department Heads and Elected Officials to enter anticipated revenue and expenditures requests for FY 2025-2026.

Friday, June 20 (Elected Officials and Department Heads)

Elected Officials and Department Heads MUST have completed entering proposed FY 2026 budget revenue and expenditures in the Budget Preparation module by 4:00 P.M. All supporting documentation MUST be scanned into the appropriate appropriation or emailed to the County Treasurer by 4:00 P.M.

July (Treasurer, Department Heads and Committees)

Review budget proposals and projections.
Meet with elected officials and department heads as needed to achieve a balanced budget.

July-September (Finance Committee) 1st Work session Tuesday, July 29th

Work sessions for budget – dates to be determined later
Meet with elected officials and department heads as needed to achieve a balanced budget

Wednesday, October 1 (Treasurer, County Clerk and Supervisor of Assessments)

Write tax levies for the finalized Budget.

Thursday, October 23 (Finance Committee Meeting)

Present final budget draft to the Committee.

Wednesday, October 29 (Knox County Board Meeting)

Present final budget draft to the County Board.

Wednesday, October 29

IF NEEDED, TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE: “The corporate authority shall give public notice of and hold a public hearing on its intent to adopt an aggregate levy in an amount which is more than 105% of the amount extended or estimated to be, plus any amount abated, upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding year, exclusive of election costs.” The notice shall appear not more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. (Chap. 35ILCS 200/18-80)

Monday, November 3

Budget posted for public inspection at least 15 days prior to final action.

Wednesday, November 26 (County Board Meeting)

If needed, Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Approve the Final 2025-2026 Budget Tax Levies

Approve the Final 2025-2026 Budget

Board Letter
County of Knox, Illinois
March 26, 2025

Department: *HIGHWAY*

Agenda Item: *Approve the Resolution for Certificate of Authority for the County Engineer to Enter into a Joint Participation Agreement for Salt Procurement*

Background: *Starting last year, all units of local government that participate in the state procurement process for rock salt are required to provide a Certificate of Authority. This grants the County Engineer official signatory authority to submit the required documents on behalf of Knox County in order to participate in the joint purchasing process for the acquisition of rock salt.*

Based on the amount of rock salt we will carryover into next winter, we're going to request 1,000 tons for the state salt procurement this year. Last year we requested 1,000 tons and prior to that it was always 2,000 tons per year. Central Management Services will solicit bids for the rock salt this summer and release the results this fall.

Budget Impact: *There is no budget impact related to action on this resolution.*

Recommended Action: *Approve the Resolution for Certificate of Authority for the County Engineer to Enter into a Joint Participation Agreement for Salt Procurement*

Supporting Documents:

- 1. Resolution*
- 2. Certificate of Authority*

RESOLUTION # _____

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER
TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL
MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, from time to time the Knox County Highway Department enters into annual salt procurement with the State of Illinois through Central Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services requires that a Certificate of Authority by Vote be provided; and

WHEREAS, the said document authorizes the County Engineer to enter in to the necessary joint participation agreement for the procurement of salt through the State of Illinois and binds Knox County to the procurement amount.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Knox County Board, State of Illinois, that the County Engineer be authorized to enter into the joint participation agreement as summarized herein. Be it also resolved that this resolution shall serve as the required Certificate of Authority for the Department of Central Management.

Resolved and passed this 26th day of March, 2025

Jared M. Hawkinson,
Knox County Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott G. Erickson, County Clerk

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THE COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK



SCOTT G. ERICKSON
KNOX COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

SHIELA PARKIN • JANE SMITH
KASI TERPENING • MELANIE RICE
NICOLE BYERLY

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF KNOX) SS

I, Scott G. Erickson, County Clerk of Knox County, Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records, files, and seal of said County and as County Clerk I am the custodian of the records and files of the Knox County Board; I do also further certify that at their regular meeting on March 26, 2025, said Board approved, by a roll call vote, the Authorization for the County Engineer to enter into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services for Annual Salt Procurement.

I further certify that the same appears from the records and files now in this office remaining and that a true and correct copy is hereby attached to this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Official Seal of said County at my office in Galesburg, Illinois, this 27th day of March, A.D. 2025.

(SEAL)

Knox County Clerk

**BUDGETARY LINE CHANGES FOR YEAR 2024-2025
MARCH
2025**

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025	PROPOSED REVENUE CHANGES 2024-2025	PROPOSED EXPENSE CHANGES 2024-2025	NEW PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2024-2025	NEW PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET 2024-2025
APPROPRIATIONS					
=====					
<u>BUDGETARY LINE ITEM CHANGES</u>					

<u>TORT</u>					
036-000-580300-35 W/C INSURANCE PREM	335,360.00		79,502.00		414,862.00
036-000-820000-35 CONTINGENCIES	96,443.00		(79,502.00)		16,941.00
These budget changes are for W/C audit additional premium 12/1/23-12/1/24					

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REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dear County Board Members:

Your Zoning Board of Appeals transmits, herewith, the report of the Knox County Zoning Board of Appeals, relative to the following request, on which the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and a recommendation to the County Board the final authority of this request:

ZA-01-25, a request for a "Zoning District Change" from the "B2" Highway Business District to the "R" Residential Zoning District, under Section 5.4 of the Knox County Zoning Resolution, filed by the applicant, Village of Altona, P.O. Box 235 Altona, IL 61414, along with Village President, Derrick R. Appell, 612 N. Depot St. Altona, IL 61414.

ALTONA (ORIG TOWN) S16 T13 R3 SUB LTS 1 THRU 4 BLK 3 LTS 1, 2 3 & 11 & LT 9 (EX N 40') & LT 10 (EX N 40' W 13.5') DOR 92-48-21

Property index number: 03-16-401-015

Property commonly known as: Corner of Main St. & Park St. Altona, IL 61414

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. See attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, it was the decision of your Zoning Board of Appeals, after conducting said public hearing and compiling the attached facts and findings, there was a 4/0 voice vote to **APPROVE** the request.

Sincerely,

KNOX COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

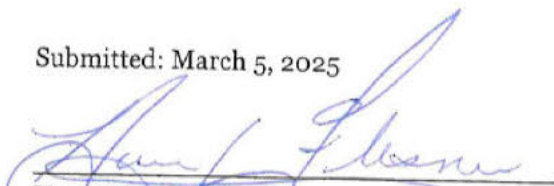
Harry Flesner- Chairman

Sam Serven

Roger Newell

Terry Boydston

Submitted: March 5, 2025



Harry Flesner, Chairman

HF/mw

KNOX COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FACTS AND FINDINGS
ZONING DISTRICT CHANGE

ZBA CASE #: ZA-01-25
PETITIONER'S NAME: VILLAGE OF ALTONA
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 105 Park St. Altona, IL 61414
PARCEL #: 03-16-401-015

The following are the Facts and Findings of the Knox County Zoning Board of Appeals, after holding a public hearing on March 5, 2025; the reasons for the decision they made and their recommendation to the Knox County Board on the above-mentioned Zoning District Change request:

Derrick Appell-Village of Altona Board President, appeared before the Knox County ZBA requesting a Zoning District Change from the "B2" Highway Business District to the "R" Residential Zoning District, under Section 5.4 of the Knox County Zoning Resolution.

- The granting of the Zoning District Change will not cause any endangerment to the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare of the surrounding property owners.
- The granting of the Zoning District Change will not be adverse to the use or the enjoyment of any surrounding properties.
- The granting of the Zoning District Change will not diminish or impair property values of the surrounding properties.
- The granting of the Zoning District Change will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding properties for uses permitted in the area.
- All the necessary utilities and road access are already in place and/or in the process of development.
- Ingress and egress to the property is already there. There will be no traffic congestion.
- All aspects in regards to this Zoning District Change conform to the applicable regulations of the zoning district.

There was one (1) person who spoke in favor of the Zoning District Change. There was no one present that spoke in opposition on the request. There was no written correspondence in favor or against the request.

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted in favor of this request for a Zoning District Change from the "B2" Highway Business District to the "R" Residential Zoning District, under Section 5.4 of the Knox County Zoning Resolution, by a 4/0 voice vote **AND, the ZBA recommends this Zoning District Change be approved by the County Board.**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
KNOX COUNTY
March 5, 2025

MW/mw



Knox County Board and Committee Meetings Calendar

March 2025

The following is a list of the meetings of the standing Committees for the Knox County Board for the above referenced month.

Public Service Committee

March 17, 2025 at Annex conference room at 6:00 PM

Infrastructure Committee

March 18, 2025 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00PM

Health and Human Services Committee

March 19 2025 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00 PM

Ways and Means Committee

March 20, 2025 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00 PM.

Executive Committee

March 20, 2025 at Annex conference room. Starting at 5:00PM

IT Department Meeting

March 12, 2025 via teleconference. Starting at 9:30 AM.

Knox County Board Meeting – Regular Meeting

March 26, 2025 at Galesburg City Hall. Starting at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting ID = 729 532 7867

Zoom option will be available to the viewing public only. Any public comment statements should be made in person at meeting.