

Montgomery County Board
Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026

Members Present: Doug Donaldson, Mark Hughes, Ethan Murzynski, Connie Beck, Chad Ruppert, Dr. Patty Whitworth

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

Coordinating Committee: Doug Donaldson, Board Chairman

1. Information Systems Report Update/Approval:
2. EMA/EPA Report Update/Approval:
3. HELP Safety Committee Update/Approval:
4. Other Business:

Development & Personnel Committee: Chad Ruppert, Chairman

1. MCEDC Update/Approval: Kaitlyn Fath
2. Animal Control Update/Approval:
3. Hotel Tax Update/Approval:
4. Surplus Property Disposition Update/Approval:
5. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:
6. Tourism Grant Application Review Update/Approval:
7. Site Selection Magazine Rankings Update/Approval:
8. Small Biz Grant Follow-Up Update/Approval:
9. County Starting Salary Update/Approval:
10. Other Business:

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Hughes, Chairman

1. Maintenance Report Update/Approval:
2. Altorfer Generator Maintenance Update/Approval: Desiree Cleary
3. Snow Blower Update/Approval:
4. 127 N. Main Street Property Update/Approval:
5. Other Business:

Roads and Bridges Committee: Ethan Murzynski, Chairman

1. Other Business:

Finance and Budget Committee: Andy Ritchie, Chairman

1. SOA Office Update/Approval:
2. Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:
3. Energy Bids Update/Approval:
4. Audit Presentation Update/Approval:
5. Bruce Harris/Beacon Contract Update/Approval:
6. FY2027 Wage Changes & Starting Salary Update/Approval:

7. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval:

8. Other Business:

Motion to adjourn by _____ and second by _____. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary
Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board
Development & Personnel Committee Meeting Agenda
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

5:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026

Members Present: Chad Ruppert, Bill Bergen, Chris Daniels, Jeremy Jones, Russell Beason, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Public Comment:
3. MCEDC Update/Approval: Kaitlyn Fath
4. Animal Control Update/Approval:
5. Pattern Energy Update/Approval:
6. CO2 Sequestration Update/Approval:
7. Hotel Tax Update/Approval:
8. Surplus Property Disposition Update/Approval:
9. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:
10. Tourism Grant Application Review Update/Approval:
11. Site Selection Magazine Rankings Update/Approval:
12. Small Biz Grant Follow-Up Update/Approval:
13. County Starting Salary Update/Approval:
14. Other Business:

Motion to pay the bills by _____ and second by _____. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by _____ and second by _____. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

March MCEDC Report

- Kaitlyn Fath
- contact@montgomeryeconomic.com
- 217-851-0254

Meetings:

- 3/2 - Attended County Development and Personnel Meeting
- 3/3 - Had meeting via phone with Cory Jobe from Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau regarding 2026-2027 contract
- 3/6 - Attended ASARCO Tour with LePetomane and EPA representative
- 3/9 - Attended Nokomis City Council Meeting re: dues and tourism contract payment split
- 3/10 - Had meeting via Zoom with DCEO Illinois Central Region Senior Manager, Belynda Allen regarding regional funding opportunities and programming
- 3/10 - Attended County Full Board Meeting
- 3/11 - Attended EJ Water Coop Annual Meeting in Effingham
- 3/13 - Had lunch meeting with Clarence Smith, retired EPA employee, on history of ASARCO plant
- 3/17 - Attended Litchfield Tourism meeting via phone due to illness
- 3/18 - Had a conversation with Cathy Thompson, USDA Area Specialist from the Effingham Area Office regarding regional funding opportunities
- 3/18 - Had a phone conference with CORI (Center on Rural innovation) representatives Nora Westbrook and Sally Meyer with follow up on 3/31; more information on Program of Work
- 3/19 - Attended CIEDA Luncheon at Constitution Bank (see attachment)
- 3/19 - Attended DCEO Webinar on Apex Accelerators (see attachment)
- 3/19 - Attended DCEO Webinar on Opportunity Zones

- 3/20 - Attended preliminary planning meeting for the COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) with Mike Plunkett, Dan Hough, Kayla Fath, and reps from State of Illinois EMA and Homeland Security
- 3/23 - Had a business consulting phone call with a potential business owner looking to purchase and renovate the Belvidere Hotel in Litchfield
- 3/24 - Attended the Witt City Council Meeting to present on MCEDC and ask for repeal on their vote to deny renewing their 2026 membership
- 3/25 - Attended the Perkins Local Comprehensive Needs Assessment at the SCI Center regarding workforce needs
- 3/26 - Attended Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner
- 3/31 - Had follow up meeting with CORI on deliverables and next steps

Upcoming Dates:

- 4/9 - COAD Follow-up Meeting with “Mini-Steering Committee”
- 4/13 - SCI Prairie Works Quarterly Board Meeting
- 2/25/-2/26 - IIRA 37th Annual Rural Community and Economic Development Conference in Springfield at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel
- 4/23 - MCEDC Annual Members Meeting at the SCI Center in Litchfield

Billing:

See report attached.

Program of Work

Priority 1: ASARCO Site Redevelopment

- Description: Partner with the Village of Taylor Springs on the remediation and redevelopment of the ASARCO Taylor Springs Superfund Site.
- Status Update: No further movement since the tour. As mentioned in my meetings recap, I did have lunch with Clarence Smith who has provided me with a great deal

of background and is helping me understand the EPA processes. He encourages all residents to sign the agreement with the EPA to allow them to clean their yards and has agreed to write a Letter to the Editor encouraging citizens to do so.

Priority 2: Property Inventory

- Description: Compile a comprehensive inventory of all available commercial and residential development properties in Montgomery County.
- Status Update: No movement at this time.

Priority 3: Business Retention and Expansion (BRE)

- Description: Conduct twenty-five (25) business and retention visits across the county to identify needs, barriers to growth, and expansion opportunities.
- Status Update:
 - I have a meeting with CORI and JardogsAI later this month.
 - Referral from City of Witt on individual looking to open a used car dealership
 - Consulting with an out-of-state investor looking to renovate the Belvidere Hotel in Litchfield
 - Meeting with Geronimo Power mid-month to hear about their expansion plans in Montgomery County

Priority 4: Online Business Directory

- Description: Compile a comprehensive list of all businesses in both incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas throughout Montgomery County. Upload the list into a searchable database on the MCEDC website.
- Status Update: I am continuing to add new businesses to the list every week. We have added approximately 60 businesses to the list since the last update; currently at 360 active businesses.

Priority 5: Unified County-wide Tourism Strategy

- Description: Collaborate with municipalities to develop a shared countywide tourism marketing plan and annual contract with Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau.

- Status Update: All municipalities have approved their payment split. The contract will be signed at the annual meeting on April 23rd.

Priority 6: Grant Writing for Municipal Members

- Description: Identify and apply for at least one grant for each municipal member.
- Status Update:
 - I closed out the T-Mobile grant for Donnellson this past month.
 - I'm continuing to seek potential funding for the playground equipment at the Molly McDowell Park. So far I have exhausted my searched with USDA and IDNR but have a lead with United States Conference of Mayors for their Healthy and Sustainable Communities Grant Awards, which will be released later this spring.
 - I connected with the City Clerk for the Village of Panama and will be attending their next council meeting to talk to them about rejoining the organization and discussing potential grant opportunities.

Priority 7: CORI Study Phase 2

- Description: Re-engage with the Center on Rural Innovation (CORI) to launch Phase 3 of the broadband and digital economy study. Host a public "Lunch & Learn" event to present Phase 1-2 findings and gather input from local leaders for the next stage of implementation.
- Status Update: I have now had two meetings with CORI. They provided me with digital copies of the deliverables they produced in 2023. I have connected JardogsAi with their Innovation Fund manager to discuss potential funding opportunities. Next steps are for them to put together a proposal for the next phase. From there, we will work together to seek a funding source. See the deliverables attached to this report.

Priority 8: Community Calendar Initiative

- Purchase a monthly full-page ad in The Journal-News featuring a community events calendar, highlights of upcoming local activities, a list of MCEDC members, and a QR code linking directly to the MCEDC website for more information.

- Status Update: Mary Herschelman has been working on our first ad, which we will showcase at the annual meeting. I have identified 65 local events so far.

Priority 10: Expand reliable cellular phone coverage across Montgomery County

- Description: Expand reliable cellular phone coverage across Montgomery County by addressing current “dead zones.” MCEDC will collaborate with AT&T to identify underserved areas and pursue the development of strategically located towers to strengthen connectivity for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Status Update: No further movement on this. However, I have been told that there are a few towers being built that are all tagged for Verizon. Still looking for a Verizon contact.

Priority 11: Update and Revise the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- Description: MCEDC will follow the steps defined by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to update and maintain a current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This process ensures Montgomery County remains eligible for EDA funding opportunities and that the county’s long-term economic vision reflects the needs and priorities of its residents and partners
- Status Update: No movement at this time.

Priority 12: Bring the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce under the MCEDC Administrative Framework

- Description: Strengthen and sustain the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce by bringing its operations under the MCEDC administrative framework — while preserving the Chamber’s identity, programming, and local leadership.
- Status Update: The announcement of the partnership was made at the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce awards dinner on the 26th. I will have standing office hours at the Carnegie Building on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Priority 13: Create a COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) to Montgomery County under the MCEDC Administrative Framework

- Description: Establish a Montgomery County COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) under the administrative framework of the MCEDC framework to formalize local coordination among nonprofits, businesses, faith-based organizations, government entities, and volunteers before, during, and after disaster events.
- Status Update: We had our first meeting and divvyed up roles. Our next follow up meeting is on April 9th where we will finalize some communication and prepare it to be mailed out to the Steering Committee invitees. The goal is to announce the COAD at MCEDC's civic organization event. Date to be determined but will be held towards the end of May.

Other Tasks:

- Working on preparing for the annual meeting, which includes authoring the annual report, creating the agenda, preparing mailers to be sent out with instructions, and other administrative tasks.
- Following up with members who have not paid.

Pipeline Priorities:

Priority: Community Improvement Fund

- Description: Develop and execute a fundraising campaign to raise \$25,000 for the Montgomery County Community Improvement Fund, targeting local businesses, foundations, and private donors. Launch an online donation portal and recognition program for contributors.
- Rationale: Moved to pipeline due to funding. Will readdress at a later time when the organization is in a healthier financial state.

Invoice	Member	Category	Balance Due	Received	Column1
0	Ed Pennington	Bus-Assoc	100	100	In the mail
300	Borgic Farms Inc.	Bus-Assoc	100	0	Called on 3/30
303	Home Oil Company	Bus-Assoc	100	0	
310	WSMI-WAOX	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
301	First Community Bank of Hillsboro	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
302	Hayes Abrasives Inc.	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
305	Kerber Eck & Braeckel LLP	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
306	Litchfield National Bank	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
307	M & M Service Company	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
308	Ronk Electrical Industries Inc.	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
309	The Rooted Home	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
311	Montgomery County Farm Bureau	Bus-Assoc	100	100	
304	HSHS St Francis	Bus-Assoc	100	1000	
313	CNB Bank & Trust (All Locations)	Bus-Gov	1000	0	Spoke with on 3/31 and sent updated invoices; amount will change
315	1st National Bank of Nokomis	Bus-Gov	500	500	
318	Ameren	Bus-Gov	1000	0	Payment promised; set up portal so we can be paid via ACH
320	CTI	Bus-Gov	500	0	Called on 3/30 and sent email
321	First National Bank of Raymond	Bus-Gov	500	500	
322	Hurst-Rosche Engineers Inc.	Bus-Gov	500	500	
323	Journal Publications	Bus-Gov	500	500	
324	Lincoln Land Community College	Bus-Gov	500	500	
325	MJM Electric Cooperative Inc.	Bus-Gov	500	500	
326	Ray Marten Insurance Inc.	Bus-Gov	500	500	
319	Hillsboro Area Hosp/Health	Bus-Gov	1000	1000	
312	Bank & Trust Company	Bus-Gov	1500	1500	
314	Constitution Bank	Bus-Gov	1500	1500	
111	Montgomery County	County	15000	15000	
401	Ron Deabenderfer	Ind-Assoc	50	50	
402	Tommy Justison	Ind-Gov	250	0	Sent Facebook message
400	Heather Hampton-Knodle	Ind-Gov	250	250	
207	Village of Donnellson	Mun-Gov	153	0	
209	Village of Fillmore	Mun-Gov	305	0	
212	Village of Ohlman	Mun-Gov	109	109	
213	Village of Panama	Mun-Gov	337	0	Attending meeting on 4/6
214	Village of Raymond	Mun-Gov	949	0	Spoke with Mayor Held; will attend next council meeting
205	Village of Butler	Mun-Gov	164	164	
210	Village of Harvel	Mun-Gov	178	178	
216	Village of Waggoner	Mun-Gov	181	181	
206	Village of Coalton	Mun-Gov	317	317	
211	Village of Irving	Mun-Gov	373	373	
215	Village of Schram City	Mun-Gov	563	563	
200	City of Coffeen	Mun-Gov	647	647	
208	Village of Farmersville	Mun-Gov	689	689	
217	Village of Taylor Springs	Mun-Gov	724	724	
204	City of Witt	Mun-Gov	785	785	
203	City of Nokomis	Mun-Gov	2142	2142	
201	City of Hillsboro	Mun-Gov	5902	4252	
202	City of Litchfield	Mun-Gov	6605	6605	

March 21, 2026

Mr. Chad Ruppert
Chairman, Development and Personnel Committee Montgomery County Board
#1 Courthouse Square
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Re: Urgent Request for Transparency on Pattern Energy's "The Shoals Renewables" Project

Dear Chairman Ruppert:

I, along with numerous Montgomery County residents, farmers, and taxpayers, are deeply alarmed by Pattern Energy's proposed "The Shoals Renewables" industrial wind project (100+ turbines). This will permanently convert prime farmland into energy sprawl, bringing noise, vibration, shadow flicker, bird/bat kills, property-value drops, and potential health and safety risks to non-participating families.

The January 2026 County Board minutes state Pattern's land acquisition is "nearly complete" and permitting begins "early 2027." Public comments at the March 10 meeting and multiple Letters to the Editor in the Journal-News echo the same demand: **basic transparency**. Land agents continue pushing secret leases and easements with misleading claims.

Citizens and taxpayers deserve facts **before** any permit is filed — not after. Under 55 ILCS 5/5-12020, the County must ensure public hearings and protect residents when siting commercial wind projects. We therefore respectfully request the committee take these immediate, neutral actions:

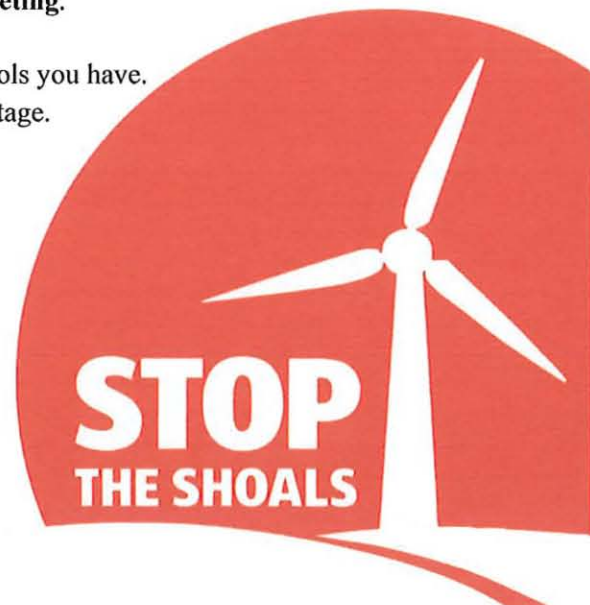
1. Require Pattern Energy to submit a **written status update by April 20, 2026** (project manager signature required) covering proposed timeline, exact project area, turbine specifications, and details regarding transmission lines and other infrastructure outlined on the following page.
2. Post on the county website a **public map** of all leased parcels (landowners may stay anonymous). This is a simple, public-records matter and will let every resident verify the truth.
3. Place this matter on the agenda for full discussion and action at the **April 6, 2026, Development and Personnel Committee meeting**.

Do not wait until Pattern files the WECS permit. Act now with the tools you have.
The people must know what is coming to our homes, health, and heritage.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Mulch
Raymond, IL
StopTheShoals@gmail.com



PROJECT SUMMARY

For public transparency, provide a detailed project summary and status update including: proposed power capacity (MW) of wind energy facilities, including number of turbines required, total acres leased to date and estimated timeline. Include proposed power capacity (MW) of solar energy facilities, including number acres required and total acres leased to date and estimated timeline. Provide a map of the project boundaries including turbine and solar locations.

TURBINE SPECIFICATIONS

For public transparency, provide rated power capacity (MW) proposed turbines and provide a graphic rendering of turbine specifications including total tip height, hub height, blade length, total rotor width, and estimated blade ground clearance. If unknown, provide maximum of the range, in feet. In addition, advise residents what to expect for spacial density, or how many turbines to expect for a given area. How close will the turbines be to villages, roads and homes?

ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

For public transparency, provide an overview summary and project map of additional infrastructure required including, estimated length (miles) of underground collection lines, number of new substations required and estimated length (miles) of overhead transmission line.

Second, provide the public with details regarding the high voltage power line, including exact operating voltage, AC or DC, a graphic rendering pole(s) required (ie single-pole, H-frame or lattice towers) and their respective specifications, including total tower height, wire height and average estimated span between poles. What are the minimum ground clearances (sag under max load) and required width of right-of-way? Please list any agriculture implications and changes (ie will there be guy wires/ anchors or limits to aerial pesticide applications?). How close will the line be to villages, roads and homes?

In addition, provide a projected point(s) of interconnection to grid and substation details. If multiple points are available, prioritize and rank accordingly (ie primary, secondary, etc)

Monthly Information for Landowners – For the Record

1. Talk to your neighbor

“The quickest way to get the real story is to talk to your neighbor about any land deals.”

2. Check the public records

“You can search recorded leases and easements yourself for free on the County Clerk’s website at montgomerycountyl.gov.”

3. Handle unwanted contact

“If you don’t want more calls or visits, tell the project folks to stop and ask them to put you on their do-not-contact list.”

4. Talk to a lawyer

“Before signing any lease or agreement, it’s wise to talk with an attorney who knows land and energy contracts.”

5. Get it in writing

“Always get important promises and details in writing. Verbal agreements can be forgotten.”

Strategic Options Regarding the Shoals Renewable Project by Bianca Walker

Objective: To outline the possible legal and regulatory avenues available to the Montgomery County Board to oversee, restrict, and manage the proposed Shoals Renewable Project (Pattern Energy), given the constraints of Illinois Public Act 102-1123.

Capitalizing on the "BESS Loophole" (Immediate Action Required)

While state law limits local control over wind and solar siting, standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) do not share the same strict state preemption. The proposed 900-acre battery storage facility represents an unprecedented industrial hazard footprint and is the county's strongest point of leverage.

Recommended Board Actions:

- * Draft a Restrictive BESS Ordinance Immediately: Do not wait for a formal permit application. The county must pass a comprehensive BESS Siting and Safety Ordinance to establish local control.
- * Establish Acreage Caps: Legally limit the maximum allowable footprint for any single BESS facility to prevent a massive 900-acre industrial complex from being permitted as a single unit.
- * Mandate NFPA 855 Compliance: Require strict adherence to the National Fire Protection Association's standards for Stationary Energy Storage Systems, which dictate rigorous spacing, thermal runaway mitigation, and explosion control.
- * Require Local Fire District "Veto Power": Mandate that an extensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) be approved and signed off by the local Fire Protection District Chief prior to zoning approval. If local departments lack the specialized foam, hazmat gear, and water supply to fight a toxic lithium-ion fire of this scale, the permit can be legally denied on public safety grounds.
- * Require Upfront Hazmat Funding: Compel the developer to place funds in escrow to fully equip and train local emergency responders for BESS-specific chemical fires before construction begins. Require comprehensive hydrological studies to prove toxic runoff from a fire will not contaminate local drainage tiles or groundwater.

Defending Against Eminent Domain

The success of the project relies on acquiring continuous land easements for collection and transmission lines. If contiguous farmers refuse to sign leases, the developer may

petition the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for public utility status to force easements via eminent domain.

Recommended Board Actions:

* **Pass Preemptive Anti-Eminent Domain Resolutions:** Similar to the board's recent action on carbon pipelines, pass formal resolutions stating the county will aggressively oppose any attempt by private renewable developers to utilize eminent domain against Montgomery County landowners.

* **Act as a Political Shield:** Use the board's unified voice to publicly support holdout farmers and lobby state legislators (backing bills like HB 5477) to strip eminent domain pathways from private energy developers.

Enforcing Strict Infrastructure and Decommissioning Standards

If the state mandates approval of the wind and solar components, the county's role shifts from gatekeeper to strict enforcer. The board must ensure the project is held to the absolute maximum financial and environmental liability.

Recommended Board Actions:

* **Aggressive Road Use Agreements (RUAs):** Ensure the Roads & Bridges Committee demands substantial, upfront financial bonds to cover the inevitable destruction of county roads during the construction of a 1,000 MW facility. Enforce severe financial penalties for deviations from approved heavy-equipment routes.

* **Robust Decommissioning Bonds:** Require decommissioning financial assurances to be based on the gross cost of removal, explicitly ignoring hypothetical "salvage value." Mandate that these bonds are adjusted for inflation every few years.

* **Independent Third-Party Verification:** Refuse to accept the developer's internal studies at face value. Require independent, county-selected experts to verify all shadow flicker models, noise projections, and wildlife impact studies before approving compliance.

* **Protect the Watershed:** Work closely with local Drainage Districts to map all drain tiles. Require the developer to assume total financial liability for any disruptions or damage to the subsurface drainage systems.

Fwd: Thursday, March 26, 7pm - BREAKING ... Elysian plans to sequester CO2 in Montgomery County

1 message

Doug Donaldson <doug.donaldson@montgomerycountylil.gov>

Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 7:59 AM

To: Chad Ruppert <chad.ruppert@montgomerycountylil.gov>, Mike Plunkett <mikep@montgomerycountylil.gov>

Mike and Chad,

Please put this on your agenda for April. Something we need to keep an eye on. We don't need this in the County.

Thanks,
Doug

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Pam Richart** <prichart@ecojusticecollaborative.org>

Date: Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 5:47 PM

Subject: Thursday, March 26, 7pm - BREAKING ... Elysian plans to sequester CO2 in Montgomery County

To: Doug Donaldson <Doug.Donaldson@montgomerycountylil.gov>

Coalition to Stop CO₂ Pipelines

Protecting people, land, and water

Dear Doug:

A few days ago, while checking the U.S. EPA's project tracker, we learned that Elysian Carbon Management (Elysian) plans to store carbon dioxide in Montgomery County. This is the same location originally proposed as a CO₂ dump site by Navigator CO₂ Ventures in February 2023.

Elysian is an Oklahoma-based company, acquired by Buckeye Partners in 2023, that specializes in developing, owning, and operating end-to-end Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) projects. They focus on capturing and storing millions of tons of industrial annually, aiming for 30 million tons per year by 2030.

Elysian plans to build four injection wells in Montgomery County that could inject up to an estimated 120 MMT CO₂, making this the **second largest sequestration site in the state**. Heartland Greenway in Christian County will, if approved, store 180 MMT over the life of its project. Heartland Greenway has six injection wells.

We'll spend time discussing what we know and have learned, answer questions, and discuss a strategy for getting Montgomery and Christian County farmers and residents re-engaged.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 7pm CT
Organizing meeting

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451185107>

Meeting ID: 844 5118 5107 • Dial in: 309 205 3325

Feel free to invite others

AGENDA

We'll spend much of our time discussing sequestration proposed in Montgomery County, but we have other topics to cover first.

Data Centers

Thank you Samira Hanessian, IEC, and Scott Allen, Citizens Utility Board for last week's presentation on the POWER Act! A video recording of their presentation can be accessed below.

We will spend time hearing updates from:

- Kathy Campbell—CyrusOne, Sangamon County.
- Verlyn Rosenberger—ADM/GOOGLE, Macon County.
- Elton Rocke—Tabled data center, Pekin County.
- And? A proposed federal moratorium on data centers?

Elysian Wisteria Storage, Montgomery County

Named after a beautiful flower, this storage project is anything but sweet. During this meeting we will:

- Review what we know.
- Discuss what may be driving the development of this site for CO2 storage.
- Begin to look at impacts.
- Where there is sequestration, there will be CO2 pipelines.
- Discuss outreach to residents and informational meeting being planned.
- Adopt a County Board moratorium?

SB2842 Updates

- Lobbying underway this week.
- Social media
- What do you think about a virtual lobby day?
- And?

EPA Listening Sessions

Five were held with the EPA last month. We won't have time to hear about all five, but let's begin by hearing from Julie Fosdick who took the listening session to a whole new level!!

Lots is happening. We hope you are ready to engage!

Pam Richart
[Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines](#)
prichart@ecojusticecollaborative.org

Plases publish 2x5 in Thursday, April 9, and Monday, April 13, editions of The Journal-News

2008 Ram 1500 For Sale By Sealed Bid

The Montgomery County Development & Personnel Committee is accepting sealed bids for a used as-is 2008 Ram 1500 3.7L V-6 gasoline engine 2WD regular cab pickup truck. Runs, 99,714 miles, can be viewed by contacting Montgomery County Animal Control at 217-532-3334. Bids must be in a sealed envelope at the County Board Administration office located on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, or mailed to: #1 Courthouse Sq. Room 202, Hillsboro, IL 62049, and received by 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2026. Sealed bids will be opened at the Development & Personnel Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2026. Bidders are invited to attend the Development & Personnel Committee meeting, at which time all sealed bids will be opened and the top three bidders will be given the opportunity to raise their bids. The committee reserves the right to waive technicalities and reject any and all bids.

Please send invoice to:

County Board Administration
#1 Courthouse Sq. Room 202
Hillsboro, IL 62049



Tourism Financial Assistance - Round 9 -- April 2026

Tourism Grant Contact List

Event Name	Contact Person	Email Address	Phone	Dates	Date Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
DAR Trivia Night Scholarship Fundraiser	Kendra Wright	kendranwright@icloud.com	217-556-6890	11/14/26	3/11/2026		\$1,000	\$300
Historic Red Rooster Anniversary Party	Kendra Wright	kendranwright@icloud.com	217-556-6890	6/13/26	3/11/2026		\$1,000	\$300
Montgomery County Fair Association	Bev Seamon	ollic1113@outlook.com	217-710-8105	6/24-28/26	3/11/2026		\$1,000	\$625
Fall In Hillsboro Weekend	Melissa Smith	economicdevelopment@hillsboroillinois.net	217-331-2062	10/10/2026	3/17/2026		\$1,000	\$400
Litchfield Pickers Market	Stacie Peecher	tourism@cityoflitchfieldil.com	217-324-8147	May-Oct	3/17/2026		\$1,000	\$625
Coffeen Fall Fest	Jodi Summers	coffeen1@frontiernet.net	217-534-2216	9/26/2026	3/23/2026		\$1,000	\$400
Festival of Trees	Sara Zumwalt	litchfieldcommunitypartners@gmail.com	217-556-1364	11/13-14/26	3/23/2026		\$750	\$225
Embrace the Lake	Lee Hyde	leegateway@gmail.com	314-435-0389	10/3/26	3/24/2026		\$1,000	\$300
Old Settlers	Susan Galer	segaler@hotmail.com	217-710-6384	8/1/26 8/6/26	3/27/2026		\$1,000	\$625
Fillmore Fall Festival	Lisa Housh	letsgrowfillmore@gmail.com	217-341-4667	10/3/26	3/27/2026		\$1,000	\$400
Snowkomis	Dylan Goldsmith	dgoldsmith@cityofnokomis.com	217-710-2909	12/12/26	3/27/2026		\$1,000	\$400
Raymond Celebration	Kristy Sowarsh	raymondindependencecelebration@gmail	217-827-0110	9-3-26 - 9/5/26	3/27/2026		\$1,000	\$400
Totals							\$11,750.00	\$5,000

FY 2026 BUDGET

\$5,000.00

Illinois Ranks No. 2 in Corporate Relocation

Illinois has once again secured a top position in Site Selection Magazine's annual rankings of corporate relocation and expansion activity, recording 680 business projects in 2025 and earning the No. 2 statewide ranking for the fourth consecutive year.

The magazine's new 2026 "Governor's Cup" cycle, released this month and based on calendar-year 2025 activity, also places the Chicago–Naperville–Elgin metro area at No. 1 nationally for the 13th year in a row, the longest such streak in the country. Site Selection's rankings are based on capital investment, job-creation, and facility-expansion data. To qualify, a project must involve at least \$1 million investment, 20 or more new jobs, or 20,000 or more square feet of new or renovated space. Illinois' project total rose from 664 in 2024 to 680 in 2025, according to figures summarized by the Illinois Economic Development Corporation.

These totals include expansions in Chicagoland as well as activity in downstate communities such as Mattoon, Galesburg and Rochelle, each of which appeared in the Top 100 Micropolitan Index. Illinois' business climate performance in other major scorecards also improved this year. CNBC's 2025 "Top States for Business" list ranks Illinois 13th overall with Top-10 placements in education (#3), infrastructure (#8), technology and innovation (#6), and access to capital (#5). Site Selection also named Cook County (#5) and Lake County (#10) among the top counties in the U.S. for attracting corporate investments—highlighting economic momentum spreading beyond the Chicago core.



Montgomery County ILLINOIS

Montgomery County Compensation Administration Program

The purpose of the Compensation Administration Program is to set the standards for administration of compensation for employees covered by the compensation system. The goal of the Compensation Administration Program is to develop and maintain a comprehensive compensation and benefits plan that will allow Montgomery County to support the attainment of its strategic organizational goals. It is the policy of Montgomery County that the total Compensation Plan be designed to achieve four key objectives:

- Be effective in retaining, motivating, and attracting employees.
- Be efficient to remain externally competitive.
- Be equitable, fair, and rewarding.
- Be in compliance with local, state and federal laws and regulations.

New Employees

All new employees should, whenever possible, be hired at the minimum rate. An employee may be hired at a rate lower than the minimum only if hired as a trainee for that particular job. This employee shall be increased to the minimum as soon as he/she obtains the qualifications required, but in no case longer that time specified in job description. An employee may be hired at a rate higher than the minimum, provided they possess special training and/or experience. In this case the employee may be paid a starting rate corresponding to their ability, experience, and training. But only in exceptional cases, with approval of the Elected Official or Department Head, shall an applicant be hired above the minimum.

Merit Increases

All increases will be based on merit and achievement of skill requirements. These merit increases may be granted as allowed by the current fiscal year budget. The decision should not be based on subjective opinion but must be backed up by objective records of performance. The purpose of this process is to ensure that allocated pay increases are distributed in a consistent, equitable, and performance-based manner within the approved budget. Elected Officials and Department Heads will allocate pay increases based on each employee's overall performance rating for the review period. Performance ratings are used to differentiate increases in a way that rewards higher performance while remaining within budget constraints.

- **High-performing employees** (those rated "Good" or above) are eligible for higher pay increases within the allocated budget.
- **Average-performing employees** may receive a modest increase, depending on available funds.
- **Low-performing employees** (those rated "Poor" or equivalent) may receive a minimal increase or no increase, based on documented performance concerns.

Elected Officials and Department Heads must first allocate increases within the ranges of high performing and low performing employees according to the performance guidelines above while staying within their total approved budget. If funds remain after minimal or no increases are assigned to low-performing employees, any remaining budget will be redistributed among higher-performing employees, with priority given to those demonstrating sustained or exceptional performance.

It is the responsibility of Elected Officials and Department Heads to:

- Ensure performance ratings are supported by documented evaluations and objective criteria.
- Apply the allocation guidelines consistently across employees.
- Not exceed the total allocated budget.
- Be prepared to explain pay decisions in a clear, professional, and performance-based manner.

All proposed pay increases are subject to review and approval by management and/or Human Resources to ensure compliance with County compensation practices and applicable laws.

Promotions

When an employee is promoted, he/she will be given an increase effective on the beginning of the next regular payroll period.

Transfers

No wage action shall be taken when an employee is given a lateral transfer between jobs in the same grade. The employee will be considered on his/her next scheduled review date.

Demotions

In the event of demotion, the wage rate will be altered to coincide with wages paid for comparable performance on jobs in the same pay grade unless:

- The existing wage does not disrupt harmony or cause conflict.
- The demotion is made for the convenience of the County.

Procedure

Salary increase recommendations will be handled according to the procedure outlined below:

- The Elected Official or Department Head will prepare performance appraisal, job description, and determine rate increase with management committee approval.
- When an increase is indicated the appropriate personnel form will be filled out to indicate the increase.
- When an increase is not indicated the reason for the rejection, and employee's reaction to the explanation, should be entered on the personnel form and the report shall then be filed in that employee's file.
- In either case, whatever action is taken, it is the responsibility of the Elected Official or Department Head to discuss this action with the employee in private.

The Elected Official or Department Head shall approve any annual increase percentage and approve salary grades for each position. This shall be done annually, as positions are changed or added, or as deemed necessary in order to ensure fairness and compliance with County policy.

Compensation Guidelines

- Detailed job analysis to be completed every two years.
- Detailed job description for each position to be updated annually or each time job duties change.
- Administer increases and advancement based on each individual performance and skill development.
- Employees with above average performance will be eligible to receive additional merit increases.
- The compensation plan shall be reviewed at the end of each year by the Development & Personnel Committee for any necessary changes to the plan.
- Create compensation levels based on skills and ability required with minimum pay rates at each level.

Montgomery County Board
Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Agenda
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Members Present: Mark Hughes, Connie Beck, Russell Beason, Keith Hancock, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Public Comments:
3. Maintenance Report Update/Approval:
4. America 250 Kickoff May 29 Update/Approval: Melissa Smith
5. Imagine Hillsboro Flower Pot Request Update/Approval:
6. Altorfer Generator Maintenance Update/Approval: Desiree Cleary
7. State of Illinois Office Space Request Update/Approval:
8. Snow Blower/Snow Blade Update/Approval:
9. 127 N. Main Street Property Update/Approval:
10. Other Business:

Motion to pay the bills by _____ and second by _____ . All in favor, motion carried.
Motion to Adjourn by _____ and second by _____ . All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.



February 26, 2026

Quote#: 26-DC-24171-N

Customer # 692824

Montgomery County

Attention: Phil Ernst
#1 Courthouse Square, Room 202
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Reference: Annual generator maintenance for new Courthouse unit

A Three Year POW-R-GUARD Maintenance Agreement for Caterpillar Emergency Standby Generator(s).

Caterpillar D60GC 0T9400561

Thank you for allowing Altorfer Power Systems the opportunity to provide a scheduled maintenance plan for your power generation system. These services have been tailored to your company's requirements and specific needs, while following Caterpillar's published schedules. A complete description of the services offered is included in this proposal package. The services quoted include all necessary parts, labor, and travel, unless noted otherwise. The following is a summary of the service levels included in this agreement:

Type	Description	Service Level Qty
Service Level 2	Full Service, plus Service Level 1	3
Service Level 4a	intern. Cooling System Service(Long Life)	1
Service Level 7	Starting Battery Replacement Service	1
Service Level 13A	Diesel Fuel Analysis - Basic Check	3

**Service Level intervals are based on 250 or less run hours per year.

SerialNum	Customer Equipment Num	Visit Qty	Per Visit Invoice Amount
0T9400561	Courthouse	3	\$1,858

July '26, '27, '28
purposed

- Plus Applicable Tax.

Any labor or materials for corrective action on defects discovered during inspection and testing of equipment will be invoiced separately.

Extended Protection Quote Confirmation

Quote Number : 1772207673953

Customer Quote

Quote Date : 02/27/2026
Price Expiration Date : 12/31/2026

Quote Status : Draft-NOT ACCEPTED

Customer Information :
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
120 N MAIN
HILLSBORO
ILLINOIS
62049
UNITED STATES

Dealer Information :
ALTORFER
8400 6TH ST SW
PO BOX 1347
CEDAR RAPIDS
IOWA
52404-7031
UNITED STATES
desiree.cleary@Altorfer.com

Product Information :
Model : D60GC
Serial# : T9400263 @Jcu1
Type : Published
Emissions Control Indicator : NONE
Original Delivery Date : 11/28/2023

Coverage	P/L	Duration	Usage	Deductible	Amount
ESC GENSET PLATINUM	PARTS AND LABOR	120 Months	5000 Hours	0.00	2,930.00
				Credit for 60-month Platinum	-880.00
				Administration Fee	
				Late Fee	
				Tax	
				Total Customer Amount	2,050.00
				Currency	USD

Additional Comments : Coverage start date remains November 28, 2023

Notes:

1. This quote is a non-binding price indication.
2. All deductibles are displayed in USD.
3. Goods & Services Tax (GST) is not included.
4. Coverage for New machines / engines starts on the product Delivery Date and runs concurrent with Machine / Engine Standard Warranty.
5. Late Fees may apply to Engine Extended Service Coverage (ESC) cost(s) at the time of Enrollment.

Extended Protection Quote Confirmation

Quote Number : 1772212361637

Customer Quote

Quote Date : 02/27/2026
Price Expiration Date : 12/31/2026

Quote Status : Draft-NOT ACCEPTED

Customer Information :
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
#1 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
120 NORTH MAIN ST
HILLSBORO
ILLINOIS
62049
UNITED STATES

Dealer Information :
ALTORFER
8400 6TH ST SW
PO BOX 1347
CEDAR RAPIDS
IOWA
52404-7031
UNITED STATES
desiree.cleary@Altorfer.com

Product Information :
Model : D60GC
Serial# : T9400561 @ Courthouse
Type : Published
Emissions Control Indicator : NONE
Original Delivery Date : 12/08/2025

Coverage	P/L	Duration	Usage	Deductible	Amount
ESC GENSET PLATINUM	PARTS AND LABOR	120 Months	5000 Hours	0.00	2,930.00
				Credit for 60-month Platinum	-790.00
				Administration Fee	
				Late Fee	
				Tax	
				Total Customer Amount	2,140.00
				Currency	USD

Additional Comments : Coverage start date remains December 8, 2025

Notes:

1. This quote is a non-binding price indication.
2. All deductibles are displayed in USD.
3. Goods & Services Tax (GST) is not included.
4. Coverage for New machines / engines starts on the product Delivery Date and runs concurrent with Machine / Engine Standard Warranty.
5. Late Fees may apply to Engine Extended Service Coverage (ESC) cost(s) at the time of Enrollment.

Montgomery County Board
Roads & Bridges Committee Meeting Agenda

Conference Room, County Highway Dept.
11159 IL Rte 185, Hillsboro, IL 62049

Date: Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – County Highway Department

Members present: Ethan Murzynski, Bill Bergen, Patty Whitworth, Chad Ruppert, Keith Hancock, Rob Corso, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent:

Other Present: County Engineer Cody Greenwood

The committee met today to discuss the following:

Roads & Bridges Committee:

1. **Public Comments:**
2. **County 2026 MFT Oil Letting Update/Approval:**
3. **Township 2026 MFT Oil Letting Update/Approval:**
4. **Plains Solar Road Use Agreement Update/Approval:**
5. **Heavy Equipment Shed Update/Approval:**
6. **Other Items:**

Motion by _____, second by _____ to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by _____, second by _____ to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board
Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Agenda
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2026

Members Present: Connie Beck, Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent:

Others Present:

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Public Comment:
3. SOA Office Update/Approval:
4. Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:
5. Energy Bids Update/Approval:
6. Bruce Harris/Beacon Contract Update/Approval:
7. FY2027 Wage Changes, Salary Adjustments & Starting Salary Update/Approval:
8. Budget Hearing Dates/Times Update/Approval: Aug. 18-19
9. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval:
10. Country Trustee Resolutions Update/Approval:
11. Other Business:

Motion to pay the bills and payroll by _____ and second by _____. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by _____ and second by _____. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**COAL MINE ROYALTY
DISPOSITION OF FUNDS**

Accounts

Month	Royalty Payment	Reserve					Operating / Maintenance				Capital Improvement				Reconciled Bank Balance
		Deposit Revenue	Transfer-out	Refund	Loan	Balance	Deposit Revenue	Expense	Transfer Out/in Gen Fd	Balance	Deposit Revenue	Interest	Expense	Balance	
12/01/25						\$5,312,196.38				\$4,104,474.10				\$1,242,203.89	\$10,658,874.37
Dec-25	132,680.42	16,340.21				\$5,328,536.59	100,000.00		(14,583.00)	\$4,189,891.10	16,340.21	42,541.57		\$1,301,085.67	\$10,819,513.36
Jan-26	64,120.37	-	(30,000.00)			\$5,298,536.59	64,120.37	(125,186.39)		\$4,128,825.08		13,015.82		\$1,314,101.49	\$10,741,463.16
Feb-26	52,273.98					\$5,298,536.59	52,273.98	(31,509.46)		\$4,149,589.60		56,015.70		\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Mar-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Apr-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
May-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Jun-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Jul-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Aug-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Sep-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Oct-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Nov-26						\$5,298,536.59				\$4,149,589.60				\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38
Total	\$249,074.77	\$16,340.21	(\$30,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,298,536.59	\$216,394.35	(\$156,695.85)	(\$14,583.00)	\$4,149,589.60	\$16,340.21	\$111,573.09	\$0.00	\$1,370,117.19	\$10,818,243.38

\$10,818,243.38	Total
(\$4,875,712.00)	Invest
\$5,942,531.38	Cash
\$5,942,531.38	Per Books
\$0.00	Difference
\$10,818,243.38	
\$10,818,243.38	
\$0.00	

It is the intent of the County Board to retain a \$3,500,000 balance on-hand in the Reserve Account. At no time is this balance to be less.
 The Operating and Maintenance Account and the Capital Improvement Account will receive funding only at a time when the Reserve Account has at least \$3,500,000 balance on-hand.
 After attaining the \$3,500,000 balance, payments received shall be deposited as follows:
 (a) \$100,000 (minimum) deposited to the Operating and Maintenance Account with the remainder divided equally to the Reserve Account and Capital Improvement Account.
 (b) If the payment received is less than \$100,000 then the entire amount will be deposited to the Operating and Maintenance Account.

TREASURER'S SUMMARY REPORT
2% ROYALTY PAYMENTS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FY26

Bank Balance - 12/01/25		\$5,844,009
Receipts:		
Royalty Payment - 12/25/25	145,099.44	(Royalty)
Royalty Payment - 01/26	64,120.37	(Royalty)
Royalty Payment - 02/26	52,273.98	(Royalty)
Royalty Payment - 03/26		
Royalty Payment - 04/26		
Royalty Payment - 05/26		
Royalty Payment - 06/26		
Royalty Payment - 07/26		
Royalty Payment - 08/26		
Royalty Payment - 09/26		
Royalty Payment - 10/26		
Royalty Payment - 11/25/26		
Total Royalty Payments	261,493.79	
Interest Earned	\$111,573	
Total Receipts		\$373,067
Expenses:		
12/09/25 Property Evaluation and *	-14,583.00	
01/13/26 Motorola Solutions	-1,018.71	
01/13/26 Motorola Solutions	-23,850.00	
01/13/26 PowerDMS, INC	-7,936.68	
01/13/26 Property Evaluation	-14,583.00	
01/13/26 Tom Day	-4,149.00	
01/13/26 Mo Co Fair Assoc	-30,000.00	
01/21/26 Victory Lane Chrysler	-73,649.00	
02/10/26 GTSI	-917.46	
02/10/26 Heart Technologies, INC	-4,295.00	
02/10/26 Property Evaluation	-14,583.00	
02/10/26 Victory Lane	-11,714.00	
Total Expenses	-201,278.85	
Certificate of Deposit (LFNB, 365 @ 4.25%) 03/26/26		\$200,000
Certificate of Deposit (LFNB, 365 @ 4.25%) 03/26/26		\$200,000
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Certificate of Deposit (LFNB, 365 @ 4.25%) 03/26/26		\$200,000
Certificate of Deposit (LNB, 276 @ 4.00%) 10/02/26		\$600,000
Certificate of Deposit (LBT, 365 @ 4.00%) 10/2/26		\$500,000
Certificate of Deposit (WBT, 364 @ 4.00%) 09/21/26		\$500,000
Term (PFM)		\$0
CD (PFM @ 4.40% & 4.49%) 06/10/26		\$365,000
CD (PFM @ 4.13% & 4% & 3.95%) 09/01/26		\$550,000
CD (PFM @ 3.90%) 2/23/27		\$600,000
CD (PFM @ 4.40%) 8/26/26		\$229,000
CD (PFM @ 4.60%) 8/26/26		\$228,000
Liquidity PFM (3.66%)		\$303,712
Cash in Bank		\$5,942,531
Total Funds Available -		\$10,818,243

SUMMARY

Reserve	\$5,298,537
Operating & Maintenance	\$4,149,590
Capital Improvement	\$1,370,117
Total Funds Available	\$10,818,243

1 year	June 2012 to June 2013 = Direct Energy	0.05261
1 year	June 2013 to June 2014 = Ameren	0.04260
1 year	June 2014 to June 2015 = Homefield Energy	0.05007
2 year	June 2015 to June 2017 = Direct Energy	0.05295
1 year	June 2017 to June 2018 = Homefield Energy, Ameren	0.04373
1 year	June 2018 to June 2019 = Direct Energy, Bob Hermsmeyer	0.04245
2 year	June 2019 to June 2021 = Direct Energy, Bob Hermsmeyer	0.04370
3 year	June 2021 to June 2024 = Homefield Energy, Amey	0.04529
1 year	June 2024 to June 2025 = Direct Energy, Option One	0.06918
1 year	June 2025 to June 2026 = Direct Energy, Your Choice	0.08792

Customer Information			
Customer Name:	Montgomery County	Phone:	217.532.9588
Contact:	Mike Plunkett	Email:	mikep@montgomerycountyil.gov
Address:	#1 Courthouse Square - Room 202 Hillsboro, IL 62049		
Account Information			
Utility:	Ameren	Estimated Volume:	1,099,752
		Pricing Type:	New Request
Acct #s/ESI#s	10		
Current Provider:	Direct Energy		



Energy Advisor: Justin Heid

Email: Justin.Heid@Traditionenergy.com

Creation Date: March 6, 2026

Supplier Fixed Price Comparison / Savings and Budget Analysis *

Terms	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	48 Months	60 Months
Start Date	Jun-26	Jun-26	Jun-26	Jun-26	Jun-26
End Date	Jun-27	Jun-28	Jun-29	Jun-30	Jun-31
KWH Usage	1,099,752	2,199,504	3,299,256	4,399,008	5,498,760
MP2	0.0825	0.0844	0.0873	0.0904	0.0938
Proj. Energy Budget	\$90,719	\$185,572	\$287,860	\$397,802	\$515,619
CREDIT: Approved	SWING %:		100%	PAY TERM: 20	
bp Retail	0.0633	0.0631	0.0647	0.0647	0.0661
Proj. Energy Budget	\$69,592	\$138,767	\$213,330	\$284,440	\$363,578
CREDIT: Pending	SWING %:		100%	PAY TERM: 20	
Dynegy	0.0636	0.0646	0.0659	0.0671	
Proj. Energy Budget	\$69,933	\$142,088	\$217,454	\$295,261	
CREDIT: Approved	SWING %:		Unbanded	PAY TERM: 21	
Direct Energy	0.0938	0.0600	0.0610	0.0619	0.0626
Proj. Energy Budget	\$103,135	\$131,948	\$201,090	\$272,299	\$344,332
CREDIT: Approved	SWING %:		Unbanded	PAY TERM: 15	
Constellation	0.0599	0.0610	0.0620	0.0632	0.0642
Proj. Energy Budget	\$65,886	\$134,214	\$204,554	\$277,973	\$352,800
CREDIT: Approved	SWING %:		Unbanded	PAY TERM: 20	

***Does Not Include taxes**

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Account Information

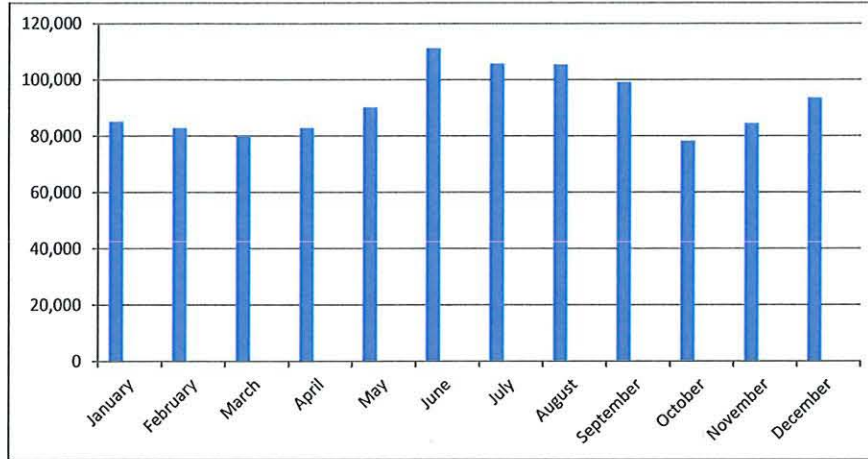
Customer Name Montgomery County

Annual kWh 1,099,752

No. of Accounts 10



MONTH	TOTAL (KWH)
January	85,266
February	82,897
March	79,946
April	82,991
May	90,281
June	111,291
July	105,836
August	105,485
September	99,149
October	78,270
November	84,637
December	93,703
Total	1,099,752



Account Number	Service Address	City	State	Zip	Utility / TDSP	Annual kWh
2848630017	11159 ILLINOIS ROUTE 185 COLLISION	HILLSBORO	IL	620492664	Ameren	36,168
0933157058	11159 ILLINOIS ROUTE 185 OLD DEALERSHIP	HILLSBORO	IL	620492664	Ameren	4,000
3765524654	11191 ILLINOIS ROUTE 185	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	25,148
7091042002	264 CRESS TRL	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	4,785
5033919006	201 S MAIN ST	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	18,400
6590718418	120 N MAIN ST	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	532,561
4540322093	1 COURTHOUSE SQ HISTORIC COURTHOUSE	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	127,080
0994327698	140 N MAIN ST	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	280,640
6169987059	1215 SEYMOUR AVE	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	9,916
1535456815	11191 ILLINOIS ROUTE 185	HILLSBORO	IL	62049	Ameren	61,054

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Contact:	Mike Plunkett	Email:	mikep@montgomerycountyil.gov
Address:	#1 Courthouse Square - Room 202 Hillsboro, IL 62049		
Account Information			
Utility:	Ameren	Estimated Volume:	6,670
State:	IL	Pricing Type:	New Request
Acct #s/ESI#s	5		
Current Provider:	Utility		

Energy Advisor: Justin Heid

Direct Line:

Email: Justin.Heid@Traditionenergy.com

Creation Date: February 26, 2026

Supplier Fixed Price Comparison / Savings and Budget Analysis *

Terms	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	48 Months	60 Months
Start Date	May-26	May-26	May-26	May-26	May-26
End Date	May-27	May-28	May-29	May-30	May-31
DTH Usage	6,670	13,340	20,010	26,680	33,350
Mansfield	4.8860	4.9400	4.9410	4.9550	
Proj. Energy Budget	\$32,590	\$65,900	\$98,869	\$132,199	
CREDIT: Approved		SWING %:		PAY TERM:	
			100%		20
Direct Energy	4.3330	4.4430	4.4790	4.5280	4.5690
Proj. Energy Budget	\$28,901	\$59,270	\$89,625	\$120,807	\$152,376
CREDIT: Approved		SWING %:		PAY TERM:	
			100%		15
Symmetry Energy	5.1600	5.2300	5.2400	5.2500	5.2600
Proj. Energy Budget	\$34,417	\$69,768	\$104,852	\$140,070	\$175,421
CREDIT: Approved		SWING %:		PAY TERM:	
			0%		10
Constellation	4.7471	4.8403	4.8569	4.8817	4.9048
Proj. Energy Budget	\$31,663	\$64,570	\$97,187	\$130,244	\$163,575
CREDIT: Approved		SWING %:		PAY TERM:	
			100%		15

*Does Not Include taxes

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Account Information

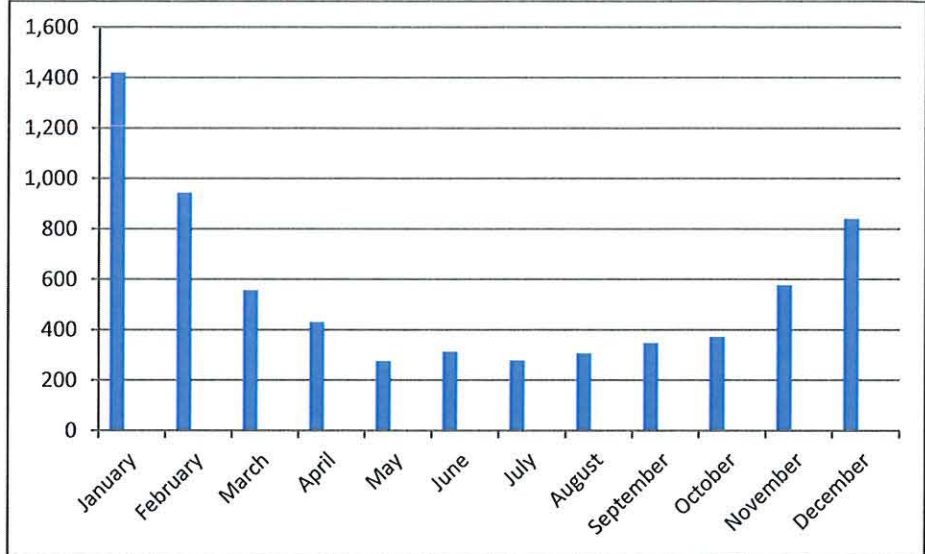
Customer Name Montgomery County



Annual DTH 6,670

No. of Accounts 5

MONTH	TOTAL (DTH)
January	1,421
February	944
March	558
April	431
May	277
June	314
July	279
August	307
September	348
October	373
November	578
December	840
Total	6,670



Account Number	Service Address	City	State	Zip	Utility / TDSP	Annual DTH
2848630017	11159 Illinois Route 185, Collision	Hillsboro	IL	62049	Ameren	3,859
1767064024	140 N main st, gas	Hillsboro	IL	62049	Ameren	387
2295071008	120 n main st, gas	Hillsboro	IL	62049	Ameren	1,541
1527153042	X Historic Courthouse, gas	Hillsboro	IL	62049	Ameren	723
1383036034	201 s Main st, gas	Hillsboro	IL	62049	Ameren	160

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History of Non-Union Salary Increases and Starting Wages for Full and Part Time - 2026

	Non-Union Salary Increase	Full Time Starting Salary per Hour	UNION Highway Department	UNION Circuit Clerk	UNION SOA	UNION MCSO DEP	UNION MCSO CO/TC
FY 2010	3.75% or \$1,000	\$9.75	4.00%	4.00%		3.50%	4.00%
FY 2011	\$0.59	\$10.00	3.50%	4.00%		4.00%	4.00%
FY 2012	4.00%	\$10.16	3.50%	4.00%		4.00%	4.00%
FY 2013	\$0.55	\$10.33	\$0.50	\$0.80	\$0.80	4.00%	\$0.00
FY 2014	\$0.55		\$0.50	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.00	1.00%
FY 2015	\$0.34		\$0.25	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.45	\$0.45
FY 2016	\$0.34		\$0.25	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.35	\$0.35
FY 2017	\$0.30	\$11.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.70	\$0.35
FY 2018	\$0.25		\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.70	2.50%
FY 2019	\$0.30		\$0.25	\$0.45	\$0.35	2.20%	2.50%
FY 2020	\$0.35	\$12.25	\$0.25	\$0.45	\$0.30	2.20%	2.50%
FY 2021	\$0.30	\$12.75	\$0.25	\$0.40	\$0.30	2.20%	\$0.40
FY 2022	\$0.35	\$13.25	\$0.25	\$0.40	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$0.40
FY 2023	\$1.75	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.50	\$0.40
FY 2024	6.00%	\$15.00	\$0.75	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$1.75
FY 2025	5.00%	\$16.00	\$0.75	\$0.80	\$0.75	5.50%	\$1.50
FY 2026	5.50%		\$0.75	5.50%	5.50%	5.00%	\$1.15
FY 2027			\$0.85	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	
FY 2028				5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	
FY 2029				5.00%			

Finance & Budget Committee
April 9, 2026

Fund 375 Requests

- Buildings & Grounds
 1. 127 N. Main St. purchase \$210,270 (\$150,000 to be reimbursed)
 2. 127 N. Main St. internet boring
 3. 127 N. Main St. sewer
 4. 127 N. Main St. HVAC
 5. Downspout Storm Repair \$982.14
 6. Transmitter Roof \$2,609
 7. Ameren LED Lighting Program \$17,977
- MCSO
 1. Ray O'Herron \$2,943 (vehicle build)
 2. Motorola \$131.25 (vehicle build)

COUNTY VOUCHER

Committee: B&G

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS 62049

1. Vendor Name: Spears Title Company

Address: 218 S. Main St.
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Account Number: _____

2. Invoice Number: _____

Invoice Date: 03/27/26

Fiscal Year: 26

Check Number: _____

Fund : 375 Acct: 540.031 Office: 047

3. Description and Purpose of Item:

Amount

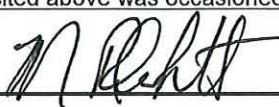
DATE: Invoice # Description Account #

Settlement Statement for 127 N. Main Street

\$ 210,270.00

TOTAL \$ 210,270.00

I certify that the service and/or material as cited above was occasioned by business for Montgomery County, IL.

4. Department Head Approved Signature: 

Date: 3/30/26

5. County Board Approved Signature: _____

Date: _____

6. County Clerk Paid Signature: _____

Date: _____

7. County Treasurer Paid Signature: _____

Date: _____

Original: County Clerk

Copy: County Treasurer

Spears Title Company
ALTA Universal ID: 1061311
218 S Main St
Hillsboro, IL 62049



File No./Escrow No.: MON26-100
 Print Date & Time: March 27, 2026 3:19 pm
 Officer/Escrow Officer: Michelle Anderson
 Settlement Location: 218 S Main St
 Hillsboro, IL 62049
 Property Address: 127 N. Main St.
 Hillsboro, IL 62049
 Buyer: Montgomery County Government
 1 Courthouse Square, Room 102
 PO Box 595
 Hillsboro, IL 62049
 Seller: Rehabedge, LLC
 127 N. Main St.
 Hillsboro, IL 62049
 Settlement Date : April 02, 2026
 Disbursement Date : April 02, 2026

Description	Buyer	
	Debit	Credit
Financial		
Sale Price of Property	210,000.00	
Prorations/Adjustments		
Est. Prop. Tax 2025 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025		5,750.02
2026 RE Tax Proration 01/01/26-04/02/26		1,449.32
Title Charges and Escrow/Settlement Charges		
Closing Fee (Buyer) to Spears Title Company	150.00	
Closing Protection Letter (Buyer) to Spears Title Company	25.00	
Later Date Search to Spears Title Company	95.00	

	Debit	Credit
Subtotals	210,270.00	7,199.34
Due from Buyer		203,070.66
Totals	210,270.00	210,270.00

Acknowledgement

We/I have carefully reviewed the ALTA Settlement Statement and find it to be a true and accurate statement of all receipts and disbursements made on my account or by me in this transaction and further certify that I have received a copy of the ALTA Settlement Statement. We/I authorize Spears Title Company to cause the funds to be disbursed in accordance with this statement.

Buyer

Montgomery County Government

BY: _____
 Doug Donaldson
 Chairman

Spears Title Company

BY: _____
 Michelle Anderson
 Closing Agent



3549 N Vermilion St
 Danville, IL 61832
 www.oherron.com
 rayoherron@oherron.com
 1-800-223-2097

Invoice

2467285



Customer No: 00-62049SH
 Invoice Date: 3/17/2026
Sales Order No: 3278396
 Sales Order Date: 3/3/2026
Customer PO: RADAR

BILL TO:
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF
 140 N MAIN ST
 HILLSBORO, IL 62049

SHIP TO:
 GLOBAL TECH SYSTEMS
 723 S. SECOND ST.
 ATTN: MONTGOMERY CO. SHERIFF
 GREENVILLE, IL 62246

BADGE NO:	PAYMENT TERMS:	ORDERED BY:	ORDER COMMENT:
	NET 30 DAYS	SHERIFF	CALLED

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	WHSE DS	ORDERED	BACK ORD	SHIPPED	PRICE	EXT PRICE
	SRO						
826	RADAR,DUAL ANTENNA,Ka-BAND FOR 2025 DURANGO STD MOUNTS W WIRELESS REMOTE	000	Y 1.00	0.00	1.00	2,895.00	2,895.00

*****QUOTED FREIGHT*****

Net Invoice:	2,895.00
Freight:	48.00
Sales Tax:	0.00
Invoice Total:	2,943.00
Less Deposit:	0.00
Invoice Balance:	2,943.00

Payment Type:

Returns must be made within (30) days. All items must be in original packaging and/or with original tags. Footwear worn outside is not returnable. Custom or altered items are non-returnable and clearance items are sold "as is". Returns shipped back to us must have a Return Authorization number. For our full return policy visit www.oherron.com/returns.

COUNTY VOUCHER

Committee:

03- B&G

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS 62049

1. Vendor Name: MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

Address: 500 WEST MONROE
CHICAGO, IL 60661

Account Number: 1209114267

2. Invoice Number: _____

Invoice Date: 12/10/25

Fiscal Year: FY26

Check Number: _____

Fund : 375 Acct: 560.080 Office: 375

3. Description and Purpose of Item:

Amount

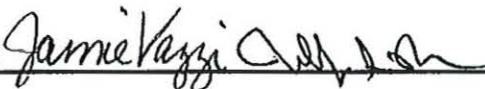
VEHICLE BUILD

\$ 131.25

TOTAL \$ 131.25

I certify that the service and/or material as cited above was occasioned by business for Montgomery County, IL.

4. Department Head Approved Signature:



Date: 03/30/26

5. County Board Approved Signature:

Date:

6. County Clerk Paid Signature:

Date:

7. County Treasurer Paid Signature:

Date:

Original: County Clerk

Copy: County Treasurer



Motorola Solutions, Inc.
500 West Monroe
Chicago IL 60661
United States
Federal Tax ID: 36-1115800

Invoice 8282291266

Issue Date Mar 05, 2026	P.O. No. 03/03/2025	P.O. Date Mar 03, 2026
Sales Order 3204063260	Delivery No. 9113012133	Customer No. 1036995134

Billing Address

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911
ATTN: Accounts Payable
140 N MAIN STREET
HILLSBORO IL 62049
United States

Shipping Address

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911
140 N MAIN STREET
HILLSBORO IL 62049
United States



Important Information

Ultimate Destination: United States
Freight Terms: FREIGHT PREPAID
Inco Term: CIP
NEAREST PORT OF IMPORT

For all Invoice payment inquiries contact

SLT5CTR@motorolasolutions.com
Telephone: 800-247-2346

Payment Details

Payment Method / Terms
Net Due in 30 Days

Payment Address
Motorola Solutions, Inc.
13108 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693
United States

Bank
Bank of America, Dallas

Bank Account No.
3756319806

ABA Routing No. for ACH
111000012

ABA Routing No. for Wire Transfer
026009593

SWIFT
BOFAUS3N

Invoice Total
USD 131.25
Payment Due Date Apr 04, 2026

Pay Online

motorolasolutions.com/billing

Invoice 8282291266

Please detach here and return the bottom portion with your payment

Page 1 of 2

Payment Coupon

Invoice 8282291266

Issue Date
Mar 05, 2026

Customer No.
1036995134

Please put your Transaction Number and your Customer Account Number on your payment for prompt processing.

Billing Address

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911
ATTN: Accounts Payable
140 N MAIN STREET
HILLSBORO IL 62049
United States

Payment Address

Motorola Solutions, Inc.
13108 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693
United States

Invoice Total
USD 131.25
Tax Included 0.00
Payment Due Date **Apr 04, 2026**

Provide your remittance details to:
US.remittance@motorolasolutions.com

#	Description	Ship Date	Service Period	Unit Price	Qty	Amount
1.1	POWER CABLE KIT, M500 DVR ITEM# WGP02051-F-KIT	Mar 05, 2026		131.25	1	131.25

Tracking No: 496681030366

USD Subtotal	131.25
USD Total Tax	0.00
USD Invoice Total	131.25
USD Amount Due	131.25



RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, The County of Montgomery, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35ILCS 200/21-90, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Montgomery, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

NORTH LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 10-33-376-004

As described in certificate(s) : 2021-00319 sold October 2022

and it appearing to the Finance Committee that it is in the best interest of the County to dispose of its interest in said property.

WHEREAS, City of Litchfield, has bid \$820.00 for the County's interest, such bid having been presented to the Finance Committee at the same time it having been determined by the Finance Committee and the Agent for the County, that the County shall receive from such bid \$300.00 as a return for its certificate(s) of purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$0.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s) and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account, the auctioneer shall receive \$0.00 for his services and the Recorder of Deeds shall receive \$70.00 for recording. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services. The total paid by purchaser is \$820.00.

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Montgomery County, Illinois, be hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest on the above described real estate for the sum of \$300.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of Montgomery 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

04-26-001

10-33-376-004



Parcel ID	10-33-376-004	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner Address	MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRUSTEE
Sec/Twp/Rng	n/a	Class	0060		1 COURTHOUSE SQ
Property Address	113 E UNION AV	Acreage	n/a		ROOM 101
	LITCHFIELD IL 62056				HILLSBORO IL 62049
District	11058				
Brief Tax Description	W PT LOT 2 BLK 4 22 FT X 132 FT LOTS IN LITCHFIELD 9-5-744 S T00 R				
	(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)				

Montgomery County April 2026 Resolutions
Future Taxes for Properties Sold at Auction

ROUTE TO TREASURER

Dear Treasurer,

Please ensure the properties listed below receive tax bills no sooner than the payable date listed. Please direct any questions to our office.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Date Sold</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Future Taxes Due Beginning</u>
0126905	01/01/2026	City of Litchfield	January 1, 2027 payable 2028

Parcel(s) Involved: 10-33-376-004
