

Proceedings of the Special Meeting

Clark County

July 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the County Board met July 7, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. and was called to Order by Chairman Rex Goble. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Sheriff Bill Brown led the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL

6:00 P.M.

Rex Goble	District #1
Brandon Burkybile	District #2
Jim Bolin	District #3
Randal Stephens	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5 Absent
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on June 10, 2025. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(5) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ed Talbert went over his list of violations. A copy of his list is included with the minutes that addressed several items such as non-participating residence list, unsigned road use agreement, EDP did not contact residents, and more. He finished by stating that the Board should vote "NO".

Karen Talbert spoke next and is the wife of Ed Talbert. She stated that her husband has been working very hard to try and stop this solar project. Karen said that she has been praying a lot for the solar project to be stopped.

Bill Cornwell was next. He talked about how it is hard not to get emotional about this and what it could do to wildlife and natural resources. As far as decommissioning is concerned, Cornwell states that it is grossly underfunded. He is on a drainage district committee and the estimated cost is \$85,000 to \$90,000 per acre to put the ground back to pre-project status.

Don Solarz lives at Bass Lake and understands that a small solar project is coming by their home. He said that he and his partner left KY because of solar farms. The big concern is the runoff from the panels that have toxins in them and would impact the lake.

Elise Ellinghausen, Don's partner, said that they have done a lot of research on the panels. The panels contain cadmium and lead that could leech into the ground. She urges more due diligence on the environmental impact.

Chris Oakley spoke next. He is also a Bass Lake resident and stated that he has not been notified and thought that he had to be before any project could start. He realized that this meeting was not regarding the solar farm that would impact him personally.

Tom LoTurco and Jack Dinnie with EDP which is the Moonshine Solar Park project, spoke next. LoTurco started out by saying that he wanted to address a couple of items that he heard. He informed the group that a commercial honey and beeswax producer is putting a bee apiary at a

project in Southern Indiana. He also addressed the decommissioning plan. The plan is done by a third-party engineer and they are updated every 5 years. Jack Dinnie then went through the list of violations that were provided by Ed Talbert. Dinnie started with #1 regarding the non-participating list. The County Ordinance defines the non-participating property as real property that is non-participating. The setbacks are defined as 50 feet from a property line and 150 feet from a residence. EDP is using a 250-foot buffer. Regarding the road use agreement, a signed one will be provided prior to construction. A study was completed to ensure that there were no endangered species that would have their habitat disrupted.

Sean Pluta represented the Summit Project. He spoke regarding the public notice timing and which newspaper that they could publish the notice. Pluta also explained that with all applications, the project deals with many agencies before the plan can be presented.

Deric Wagner with the Summit Project talked about the decommissioning and stated that their panels are made from steel, glass, aluminum, and silicon. He further stated that none of these are toxic materials.

Bill Cornwell said that it is fine that the bee apiary is being done but it takes years to establish and the other item is that their estimates for decommissioning are grossly inadequate and need to look at those figures again.

Don Solarz stated that the County needs to follow up on the panels and what they are made of and that if damaged with what they are replaced.

(6) NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

(7) OLD BUSINESS:

There was much discussion before holding the vote.

(a) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for the Moonshine Solar Park LLC

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Randy Stephens to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Moonshine Solar Park LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(b) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Crest Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Randy Stephens and second by Jim Bolin to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit Crest Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(c) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Horizon Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit Horizon Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(d) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Peak Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit Peak Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(e) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Reach Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Jim Bolin to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit Reach Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(f) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit Trail Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Brandon Burkybile and second by Todd Kuhn to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit Trail Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(g) Vote on Issuing Special Use Permit for Summit View Solar 1 LLC

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to approve issuing a Special Use Permit for the Summit View Solar 1 LLC project. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mike Parsons who voted nay. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

(8) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Board Member Mike Parsons to go into executive session and second by Board Member Brandon Burkybile at 7:13 P.M. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the meeting to go into executive session for provision 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of Specific Employee and 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 5.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION: CLARK COUNTY

I certify that I understand Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meeting Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

/s/ Rex Goble, Presiding Officer

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Randy Stephens to come out of Executive Session at 8:21 P.M. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

9. Discussion and Possible Approval to Amend Highway Engineer Contract.

This agenda item was tabled until the regular board meeting on July 18, 2025

10. One Day and Mileage

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Brandon Burkybile to approve One Day and Mileage Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Brandon Burkybile that the meeting be adjourned until July 18, 2025, at 8:00 a.m for the regular Board Meeting. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Lisa Richey – Clark County Assessor; Gary Richey; Laurie Lee - County Clerk; Kyle Hutson – State’s Attorney; Chuck Ayres – EDP; Jack Dinnie – EDP; Tom LoTurco – EDP; Brian Farrar, Dave Streicker, Edward Talbert, Karen Talbert, Kevin Buenker, Bill Cornwell, Bill Brown – Sheriff; Chris Oakley, Don Solarz, Elise Ellinghausen, Sean Pluta - Summit, Aubrey Hargis – Clark County Courier; Penny Cannady, Josh Wallace, Missy Finkbiner, Jerry Woodfall, Deric Wagner – Summit; Haley VanGilder, Haley VanGilder