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COUNTY OF BOND)

Proceedings had before the Honorable Board at the regular meeting of said Board, begun and held in person and via Video Conference in the City of Greenville in said County and State, on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 6:40 p.m., Chairman, Chris Timmermann, opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showing a quorum present as follows: Chris Timmermann, Wes Pourchot, Jacob Rayl, Jeff Rehkemper and Bernard Myers.

The minutes of the October 6, 2026, regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Reports dated October 16, 2026 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkember second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

There was no Public Comment.

Due to Bill Schmaltz absence, Jeff Rehkemper presented a report from the Bond County Insurance Committee (see attached)

Nathan McCarthy, representing Solar On Earth, presented information on community solar projects, explaining how subscribers can receive energy credits to help reduce their electric bills.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2026 with a motion made by Wes Pourchot, second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

After discussion the Board approved the amended Ordinance 10-20-26-01 Amending Previous Ordinance dated October 15, 2019 Establishing the Child Advocacy Fund on Certain Criminal Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper, second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board appointed Clayton Hilderbrand to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper, second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

The Board appointed Jennings Carter to the Seagraves Cemetery Board with a motion made by Jacob Rayl, second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

The Board Approved the Sheriff's Report for September 2026 (see attached) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper, second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

The Board approved the Coroner's September 2026 Report (see attached) with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Old Business: Jeff Rehkemper raised concerns about noxious weeds at the site of the proposed solar field on 4th Street. Board Chair Chris Timmermann stated that he would look into who is responsible for maintaining the property.

There was no New Business

This meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

October 22, 2026

(SEAL)

Brooke Weathers

Brooke Weathers, Bond County

Good Energy

A Smarter Way to Buy Energy

Bond County Renewal November 30, 2026

Since the County's last renewal in 2023, the energy market has experienced significant instability driven by several key factors:

- **MISO Capacity Shortages:** Resulting from ongoing coal plant closures and high peak demand.
- **Surging Demand:** Driven by increased electrification, commercial and industrial growth, data centers, and general pressure on the grid.
- **Higher Transmission Costs:** Escalating expenses for moving power.
- **Auction Increases:** Significant hikes in the MISO seasonal Planning and Resource Auction.

These pressures—compounded by global unrest, natural disasters, a lack of clean energy offsets, and rising future demand—have created an extremely volatile energy market. As a result, many suppliers have limited agreement terms or eliminated fixed-rate options entirely.

Supplier Comparison & Recommendations – Low Bidders

- **Direct Energy** currently offers the lowest fixed supplier rates (detailed below).
- **Homefield** offers the lowest non-fixed rates, but their plan includes an annual capacity adjustment each June. Because capacity is currently the largest driving force behind rate increases, this product passes all upward risks directly to the customer each year.

Given these market conditions, most current government clients prefer fixed-rate pricing and are opting for longer-term agreements to hedge against continued volatility.

Current Lowest Bid: All-In Fixed Rates (Direct Energy)

As of October 28, 2026

- **12 Month:** $0.11286 / kWh
- **24 Month:** $0.12452 / kWh
- **36 Month:** $0.12974 / kWh
- **48 Month:** $0.13298 / kWh

Current Lowest Bid: Non-Fixed Capacity Adjustable Each Year (Homefield Energy)

- **12 Month:** $0.10763 / kWh capacity adjustable June 2027
- **24 Month:** $0.11067 / kWh capacity adjustable June 2028
- **36 Month:** $0.11263 / kWh capacity adjustable June 2029
- **48 Month:** $0.11440 / kWh capacity adjustable June 2030

Bond County Community Solar Program – Savings Opportunity & Participation Summary

Dear Members of the Bond County Board,

On behalf of Good Energy, I am pleased to present an opportunity for Bond County to significantly lower its electricity expenses by participating in the Illinois Community Solar Program in partnership with Ampion Community Solar.

Program Overview & Financial Impact

This state-sponsored incentive program supports regional solar development while passing direct financial savings to government and municipal participants.

- **Guaranteed Savings:** Projected to reduce combined supply and delivery costs by **10%**, delivering an estimated **$6,600.00 in annual savings** across all eligible county accounts.
- **No Capital Expense:** Requires zero financial investment and no installation of solar arrays or equipment on county property. Credits are derived from off-site solar farms within Illinois.
- **Simplified Billing:** Accounts will be set up with Utility Combined Billing (UCB) directly through Ameren, allowing gross and net savings to appear clearly on standard monthly invoices.
- **Flexible Savings Allocation:** Savings can directly reduce utility expenses or be earmarked for special community initiatives, such as facility upgrades, beautification, or park projects.

Agreement Terms & Regional Benchmarks

- **Commitment Period:** The agreement requires a minimum of 60-month commitment (48 active months plus a 12-month cancellation notice), with participation and savings performance subject to annual review.
- **Proven Track Record:** Bond County will join numerous public entities already participating through Good Energy and our partners, including Madison County, Champaign County, Peoria County, the City of Belleville, and the City of Greenville.

Recommendation & Next Steps

Because community solar capacity in Illinois is capped and allocated on a pre-subscribed basis, Good Energy has temporarily secured a capacity reservation for Bond County for solar generation forecasted for mid-to-late 2027.

To ensure Bond County locks in this allocation before capacity is exhausted, we recommend authorizing participation concurrently with the upcoming alternative supplier agreement renewal.

Bond County Estimated Savings Report

Contract Term	Contract Rate	Aver. Ameren Rat	Rate Diff	Usage kWh	Term Savings
4/2013 - 4/2015	$ 0.04485	$ 0.05865	$ (0.01380)	716944	$ (9,893.83)
4/2015 - 12/2017	$ 0.05666	$ 0.07119	$ (0.01453)	964000	$ (14,006.92)
12/2017 - 12/2020	$ 0.05101	$ 0.06980	$ (0.01879)	1268652	$ (23,837.97)
12/2020 - 12/2023	$ 0.05083	$ 0.08111	$ (0.03028)	1231080	$ (37,277.10)
12/2023 - Current	$ 0.08391	$ 0.11200	$ (0.02809)	1261278	$ (35,429.30)

Total Estimated Savings Since 4/2013 **$ (120,445.12)**

Bond County Highway Department
October 2026 Report

11/5/2026

Maintenance Updates

-Finished mowing
-Installed 2 new entrances
-Ditching on Keyesport, North County Line, Hazel Dell
-Inspect 3 bridges
-Truck and equipment repairs/maintenance

Culvert Repair/Replace:

- County to take bids on Red Ball cross culvert replacement project just South of County Line.

Current Project Updates:

-Red Ball Bridge over BNSF RR. – Plans at 90%, County and Consultant final review before submittal
-North Pokey Road. – Prefinal approved. County initiated Right of Way Acquisition.
-Ripson Bridge Road over Dry Fork Creek. – Under Construction. Open end of November, finish in Spring
-Airport Ave over Trib to Beaver Creek. –Prefinals submitted
-Sunnyside Ave over Little Dry Fork Creek. -- In design.
-Cottonwood over Tributary to Beaver Creek. – In design.
-Hunter School over Spring Branch – In design
-North Woburn Road over Gilham Creek – In design
-West Keyesport Truck Route -- In design
-South Pokey Truck Route – Funding Agreement with IDOT
-North Pokey Bridge – Survey completed. In design

Proposed Project Updates:

-No Proposed Project updates

Other Items of Discussion:

-No specific items to discuss

Permits:

-None to discuss

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Brad Criner
Administrator
Bond County Building & Zoning
Department
11.1.26

October Month End Report

8 draft applications, issued 2 permits, 76 open permits, 1 complaint & conducted 7 site visits at various locations throughout the county.

- Zoning Board Of Appeals will meet on December 8, 2026
- SmartGov migration is complete and on-line.
- Attended the Illinois Renewable Energy Conference 11.19-20.26, highlights below:
  - Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) was inacted in 2023 has hard milestones for renewable energy consumption in Illinois:
    - 2025: 25% with 3% escalator per year
    - 2030: 40%
    - 2040: 50%
    - 2050: 100%
    - This makes wind/solar construction a priority for state legislators.
      - Ameren currently has 8G watts in demand with a current supply of 1.5Gw and applications for interconnection of 9Gw. Using AI (DERMS) to expedite review/approval of interconnection agreements.
  - Data center legislation is being crafted but the thought is that the legislature will focus on a new football stadium in the lame duck session and not bring this to the floor.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05-26-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF SURPLUS EQUITY OBLIGATIONS THROUGH THE TORT LIABILITY FUND AND THE DEPOSIT OF SURPLUS EQUITY FEES INTO THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-296 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/21-296), fees are collected upon property tax purchases for deposit into a surplus equity fund; and
WHEREAS, Section 21-301(a) of the Property Tax Code requires the County Board to determine the amount of the surplus equity fund to be maintained by the County Treasurer to satisfy potential claims under Section 21-302; and
WHEREAS, Section 21-301(b) of the Property Tax Code explicitly provides that in counties where a Tort Liability Fund is established, all sums of money received under subsection (a) of Section 21-296 may be deposited into the General Fund of the County for general county governmental purposes if the County Board provides by ordinance that the surplus equity required by Section 21-301 shall be provided by the Tort Liability Fund; and
WHEREAS, Section 21-302 of the Property Tax Code establishes procedures for previous property owners to claim surplus equity lost due to tax deeds and requires the county to fund any unpaid balance of a surplus equity award within 12 months after the date of the court order awarding such surplus equity; and
WHEREAS, the County Board has established and maintains a Tort Liability Fund pursuant to Illinois law and desires to authorize the Tort Liability Fund to back all required surplus equity obligations so that surplus equity fees may be directed to the General Fund for general county governmental purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF BOND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS
The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of fact and declarations of policy by the County Board.
SECTION 2. ELECTION TO PROVIDE SURPLUS EQUITY VIA TORT LIABILITY FUND
Pursuant to Section 21-301(b) of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/21-301(b)), the County Board hereby determines and ordains that the surplus equity required by Section 21-301 of the Property Tax Code shall be provided by the County Tort Liability Fund, and that all surplus equity obligations required to be maintained or paid under Section 21-301 and Section 21-302 of the Property Tax Code shall accordingly be satisfied through the County Tort Liability Fund. Pursuant to Section 21-301(a) of the Property Tax Code, and because all such surplus equity is provided by the Tort Liability Fund, the County Board determines that the amount of the surplus equity fund to be separately maintained by the County Treasurer is zero.
SECTION 3. DEPOSIT OF SURPLUS EQUITY FEES INTO GENERAL FUND
In accordance with Section 21-301(b) of the Property Tax Code, all sums of money received by the County Collector under subsection (a) of Section 21-296 shall henceforth be deposited into the General Fund of the County to be used for general county governmental purposes.

SECTION 4. SATISFACTION OF SURPLUS EQUITY CLAIMS
Any judgments or awards for surplus equity entered by a court of competent jurisdiction against the County Treasurer as trustee pursuant to Section 21-302 of the Property Tax Code shall be funded and paid out of the County Tort Liability Fund.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY
If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. REPEALER
All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____**, 2026 by the County Board of the County of Bond, Illinois.**

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County Board Chairman / Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

Outlook

FW:

From Brooke Weathers <brooke.weathers@bondcountyil.gov>
Date Fri 10/30/2026 8:33 AM
To Ashley Riedemann <ashley.riedemann@bondcountyil.gov>

From: Saulegoode Weathers <saulegoodenow1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2026 8:29 AM
To: Brooke Weathers <Brooke.weathers@bondcountyil.gov>
Subject:

I am requesting permission and approval to place our Santa shack, on the Northwest corner of courthouse square. I would have it in place no sooner than November 15th 2026. It would be removed no later than January 10th 2027.

Thank you

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