

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #304, 157 N. MAIN ST., EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025**

PRESENT: Frank Dickerson, Alison Lamothe, Fred Schulte, Ron Simpson, Victor Valentine, Denise Wiehardt

ABSENT: Valerie Doucleff, Shawndell Wilson

OTHERS: Stacey Pace, Lisa Mersinger, Chris Kalter, Amy Lyerla, Christian Buesser-Hosto, Paige Campbell, Rebecca Ryan, Cathryn Hamilton, Darlene Ladd, Barry Morrison, Kimberly Kaisek

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Kalter, the CDBG Coordinator, was present to discuss the Public Hearing for the 2026 CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan Needs Summary.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked the Committee if there were any suggestions to add, subtract, or changes to the minutes from the Grants Committee meeting on March 3, 2026. The minutes will stand as written.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson seconded by Victor Valentine.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

None

F. PURCHASE APPROVALS

Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve the monthly Purchase Report.

Motion to approve was made by Fred Schulte seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G. PURCHASE REQUESTS

G1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request for Community Development for (38) thirty-eight GE 6,000 BTU's air conditioning units for \$7,905.90 from Lowe's.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve the following purchase requests, items G2 - G4.

G2. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by MCCD for a Demolition for 226 Gouling Ave., East Alton, Illinois by S. Shafer Excavating Inc. for \$14,400.00.

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G3. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by MCCD for a Demolition for 322 Tower Dr., East Alton, Illinois by S. Shafer Excavating Inc. for \$18,300.00. Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine, seconded by Fred Schulte.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G4. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by MCCD for a Demolition for 1605 Union Ave., Granite City, Illinois b S. Shafer Excavating for \$7,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine, seconded by Fred Schulte.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve the following purchase requests, items G5 - G12.

G5. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at Bethalto CUSD #18 not to exceed \$12,250.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G6. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at Collinsville CUSD #10 not to exceed \$8,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G7. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a **revised** purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at Ferguson-Florissant School District not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G8. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at O'Fallon School District 90 not to exceed \$12,250.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G9. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at Triad CUSD #2 not to exceed \$8,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G10. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at Little Steps Pres-School 4 not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.
Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G11. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at My Mothers Roots not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

G12. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request by Employment & Training Department for an employer incentive payment for teacher apprentices at West Star Aviation not to exceed \$15,910.00.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

H. PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

H1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution to purchase Dell Computer Equipment and Hardware for Community Development from Dell for \$7,471.86.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

H2. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution to purchase (20) twenty replacement Dell Computers for Employment & Training Dept. from Dell for \$22,071.00.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Victor Valentine.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

H3. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution to pay an Employer Incentive award under the US Department of Labor grant program, by the Madison County Employment & Training Dept. to St. Louis Public Schools for \$50,000.00.

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine, seconded by Fred Schulte

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve the following Resolutions, items I-1 through I-34.

I-1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Alhambra Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-2. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for City of Alton.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-3. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Bethalto.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-4. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Chouteau Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-5. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for City of Collinsville.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-6. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Collinsville Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-7. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of East Alton.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-8. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for City of Edwardsville.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-9. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Edwardsville Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-10. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Foster Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-11. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Glen Carbon.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-12. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Godfrey.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-13. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Granite City Park District.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-14. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Hamel.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-15. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Hartford.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-16. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Highland Park & Recreation.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-17. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Livingston.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-18. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for City of Madison.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-19. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Marine.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-20. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Maryville.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-21. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Nameoki Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-22. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for New Douglas Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-23. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of New Douglas.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-24. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Pontoon Beach.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-25. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Roxana Community Park District.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-26. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of South Roxana.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-27. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for St. Jacob Township.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-28. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of St. Jacob.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-29. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Tri-Township Park District.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-30. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Venice Park District.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-31. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Williamson.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-32. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Wood River Parks & Rec.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-33. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2026 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Village of Worden.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-34. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a 2026 Park & Recreation loan to St. Jacob Township.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-35. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submissions of the 2027 Supplemental Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grant and 2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant applications for the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Victor Valentine.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-36. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of the 2027 Weatherization Grant Program Application for the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

I-37. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution to increase the Grant funding for the Village of Roxana 2024 CDBG Old Edwardsville Road project for the Madison County Community Development Department.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Victor Valentine.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

J1. Darlene Ladd, Director of Employment and Training, was present to discuss the monthly Employment and Training report that was previously emailed to the Committee.

Rebecca Ryan, also from the Employment & Training department, spoke to the Committee about the (MCETD) Resource Fair happening on April 9th, from 10am - 2pm. She mentioned that the first 200 attendees at the fair will get a free lunch.

Rebecca also mentioned Apprenticeship Week being held April 22nd and the Lewis & Clark-Youth Construction Camp happening this summer.

J2. Cathryn Hamilton was present to give the Economic Development report. Cathryn spoke about the opportunity zones that are declared distressed and investment into these areas.

J3. Stacey Pace was present to give the MCCD monthly report that was previously emailed to the Committee. Some highlights that Stacey mentioned were:

- April is "Fair Housing" month
- CDBG- applications for New HVAC systems for landlords
- LIHEAP - remaining budget is \$375,000.00 with more expected later this month
- CSBG - annual \$5,000 scholarship opportunity is now open for applications.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

L. NEW BUSINESS

None

M. CLOSED SESSION

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Grants meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:40 pm by Victor Valentine, seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.