

MADISON COUNTY
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 309
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
3:30 PM

Chairman Palmero called the Government Relations Committee meeting to order at 3:33 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: Jason Palmero, Linda Ogden, Dalton Gray, Denise Wiehardt, Ron Simpson
ABSENT: Terry Eaker, Shawndell Wilson, Alison Lamothe
OTHERS: Chris Slusser, Michael “Doc” Holliday, Fred Schulte, Liz Happold, Cynthia Ellis, Chrissy Wiley, Mike Babcock, Andrew Esping, Linda Wolfe

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brenda Hoskins voiced her opposition to the Resolution to Submit an Advisory Public Question to the Voters of Madison County, Illinois Regarding Voter Identification Requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The February 18, 2026, Government Relations Committee meeting minutes were approved.

The following (3) items were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. Resolution to Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Madison County Regarding Property Tax Reform

Mr. Gray moved, seconded by Ms. Ogden, to approve the item as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Palmero, Ogden, Gray, Wiehardt, Simpson
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution to Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Madison County Regarding Local Zoning Control of Wind and Solar Farm Developments

Ms. Wiehardt moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, to approve the item as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Palmero, Ogden, Gray, Wiehardt, Simpson
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution to Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Madison County Regarding Voter Identification Requirements

Mr. Gray moved, seconded by Ms. Wiehardt, to approve the resolution as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Palmero, Ogden, Gray, Wiehardt, Simpson

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mr. Gray moved, seconded by Ms. Wiehardt, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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