

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD MEETING

9/9/2025

7:00 PM

After Chairman Holkenbrink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

PRAYER: John Knueppel

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BLADE	☒	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	WENTE	☒	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to approve the agenda.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the minutes of the Hearing for proposed Special Service Area 4 & 5 held on August 11, 2025.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Knueppel and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of the Regular board meeting held on August 12, 2025.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the minutes of the Special board meeting held on August 21, 2025.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

PUBLIC COMMENT: Todd Layton read the Broadband update and the Growing with Greenup update.

GUEST: None

FLOYD HOLKENBRINK:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to approve the DevNet contract for Wedge software.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to approve the DevNet contract for Vital Records Software.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to re-appoint Michael McMullen to the Short Mutual Drainage District.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Knueppel to approve the resolution executing a deed to the City of Neoga for parcel #06-08-318-012.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTEGRITY INVESTMENTS LAWSUIT-Jacob Janssen and Ted Whitehead from Snedeker Risk Management informed the board that Snedekers have been in contact with ICRMT and it looks like ICRMT will cover the County on this issue. Jacob asked that the board table any action at this time. We should know by 9/24 if ICRMT will cover this issue.

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to table action on the Integrity lawsuit.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

BEVERLY HOWARD:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to approve the County Clerk and Tax Redemption reports for August 2025.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

JENNY MAYNARD: The 2nd installment of taxes were due last week on 9/5 and she will be sending reminder letters out.

A Motion was made by Knueppel and seconded by Layton to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2025.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

RICHARD MURRAY:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Wente to approve the Highway bills for August 2025 in the amount of \$167,251.57.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to approve the engineering agreement with Charleston Engineering for Sec 25-00088-00-RS. (Sigel road)

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION SETBACK VARIANCE-It was agreed that if IDOT was OK then the board would be.

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Brandenburg to allow the 15 ft variance to the set back for the billboard at the 121/45 split.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

SHERI DROTOR: NA

RHONDA WILSON: not present

MCKENZI EASTON: Not present

STEVE MAROON: NA

BRYAN ROBBINS:

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Knueppel to approve the MOU with the Illinois States Attorney Office.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

JONATHAN BRADEN: not present

JENNIFER PHIPPS: NA

ALISA GRAY: NA

MIKAYLA GIPP: not present

TROY KEMPER: not present

MIKE BLACK: not present

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Knueppel to ratify payment of Manual bills for August 2025 in the amount of \$884,665.24.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Layton and seconded by Blade to approve the payment of Invoices in the amount of \$23,424.05.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Layton to ratify payment of Payroll #16 in the amount of \$106,217.32.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

A Motion was made by Knueppel and seconded by Layton to ratify payment of Payroll #17 in the amount of \$109,110.21.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐	BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐

Tim Wente had a county resident ask about the ambulance and wanted to know why Cumberland County needs 5 ambulances when Effingham County only has 3. It was stated that Cumberland only has 3, Greenup and Neoga may have a 2nd crew if needed. The resident was worried that the tax rate would be \$.40 when the board changes. Todd Layton said you need to tell them to trust that the board will do the right thing.

A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Layton to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐	LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
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Beverly Howard

Beverly Howard, County Clerk

Floyd Holkenbrink

Floyd Holkenbrink, Board Chairman