

**SOLAR HEARING
CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD
3/5/2026
6:00 PM**

After Chairman Holkenbrink called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KNUEPPEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRANDENBURG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	WENTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAYTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Holkenbrink told the audience why we were holding the hearing and introduced Ryan Magnoni of US Solar

Ryan Magnoni gave an overview of each site. Their objective is clean power and lowering utility bills. Ameren customers can benefit; currently 5000 subscribers. The availability of infrastructure determines their locations. US Solar pays for the upgrades needed to Ameren. The sites will increase local tax revenue. They have met the ordinance requirements and the Road Use Agreements are in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Ault thinks this will decrease home values; homeowners need compensated. During the impact study he wanted to know if they did a mound study. Ault would like the county to set a 5-year moratorium on solar farms.

A gentleman who did not give his name said he was concerned with property values and he was not happy.

John Grubb, Laborers 159 Union, asked who would be building the project because usually US Solar used non-local and non-union. He votes NO

Josh McElravy, 159 Union, agrees that the project needs to be built by local union otherwise he votes NO

Sarah Walk had several questions. She realizes this is a gray area between the city and the County.

Jeff Westendorf, electrical union votes NO

Don Nelson, land owner of USS Woodbury, is a retired union member, he asked that US Solar talk to the local union

