

**Minutes of the Urbana Board of Trustees Meeting
held Monday, July 20, 2026**

The Board of Urbana Township Trustees met on this date with, Trustee Blair Stinson, Trustee Roger Koerner, and Trustee Matt Harrigan present.

Mr. Harrigan called the regular meeting of the Urbana Township Trustees to order.

Present:

Dean Ortlieb, Fire Chief, City of Urbana

Buddy Ballard

Deputy Chalfant, Champaign County Sheriff's Office

Jane Napier, Asst. Prosecutor

Nicole Doyle

Deputy Chalfant introduced himself and inquired if needed anything from the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Stinson moved to approve the June 15, 2026 Minutes and Financial Status Reports. Mr. Koerner seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Mr. Harrigan called on Dean Ortlieb, Fire Chief who provided the quarterly report.

Mr. Stinson – spoke with the Fire Chief about what happens if the levy fails.

Mr. Ortlieb – gave opinion that if everyone is working in earnest and honest ways to pass the levy, that we have a duty to provide service. The city has a lot of irons in the fire. Flock cameras, potential mayor recall. I would say with all of that turmoil, we would cross that bridge when we get to it.

Mr. Stinson – indicated he has asked of city and they have never gotten back with him.

Mr. Ortlieb – they don't have a feel on how to deal with townships. Discussed potential grave digging with Trustee Stinson.

Mr. Stinson – we are putting a levy on.

Mr. Ortlieb – I think you need to sign the contract.

Ms. Napier – I think usually in those contracts that if you are unable to pay for that, the contract is void.

Mr. Ortlieb – provided a contract to Ms. Napier. This increase is based on historical factors. For three years there is no increase. Truly it doesn't encompass the per capita. If it was per capita, it would be about \$186. We are at \$154.

Jane – Previous per capita is \$119.

Mr. Ortlieb - we looked at in the past, 23, 24, 25. We based it off of operation increases.

Mr. Ballard – let's say the levy doesn't pass and my wife is having a heart attack, what is going to happen.

Mr. Ortlieb –

Mr. Ballard – I did a lot of research, and no one is going to leave your house burning.

Mr. Ortlieb – I think when you threaten people, they are going to dig in. This is to me where I want to be, where I want to live. Get this in writing that the only discussion is the levy passing. I really felt it the last time when they wanted me to come back and ask for more.

Mr. Ballard – if you get it signed you have coverage.

Mr. Ortlieb – I do love town halls. I love explaining things. In this particular case, one is if we agree on terms, what is the verbiage if the levy doesn't pass? I think you are getting a heck of a deal even though it's 30%; then looking at what we do if it doesn't pass.

Mr. Stinson – if the voters agree we want to stay with Urbana Fire, in fact I have already talked to over 100 residents. Everybody wants a faster response time. The bottom line is EMS.

Mr. Ortlieb – we post our out the door on Facebook. It is really close to two minutes out the door. If you want to pay money for public service, you want to make sure when you call, they are going to get there in a reasonable amount of time.

What stinks for Urbana Township is you are further out. The trailer park you are looking at 8-9 minutes. The things we are looking at is our times out. Second one is competency. What is the ceiling, the floor? We are giving you on every one a paramedic. Not everyone has a paramedic. The 36 hour volunteer firefighter does not teach you how to fight a fire inside. The fire chief has the right to do that.

The State has shifted responsibility. To be an inside fire, you have to at least have a Fire One training. I am not putting volunteers down, some of them are the best, Consistency, Competency, Capacity. The third is Capacity. Those three C's should be in every negotiation you do, those should be the things that you do.

Mr. Stinson – one thing is they still won't share what the billing is.

Mr. Ortlieb – last year, we brought in \$731,000 in EMS billing across our district. First with EMS billing. We need to build our 3 C's up. We went to the voters twice for an income tax and it's

failed. Some of our highest users are lift assist. We bill for lift assist now. We just started last year.

The second one, they will say we only took this amount of runs. We are almost like an insurance company. If we did that in the city, and one street didn't have any runs, why should they pay? We can't do that. It's like an insurance policy.

Mr. Stinson – I appreciate what you are saying about insurance, the more you use insurance, the more you pay.

Mr. Ortlieb – look at your insurance. Are you paying more since last year with no claims?

Ms. Napier – are you still doing soft billings?

Mr. Ortlieb – we do not send you to collections after three bills. If you are outside of our district, our billing company will send it to the AG's office for collections.

I will give you an example. We give away fans through Box 13. We have the same people every year. I think that once people learn, they will abuse it. Once you start to scalpel stuff, people will take advantage.

Ms. Napier – lift assists?

Mr. Ortlieb – we bill now, and we have had some pushback, but our calls go down.

Ms. Napier – What you can't see, and you do a lift assist, we could have someone with internal injuries.

Mr. Ortlieb – We can't infringe on someone's right if they want to refuse to go to the hospital. It's the same thing with the community paramedic. We have some people who shouldn't be at home. I get where they are at, because assisted living will take all of your money.

Mr. Ballard – I live in a small subdivision, and there is a huge concern about having service.

Mr. Ortlieb – if someone is having a fire on Edgewood, why wouldn't the city of Urbana go? It's like Salem Township. If I was in the northern end, the people are paying the same amount for us up to 296, as the others are with the volunteer dept. And they are great. West Liberty by far is who we try to use. They really try to focus on getting people out, but it is not the same. The floor is nobody goes to the station. The ceiling is higher.

Mr. Ortlieb – is there anything you want me to take to the administration?

Nicole Doyle – I have two quick questions. If the township signs that contract, are we obligating the funds or just saying we are putting on the ballot.

Ms. Napier – what we usually say if we can't pay for it, it reverts back to the previous contract.

Mr. Ortlieb – I like that language.

Ms. Napier – I think Sandi said we are on a continuing levy.

Mr. Ortlieb – an example, Union and Mechanicsburg were in contract.

Ms. Napier – if you recall, Goshen Township failed. There is no one close. That was kind of shocking to see.

Ms. Doyle – Blair mentioned to give some numbers by community. For communities that were using EMS more often.

Mr. Tullis – I dropped the ball. I have had some personal things going on.

Mr. Harrigan – we will probably have to discuss when to have a town hall and get back to you.

Zoning and Cemetery

Mr. Tullis – see attached.

Ms. Napier – so nursing homes wouldn't be allowed?

Mr. Tullis – no new nursing homes. No new mobile home parks.

Ms. Napier – they (the current mobile home parks) were grandfathered in before zoning.

Mr. Tullis – now that we don't have Vancrest. Now the most popular place for EMS runs is the mobile home parks. That is one of the changes. We are making some changes on whether solar, data centers, and battery storage can come in.

Ms. Napier – they haven't done anything on data centers (the State).

Ms. Napier – the Board of Zoning Appeals is pretty sophisticated. But they are not a judge. I would rather fight that fight at the time.

Mr. Tullis – having those three things not permitted, they would have to come to BZA and ask for a variance.

Ms. Napier – LUC has sent that to Logan, Union, and myself. If you are going to do a conditional use, that is for when you want certain conditions on those things. You don't do a conditional use thinking you can keep them out.

Mr. Tullis – my opinion is you just take them out. They are not going to be allowed to be here. And that keeps the consultants on the internet from this. By taking them out as prohibited, they are going to have to come through as a variance.

Ms. Napier – I think if its prohibited I don't know what kind of variance you can give them.

Mr. Tullis – LUC indicates you can ask for a variance for anything.

Ms. Napier – I would say you don't have authority because they have prohibited a data center. You can't say I want a variance for a data center. That is a conditional use and you are not allowing that.

Mr. Tullis – that is the direction we are headed. The other thing is to increase the method of notifying the public of hearings. ORC has changed, and it is not going to call out a specific way to notify the public.

Ms. Napier – does it call out the Revised Code section?

Mr. Tullis – I would have to take a look at it.

Ms. Napier – there is 3 ways, although one way they haven't come up with yet. There is supposed to be a designated state board to put it on, they haven't come up with that yet, so you either publish.

Mr. Tullis – traditionally we post at the library, we have to go through the newspaper, and we put it on our webpage. So there is no good way to do it.

Ms. Napier – you can charge people for the cost, but it's a significant cost that is also a time waster.

Mr. Tullis – what is going to happen next with the change, is when we meet on the 29th, then if they approve it, I will send it to LUC, and then they will send it to you (Trustees) to approve at a public meeting.

Ms. Napier – regarding the cemetery, you want to enter a contract with the City of Urbana for \$200.00 for excavation and disclaiming any liability on behalf of the city.

Mr. Tullis – the only other thing is we put a footer in, also buried the ashes of Donald and Sharon Woods. I also got a call from Mr. Feathers complaining about having no water out there.

Mr. Stinson – the water is gone for good. We are going to talk about that.

Mr. Tullis – call me because he wasn't happy. Was it the cost?

Mr. Stinson – because there was a leak and it was too cost prohibitive for them to fix it. They took out all of the water at the cemetery. They are making one filling station at the front entrance and Grandview is invited to go across and get water.

Mr. Tullis – I also got a response from Jessica Dunlavy. I asked about the blue van. She has run into a snag. In order to get a new deed for the van they have to open her mom's probate.

Ms. Napier – I think they could probably salvage that and the salvage company can get a title. I will talk to Tim Cassady and ask him. I think they can get someone to come and scrap them. With that, we do have another demolition grant.

Mr. Tullis – she said she has applied through the county to demolish the house.

Ms. Napier – if we can get that round started on the demolition and they are in it.

Deputy – talking about roads, some other townships have had signs come up missing. They have had around 20 in Johnson Township, and there is another scam, an out of state realtor selling your open land.

Ms. Napier – are you going to do that agreement?

Mr. Stinson – Bo Ward who has done work for 30 years is retiring. He did all of our grave excavations. I would like us to consider hiring Bob Jumper with the City, for \$200.00. He would only be excavating. We would do everything else. I would also like to remove any liability for things he can't see.

Ms. Perry – you are hiring Mr. Jumper or the city?

Ms. Napier – we are entering into the agreement with the city, and the city employs Mr. Jumper and he is going to do this at your direction and siting. As long as he digs at your direction, the liability would be on the township. I think the intent is someone will be there and lay it out, and he will do it at the direction of the township.

Mr. Stinson – the biggest concern of mine is that we want Bob to do the digging.

Ms. Perry – did they give you a contract?

Ms. Napier – I am going to have to draft something and send it over.

Mr. Stinson – she wanted us to go ahead and get this part done. I want to move that we hire the city to excavate...go ahead...

Ms. Napier – you are going to contract with the city for excavating at \$200.00 an excavation. You are anticipating it is going to be Bob Jumper, and that the excavation will be at the direction of township officials, and if it is done, then it will be the township's liability and responsibility.

Mr. Koerner seconded the request.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Ms. Napier – I have one more thing. You talked to me about the resident who was upset about the data center thing. The Commissioners have talked with our office about supporting the BZA decision that found that what was filed by Thor Equities was not complete and therefore did not come before their moratorium took effect.

I spoke with the Prosecutor, and showed him the documents, and he said our office doesn't work for an individual. We could on behalf of the trustees, join into whatever we are filing with

the commissioners. We could see what Thor brings to the table. We could do an amicus brief to support that moratorium in opposition of data centers. We are looking at doing whatever we can to enforce the prohibition of the data center.

Mr. Stinson – so that would be something for us to consider once you have that.

Ms. Napier – if you would like to be involved, we would come back and talk to you.

Mr. Stinson – we are going to see about adding another meeting until the election.

Ms. Napier – other townships are putting on a fire levy so there is a lot going on.

Mr. Stinson – the way the Chief explained it to me was six years. The 3 previous and the 3 coming. Actually it is 4 years, because we got an additional year. We are going to make him sell the thing.

Road and Maintenance Report

Mr. Harrigan – roadside spraying is the second round around phone boxes and poles. Road side spraying trees we are on the first round. Cemetery mowing. We are at the third round of mowing at the crop line. Richard started today.

The skid loader has battery issues. Are you ok with getting it serviced?

Mr. Koerner – absolutely; Mr. Stinson – yes.

Mr. Harrigan – I will get with him to get that scheduled.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Stinson – we have to sign the levy form from the last meeting.

Ms. Perry – I have the Resolution that was approved last month and proposed levy language. I reached out to Butler Township in Montgomery County who just put on a fire and EMS levy this Spring. I drafted our Resolution and proposed levy language based on what I received from Butler Township. I forwarded it to Jane, who forwarded it to the Board of Elections. They suggested a couple of changes to the levy language, so I made those changes. I need to take the Resolution, the proposed Levy language, and the Certification from the County Auditor to the Board of Elections. They will forward it to the Secretary of State who will let us know if our language is approved for the ballot.

New Business

Mr. Stinson – I would like to put a Motion to add a second meeting for August, September, and October, for a meeting on the first and third Monday of the month. Mr. Koerner seconded the request. August 3rd and 17th, September 7th and 21st, and October 5th and 19th will be the meetings for the next three months due to the addition of the fire and ems levy. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Harrigan, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes.

Mr. Harrigan – so we will have two meetings a month for the next three months.

Mr. Stinson – we had a letter from Andy Crist wanting us to intervene regarding the data center, so I stopped in and spoke with Jane, and she said we could join in on an amicus brief. Since we do have members of our township that are going to be affected on either side of the data center.

Mr. Koerner moved that the township join with the county commissioners in any amicus brief against data centers. Mr. Stinson seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Harrigan, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes.

Mr. Harrigan – the DAR (Bob Padilla) called me and would like to apply wreaths on all of the military veterans on December 19th. Sponsored by Walter Funeral Homes.

Mr. Stinson – you brought up another thing. As we said to Jane, the city did cut the water off. Matt said he will make a sign. They haven't designated where the filling station is yet, but Matt will make us a sign.

Mr. Stinson moved to distribute checks and bill payments. Mr. Koerner seconded the request. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

The following bills were approved:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Total Amount
	07/20/2026	US Treasury	\$1,458.47
	07/20/2026	City of Urbana	\$87.34
	07/20/2026	BWC	\$102.46
	07/20/2026	Pioneer	\$94.48
	07/20/2026	CT Communication Co.	\$146.62
	07/20/2026	Auditor of State	\$236.20
	07/20/2026	Pioneer	\$1,663.92
21130	07/20/2026	Matt Harrigan	\$910.00
21131	07/20/2026	Roger Koerner	\$802.38
21132	07/20/2026	Richard McCain	\$915.37
21133	07/20/2026	Sandi Perry	\$1,310.00
21134	07/20/2026	Blair Stinson	\$908.87
21135	07/20/2026	Sean Tullis	\$869.67
21136	07/20/2026	OPERS	\$1,947.41
21137	07/20/2026	Unique Paving	\$541.75
21138	07/20/2026	Champaign County Twp Assn	\$555.00
21139	07/20/2026	Cintas	\$285.44

21140	07/20/2026	Roberts Refuse	\$73.00
21141	07/20/2026	Blair Stinson	\$982.39
21142	07/20/2026	Matt Harrigan	\$425.00
21143	07/20/2026	Roger Koerner	\$425.00
21144	07/20/2026	Sandi Perry	\$251.59
21145	07/20/2026	Sean Tullis	\$25.00
21146	07/20/2026	Richard McCain	\$25.00
21147	07/20/2026	Heritage Cooperative	\$1,804.42
Total			\$16,846.78

Announcements

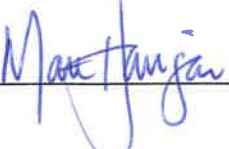
Mr. Harrigan – the next three months we will have two meetings a month, so next month's meeting is August 3rd at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comments

Buddy Ballard – 2005 Oakview Drive. Tell me what you need from me. I actually strangely enough had a meeting with Bob Jumper. It looks like that setup for the new filling station is in front of the old house. It looks like he is going to set up a stand. I think that is where it is going to be.

Back by Wooddale there is a couple of them that leak constantly. Been going on for years.

Being no further business, Mr. Koerner moved, seconded by Mr. Stinson to end the meeting. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.



Matt Harrigan, President



Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer



Division of Fire

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Fire Division 2nd Quarter 2026 Highlights

News

- The division completed hands-on rescue and hose movement training at the training center.
- The division participated in Safety Town.
- The division participated in the Honor Field at Mercy Hospital.
- Firefighters Wagner and Sidders completed State of Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Instructor certification.
- Chief Ortlieb gave a Gratitude talk at the Urbana Elementary School.
- Probationary Firefighter Newman completed his requirements to count as manpower.
- The division created three community paramedic referrals.
- The division installed three car seats and seat inspections.
- The division issued 35 CPR cards issued.

Administrative

2026 2 nd Quarter Inspections by Inspection Type	
	Amount
Building	163
Complaint	22
Day Care	0
Fire Alarm	44
Fire Protection	52
Food Truck/Festival	0
General	31
New Business	1
Occupancy	31
Plan Review	10
Pre & After School Programs	0
Re-inspection	319
Total	673

Operations

2026 2 nd Quarter Incidents				
Incident Type	Amount	Quarter Daily Average	2026 Daily Average Year to Date	2025 Daily Average
EMS	676	7.43	7.17	6.92
Fire	64	.70	.74	.70
Rescue	98	1.08	1.08	.83
Totals	838	9.21	9.00	8.45
Multiple incidents in progress	163	1.79	1.77	1.63
Transports	506	5.56	5.49	5.18
Mutual aid received	26	.29	.25	.28
Mutual aid given	13	.14	.18	.20

*Urbana Township Trustees
2564 State Route 54
Urbana, Ohio 43078
(937)484-4148*

Notice of Public Meeting

Date: 7-17-26

To whom it may concern, the Urbana TWP Zoning Commission, Champaign County, OH, will be having a public meeting to discuss making changes to our Zoning Resolution. **The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 7-29-26 at the township house located at 2564 St. Rt. 54.**

The proposed amendments, initiated by Resolution of the Township Trustees, will add definitions for Data Centers and Energy Storage Systems. In addition, several definitions will be modified, to include Dwellings, Mobile Home Parks, Solar Energy and others. Finally, it will add additional notification methods to announce public meetings. It will also eliminate new Mobile Home Parks, Nursing Homes, Data Centers and Energy Storage Systems as conditional or permitted uses in Urbana Township.

The text of the proposed amendment will be available for examination at the **Champaign County Library, 1060 Scioto Street, Urbana, OH 43078 or on the Urbana TWP website.** The library is open **Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday.**

After the conclusion of the public meeting, the matter will be submitted to LUC Regional Planning Commission for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean



Sean Tullis

Urbana TWP Zoning

937-484-4148

7-20-26 Zoning

1. 6-23-26 David Runyan 1.720 AC lot split on lot #6 at South Ducan Rd and St Rt 29.
2. 7-29-26 The Zoning Commission and I are going to redo our last meeting. I did not understand that there 2 different meetings, a public meeting and a public hearing. A public meeting requires 1-10 days of public notification before the meeting. The public hearing requires at least 10 days public notification. Sorry. At our last meeting, I provided you copies of the LUC suggested verbiage for changes to our zoning resolution.
 - These changes will remove nursing homes from a conditional use in U-1 zones and Mobile Home Parks from conditional uses in R-3 and U-1 zones.
 - Will make it more difficult for solar, data centers, and electric energy battery storage facilities from being built within Urbana TWP.
 - Will increase the methods we can use to notify the public for public hearings by not specifying a specific method. They have tied the notification method to whatever is approved by ORC 519.15 at the time a meeting is needed.
 - If you agree with them, I will take them to the Zoning Committee. They will meet and if approved, they will send them back to you. You will have a meeting start the process to incorporate the changes to our zoning resolution.

7-20-26 Cemetery

1. 6-24-26 Footer for Steven Bates P#194 G# 1 was installed. The footer dimensions are 38"x16"x32". Blair and I dug it and then rented a cement mixer from Grand Rental. It went well this time.
2. 7-8-26 Donald and Sharon Woods urn burial in P# 70 G# 1. It was a double urn so both sets of remains are enclosed.

Urbana Fire/EMS District

Service Agreement with Urbana Township

This agreement to authorize Fire/EMS service to Urbana Township ("Township") is made as of this _____, by and between the City of Urbana, an Ohio municipal corporation with its principal office at 205 South Main Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078 ("City") and the Urbana Township Trustees; 2564 State Route 54; Urbana, Ohio 43078 ("Trustees").

WHEREAS, the City maintains a well-equipped full-time staffed fire division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana Fire Division (UFD) has been providing Fire and EMS service to Urbana Township, with the most recent agreement expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township Trustees desire to continue utilizing the UFD to provide Fire/EMS services beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Township Trustees negotiated with the City an agreement with a more direct relationship between the Service Agreement Fee, UFD vehicles, personnel, and EMS and Fire services as it relates to the citizens and property of the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations set forth herein, the adequacy of which is acknowledged by all Parties, the City, and Township Trustees hereby agree as follows:

1. Service Area: All of Urbana Township
2. Term: This is a three (3) year Agreement commencing January 1, 2027 and ending on December 31, 2029. This Agreement may be extended for one (1) additional year with written mutual agreement of both parties, by April 30, 2029.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party with a ninety (90) day written notice to the other. Notice of intent to terminate by Township shall be sent to Spencer Mitchell, 205 South Main Street, P.O. Box 747, Urbana, Ohio 43078. Notice of intent to terminate by City shall be sent to Sandi Perry, Urbana Township Fiscal Officer, 2564 State Route 54, Urbana, Ohio 43078.

3. Services Provided: For this service agreement, the UFD will provide Fire and EMS services to the Township to the same level of service provided to the City.
4. Service Agreement Fee: There is a Service Agreement Fee which is paid to the City for providing the services of UFD to the Township.

The Service Agreement Fee is paid using quarterly installments due on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 15 of each calendar year.

9. Terms Subject to Passage of New Levy: All terms of this contract are in effect provided that the new levy for Fire and EMS services passes in Urbana Township (exclusive of the City of Urbana) in the November 2026 General Election. If the levy does not pass, the contract fee amount will revert to the annual amount received from the current 4 mill levy in place.

Signature Page

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2026

City of Urbana, Ohio:

Spencer Mitchell
Director of Administration

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2026

Urbana Township Trustees
Champaign County, Ohio

ATTEST:

BY: _____

Urbana Township Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:

Mark Feinstein; Director of Law

June 29, 2026

Dear Urbana Township Trustees,

My name is Andy Crist, I own property at 111 and 35 Campground Rd respectively. A lifelong resident of Urbana township, I was born and raised on this property. It's where my wife Megan and I have chosen to build our lives and raise our family. My daughter is the fourth generation here and will be attending 3rd grade around the corner this fall.

I'm reaching out to request interventive representation against the deceptive and predatory actions of the developer seeking to build on the land adjacent to ours. We received written notification on the petition for annexation and the ZBA meeting due to our proximity with the land, yet we have no representation or any method of recourse. It is without question that our property will be impacted and a developer that lacks transparency and regulation could have significant consequences. Please help me protect our home, its resources, our health, and the well-being of my family.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, your time is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew D Crist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Crist".

Andrew D Crist

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
HILLCLIMBER SOLAR, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR A
SOLAR FACILITY IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY,
OHIO.

CASE NO. 25-904-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 24, 2026

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Ohio Power Siting Board grants the request by Hillclimber Solar, LLC to withdraw its application to construct, operate, and maintain a solar-powered electric generating facility.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Hillclimber Solar, LLC (Hillclimber or Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 and 4906-4.

{¶ 4} On September 24, 2025, Hillclimber filed a pre-application notification letter with the Board regarding its proposed project.

{¶ 5} On February 9, 2026, Hillclimber filed its application (Application) with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct the Facility.

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each interested person and party of record.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Jack Christopher, Designee for Lydia Mihalik, Director
Ohio Department of Development

Damian Sikora, Designee for Mary Mertz, Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

W. Gene Phillips, Designee for Bruce T. Vanderhoff, M.D., Director
Ohio Department of Health

Sam Smith, Designee for John Logue, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Kelly McCloud, Designee for Brian Baldridge, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture

Paul Myers
Public Member

Matt Harrigan, Ad Hoc Member, representing the and Urbana Township Trustees

Julie Johnson, Ad Hoc Member, representing the Champaign County Board of Commissioners

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