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## Harvesting A Revolution

*David Larson*

The early 20th Century was transformative. So much of that which was seen as old began to disappear as if to make space for so much that was new and yet to come. The Industrial Revolution began with the steam engine, and boosted the Agricultural Revolution that was already in progress. The world changed at the turn of the last century from an ancient world of minor, slow changes dating back to the beginning of recorded history to the present explosion of invention and discovery.

Today, a century later, we are changing because of the computer and the Internet. Soon, auto assembly plants will be so automated that only a very small percent of the former labor force will be necessary. To paraphrase Jensen Huang CEO of Nvidia, “the AI factory or data center will drive manufacturing and research.” The fear of this future is not unlike the fear in rural 1840’s farming communities in England’s fear of machines doing field work, which is where we get the not complimentary term “Luddite.”

The men pictured above probably did not see the era they were living through in 1901 as “transformative.” They probably saw the age, if they even thought about the age, as “hard times,” but some would later remember those days as the days of “heaven,” and much better than the present.

The men were more interested in knowing if the rain would hold off until the threshing was done than to worry about a transformative age. They were also more interested in how much grain would be reaped by the threshing crew harvesting the fields. They also might have been more interested in what would be served that night for supper, would they eat the leftover beef roast from the grand, noon dinner of a threshing bee or would the wife prepare a surprise—like some of that salt pork that had hung since last winter, or maybe boil up a sausage the men would have loved to eat?

One sidelong glance at the men in the photograph disclosed they were hard men. They began at dawn on one farm and foraged across the ground like so many dozens of hungry cicadas cutting, shocking and threshing everything in sight. They moved on to another farm as the shockers cut grain and wagons got fat with shocks soon to be delivered to the thresher. Monster steam-powered tractors ran the threshers with a wide, woven belt that rolled continuously. Straw



*A Threshing Bee -- separating the wheat grain from the stem.*



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and chaff shook out one end of the machine while grain--clean grain, collected at another end. Wagons gathered the grain as the straw and chaff fluttered into conical piles like those seen behind the man with the boy and girl on the left. The crew worked long hours, starting after the farmers had finished the morning milking before sun-up and did not end until someone said it was time to stop.

They believed they were working in a small part of heaven when the early morning wind kicked up and the collected clouds brought an early morning rain. The blessed showers cleaned

the air and their clothes. They felt fresh for the brief moment in the early morning before the long day began. Sweat would bathe their tired bodies by afternoon.

These were tough people that harvested the grain off the flat land a century ago. They worked long hours for small and large gains. Their labor and their exertion was appreciated more than their profits because they worked outside and felt a heavenly exhilaration they could not feel in the stifling forges and the suffocating slaughterhouses of the industrial economy.

# Hard Rock Casino Accident

On Sunday May 3, 2026, at approximately 4:33 a.m., Boone County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that had fled from Winnebago County Sheriff's deputies after the driver had previously been removed from the Hard Rock Casino in Rockford, IL. The vehicle

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was reported to be traveling eastbound on Business 20 toward Belvidere, and the driver was believed to be impaired. The vehicle was described as a blue or green Honda with a red bumper.

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The crash remains under investigation by the Boone County Sheriff's Office Reconstruction team with assistance from the Boone County Coroner.

The Boone County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone having information this crash, or any other crime or narcotic trafficking, to call the Boone County Sheriff's Office at 815-544-2144 or Crime Stoppers at 815-547-7867.

# Thoughts on Memorial Day

Bob Evans *Rockford University*

Today is Memorial Day, an almost unique holiday for us. We do not celebrate this day with joy, as we do for so many other holidays. Instead, we quietly and solemnly honor fallen soldiers with a wistful sadness in our hearts. Some of that sadness stems from the sobering fact that so many of us know, or knew, some of those that we honor.

We honor those brave men and women who heroically gave what Lincoln termed "the last full measure of devotion". We honor those who selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice for their country- or rather, for us. Given what they did, mere words of gratitude seem inadequate.

We honor those who died while giving birth to our nation. We honor those who preserved the Union, and ended what Lincoln labeled "the scourge of slavery." Included as honorees are the black soldiers who were fighting to gain a freedom most other people just took for granted.

We honor those who fell in two world wars, wars fought for at least partially altruistic reasons. Among those we honor are the Japanese Americans who in World War II formed one of the most decorated combat units in the Army, while many of their family members languished in detention camps here at home.

We honor those who fell in Korea and Vietnam, while most of us simply went about our daily business as usual. We honor those who today still fight the long, lonely war against terrorism.

What is a common theme unifying all these many courageous acts of sacrifice? In an old Korean War novel an admiral, witnessing extraordinary acts of heroism, wonders, "Where do we find such men?" Today, equally awestruck, we ask, "Where do we find such men and women?"

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# Lawmakers Eye Water Use Transparency Requirements for Data Centers

Knowing how much water data centers use would help communities

Nikoel Hytrek Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers emphasized the need for transparency about how much water data centers use to cool their facilities at the final of three data center-focused hearings in the House Executive Committee.

Undisclosed water use is one of the most common complaints about data centers, particularly for the large, hyperscale facilities that support artificial intelligence that are proliferating across Illinois.

“We talk a lot about energy, and people express concerns about, ‘Are we utilizing energy? Are we going to have enough resources there?’ We have a plan,” said Democratic Rep. Ann Williams of Chicago, who chaired the committee on Wednesday. “I think that same process needs to happen with water and how much of it already exists versus what we need to put in place with the influx of users.”

The amount of water a data center uses can vary widely and depends on factors like its size, outside temperatures and how it cools its servers, but one facility can use as much as a small city in a day.

Helena Volzer, senior source water policy manager for the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and Andrew Rehn, the climate policy director of the Prairie Rivers Network touted the POWER Act, a regulation bill currently under consideration in the General Assembly, as the best mechanism to manage water use by data centers.

Volzer said one of the major benefits of the POWER Act is that it begins to address what she described as haphazard water management planning in Illinois.

“There’s really not much in the way of water use reporting or evaluating whether or not the watershed can handle a proposed water use before that water use occurs,” she said of current state regulations.

Climate change, Volzer added, is threatening water sources with hotter, drier summers and more droughts.

“The connection between groundwater and surface water means that surface water resources can become stressed if groundwater becomes

depleted,” she said. “With simultaneously competing demand for water from agriculture, industry, data centers and residential use, communities in Illinois are facing complex tradeoffs in managing primary water supplies.”

The POWER Act requires data centers to produce plans for water use, scarcity and sustainability. It also requires data centers to use the most water efficient cooling method — using closed loop cooling as a baseline for efficiency — and to report that usage four times a year to the Illinois Power Agency and to a publicly accessible website.

The POWER Act also requires data centers to submit their plans for review from the Illinois Water Survey, a nongovernment group that monitors water supplies across the state.

Rehn said the frameworks in the POWER Act will give residents more clarity on how much water data centers use and assuage fears if that amount is lower than they expected.

“We are asking for a plan that’s just a document that says, ‘here’s what we’re going to do,’” he said. “I personally think transparency will shed daylight and let folks be more comfortable if the water usage is indeed that low. That seems like an easy thing to do.”

## Pushback

Brad Tietz, the Midwest policy director for the Data Center Coalition, pushed back on the planning requirements, arguing that data center developers already work closely with utilities and municipalities to make plans and ensure the facilities will have the cooling resources they need.

The data center industry opposes the POWER Act on the grounds that it singles out one industry when there are others that use a lot of water and aren’t under the same scrutiny.

Compared to agriculture, some manufacturing and golf courses, he said, data centers are much more water efficient.

Tietz also said data center cooling methods are constantly evolving, and innovations include building near water treatment plants or using cooling methods that involve non-potable water, recycled water or air.

He said those methods are possible in Illinois, especially

given its cooler temperatures, which could allow data centers to use air cooling outside of summer months. He acknowledged that some of those methods require more energy, and the choice depends on the hardware in the facility.

“Cooling data centers involves inherent tradeoffs,” Tietz said. “Air cooling tends towards higher energy use, while liquid and evaporative methods typically require more water. Selecting a cooling technology therefore becomes a matter of balancing energy consumption and water usage.”

Lawmakers said those developments don’t change the need for transparency about how data centers operate in communities.

Rep. Theresa Mah, D- Chicago, said she didn’t understand why the industry objected to making project plans public.

“I live in a community where there’s a data center nearby and it’s been important for my constituents and myself to know what’s happening there and to have that transparency,” she said. “It seems like it just makes sense for everywhere else in the state as well.”

Williams said managing water needs in Illinois requires information about large water users to be available for everyone and data centers are a good place to start.

“I know every data center company is different, but what’s the objection to providing that upfront transparency?” Williams asked. “This is a new large user. I get what you’re saying. There are other users out there, certainly that there have been for some time, but with this influx of new users, it seems like planning would be helpful.”

Democrats in the Senate have held hearings about statewide groundwater management and are considering how to approach the issue.

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# How Do Data Centers Benefit the Places Where They're Built? Local Mayors Give Mixed Reviews

*From taxes and community investment to water and energy depletion, data centers are a polarizing force*

Nikoel Hytrek Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois General Assembly continues to debate what to do about data centers as the artificial intelligence business keeps booming, and communities complain about their energy bills, noise and environmental impacts.

Data centers are warehouse-like buildings that house computer servers and other infrastructure that power the internet, cloud storage and more, but massive data centers are necessary to power AI and other high-level computing.

Developers of the facilities tout property tax revenue, economic development and job creation as reasons for local governments to approve projects that could require as much energy as the city itself — or more.

Opinions on these economic benefits differ. Some Illinois mayors say data centers have worked miracles in their towns while others question whether the benefits overcome the downsides — and whether the benefits are as good as advertised.

### Property tax benefits

Property tax revenue from data centers can be significant, but many say the massive centers aren't worth the millions of gallons of water they consume or the stress they put on an already struggling electric grid. The ComEd territory in northern Illinois, for example, has enough large-load energy projects in its queue to more than double the amount of energy demand in the territory by 2040.

"If all the projects in our pipeline come to be and they all reach their maximum, requested demand will more than double our system peak it took us 120 years to achieve, roughly by 2040," Max Leichtman, the director of economic and workforce development at ComEd, told a committee earlier this year.

The recently approved CyrusOne data center in Sangamon County is projected to bring \$500 million in capital investments to the county. Marc Ayers, a former Sangamon County Board member, said it's estimated to generate \$5 million to \$6 million in property taxes annually, with around \$98 million in tax revenue over the next 20 years.

A memo from the director of community development in Joliet projected the Joliet Technology Center, a planned 795-acre data center project that was approved in March, would generate approximately \$310 million in property taxes over 30 years, plus \$40 million in utility taxes, "in addition to standard industrial water and sewer rate revenues."

DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes said the Meta data center that has been operational since 2023 has contributed significantly to the city with community investments and around \$250,000-300,000 in utility taxes.

The city has one Meta hyperscale data center, constructed in 2020, and it recently passed a proposal for the development of a second.

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“When Meta first came to our community, they specifically said they wanted to make a significant impact in everything, and that’s just what they did,” Barnes said. “But then, from property taxes, that’s where the magic happens.”

From 2021-24, according to property tax records, Goldframe LLC, a Meta subsidiary, paid a total of \$48.5 million for the three sites. That money, Barnes said, goes back to city services and public schools.

“Meta, right now, is our largest economic impact in our small community in the city of DeKalb,” Barnes said.

Across three properties, 60.9% of Meta’s property taxes are paid to School District 428 in DeKalb, according to records. Barnes said that revenue allowed the district to build a new school, Mitchell Elementary, which opened in 2025.

The company has also invested millions in grants for the city’s nonprofit community and partnered with Northern Illinois University to improve STEM education for local high schoolers.

Barnes said the city didn’t require Meta to sign any agreements for those investments ahead of time, but making these investments is in their interests.

“They know that wherever they go, if they build a data center that is not friendly to the community, and if they operate on an annualized basis — not in a partnership way — that could impact them from being able to build the next data center,” he said.

The data center was billed \$31.1 million for property taxes from 2025.

### Other benefits

Brad Tietz, the Midwest policy director for the Data Center Coalition, told a House committee in April that data centers are crucial to the modern economy, especially as it becomes more dependent on computing.

“The data center industry is the 21st century infrastructure. Just like roads and bridges supported the industrial economy, data centers underpin today’s digital economy,” he said.

New data centers are being constructed and coming online all the time. One estimate suggests data center capacity will double by 2030 and the growth is driven largely by investments in AI.

Data centers can have big footprints in the places where they’re constructed — lawmakers earlier this session held hours of hearings on their impacts on water, energy use and the environment.

John Laesch, the mayor of Aurora, said the five operational data centers in his community have provided generous tax payments, but those benefits don’t outweigh the downsides data centers can bring to communities.

The data centers provide approximately \$1.6 million in property and utility taxes every year, he told a House committee in April. But Aurora residents have complained about constant, low-level noise from data centers that came online in 2025, and raised other concerns.

“But during our public hearings, we heard residents ask, is that \$1.6 million worth the noise pollution and the strain on our power grid and potential long-term risk to our climate?” Laesch said.

Tietz emphasized benefits beyond property taxes.

A 2023 study commissioned by the Data Center Coalition showed that from 2022 to 2023, the industry added 115,130 jobs across Illinois and contributed more than \$19 million to the state’s GDP.

Illinois has provided tax incentives for data centers since Pritzker signed bipartisan legislation in 2019. According to the state’s 2024 report, at least 27 data centers have received incentives totaling \$983 million in estimated lifetime tax breaks and benefits.

“Beyond the taxes, data centers invest directly in communities in which they are located through community benefit funds and other mechanisms,” Tietz said.

Community benefit agreements are common for large developments. In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, two data center developers are required to invest in the city’s Community Betterment Fund, though the city council decides how the money will be used.

Other agreements require things like investments in education and infrastructure.

When it comes to job growth, the picture is more mixed. Most of the job growth from data centers comes during the facilities’ construction.

Barnes said the data center in DeKalb employed more than a thousand union construction workers over the five years it took to build. Now, he said there are hundreds of permanent jobs working on tech, electricity and maintaining the HVAC systems.

### Regulations and ordinances

In March, Aurora enacted ordinances that would require data center developers to conduct

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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**Plaintiff,**  
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**David P. Vander Vennet; et. al. Defendants.**

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Boone County, Illinois Probate Division**

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May 13, 2026

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 P.M. on the 16th day of June 2026 at the North Boone CUSD 200, District Office located at 6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Final budget adoption is anticipated on the 16th day of June 2026 at the regular Board of Education meeting.

Dated this 12th day of May 2026, Board of Education of North Boone CUSD 200 in the County of Boone, State of Illinois  
Russell O'Donnell, Secretary to the Board of Education  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

601 North Main Street

Belvidere, IL 61008

on or before June 18, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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# ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4279 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a TRASH OUT SERVICE business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of TRASH-OUT KINGS that its location is or will be 514 W. MENOMONIE ST. in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 779-208-5200

COREY ANDREW HATFIELD 514 W. MENOMONIE ST

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: April 27, 2026

Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County

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No. DBA4282 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a SHOP AUTO MECHANIC business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of NORTHSIDE REPAIR LLC that its location is or will be 6442 LOGAN AVE UNIT C in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 779-537-9222

NICOLAS HUMBERTO REYES SANCHEZ SR.

536 BIESTER DR APT 1 BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

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No. DBA4283 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of GREENSTONE that its location is or will be 2902 HILLCREST RD in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-520-6952

ASUNCION ZEPEDA

2902 HILLCREST RD BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: May 8, 2026

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Phone Number: 847-774-4381

DAWN MC CLOUD BLOCK.

1465 IPSEN RD

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: April 28, 2026

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Phone Number: 779-384-9308

SOSIMA GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ I

4536 ERICKSON DRIVE ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61108

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4536 ERICKSON DRIVE ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61108

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No. DBA4281 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SPIDER LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE that its location is or will be 109 EAST 6TH STREET in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-540-1107

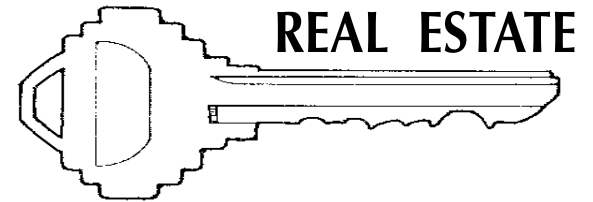
ELOINA FERRAL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**TH MSR Holdings LLC**

**Plaintiff,**

**-v.-2025FC73**

**David P. Vander Vennet; et. al. Defendants.**

**11133 US HIGHWAY 20, GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL 61038**

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/17/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 6/1/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on June 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 11133 US HIGHWAY 20, GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL 61038

Property Index No. 06-36-107-001

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$157,700.13 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 11133 US HIGHWAY 20 into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-06107. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-06107 Case Number: 2025FC73 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## Data Centers

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and submit studies dealing with noise, water consumption and energy needs. The ordinances also require future data centers to meet standards for noise, vibrations, water use and energy use. They will also need to get power from renewable energy sources.

“We also realized that while Aurora did our best to address these concerns locally, we need to be acting regionally as a state,” Laesch said, encouraging state lawmakers to pass regulations like those found in the POWER Act, a major bill currently being debated in the General Assembly.

The bill would require data centers to pay for their own energy and the infrastructure to generate it, mandate transparency from data centers about their water use and obtain permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for how data centers handle wastewater and meet efficiency standards. It would also require community benefits agreements that promote transparent engagement with the public.

Despite three hearings in the House and one in the Senate, it’s unclear whether the bill will pass this spring or if there’s more work to be done.

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## Illinois’ Budget Picture Tightens In Final Stretch Amid Economic Uncertainty

**Deputy governor warns state has limited ability to increase spending**

**Ben Szalinski Capitol News Illinois**

Growing pessimism over the direction of the global economy is leading budget analysts for the governor’s office and Illinois’ legislature to temper revenue expectations less than three weeks before lawmakers are set to finalize a new budget.

Both the governor’s budget office and the General Assembly’s Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability revised revenue projections for the current year and fiscal year 2027 down by less than 1%. While the change is small and generally keeps budget talks on track, it’s a sign that confidence in the economy is waning.

Deputy Gov. Andy Manar, who leads budgeting for Gov. JB Pritzker, said in a statement “the revised revenue estimates show that the overall fiscal picture in Illinois has substantially remained the same since February, heading into the final weeks of this legislative session.”

But he said it also “underscores the state’s need to remain focused on fiscal discipline as the entire country is forced to continue to grap-

ple with economic and geopolitical uncertainty that the Trump Administration is creating.”

The forecasters revised estimates downward after S&P Global’s April economic forecast came in less optimistic than the January report that was used to craft Pritzker’s budget. GDP is now expected to grow 2.1% in 2026 compared to 2.3% that was forecast in January.

Citing the ongoing war in Iran, S&P increased the likelihood of its downside scenario, which would include higher energy prices and declining consumer demand.

It all leaves Manar with a warning for lawmakers, including many Democrats who have sought spending increases.

“The latest estimates shows that our ability to increase spending beyond the Governor’s introduced levels is limited,” he said.

### Estimate reductions

Pritzker’s budget office decreased its FY27 revenue projection by \$173 million to \$55.9 billion. The change leaves projected revenue \$149 million short of the spending Pritzker proposed — provided lawmakers approve the measures Pritzker proposed in February to bring \$728 million in new revenue. That includes a tax on social media companies based on how many users they have in Illinois. The other funds would come from adjustments to caps on operating loss deductions and table and electronic gambling games.

The reduction is a small amount in the context of the massive state budget but underscores how little flexibility lawmakers have in crafting a budget to take effect July 1.

COGFA revised its FY27 projection down by \$190 million to \$55.3 billion. That doesn’t include Pritzker’s proposed revenues, meaning COGFA’s estimate is actually about \$180 million more optimistic than the governor’s office.

COGFA notes that sales tax collections have slowed in recent months in the state, causing them to lower expectations by \$67 million for the upcoming year. A state law passed last year to plug holes in public transit agencies’ budgets also requires that the state appropriate more sales tax revenue from motor fuel sales to public transportation, reducing the total amount of sales tax revenue available for General Fund spending.

“I’m hearing from the retail industry, in fact just in the past quarter, sales are down — prices remain high, but actual volumes are down,” Sen. Mark Walker, D-Arlington Heights, said. “I looked at everyone’s forecast for next year’s sales tax — I still think they’re optimistic and so I would be concerned.”

Year-over-year inflation rose to 3.8% in April, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, which is the highest rate in three years. COGFA Revenue Manager Eric Noggle acknowledged there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding sales tax revenue as prices rise and consumers adapt.

“As prices rise, as inflation goes up, you’re going to bring in more sales tax revenue,” he said. “But if there’s fewer products being purchased, that’s going to start to offset.”

COGFA is monitoring changes to employment levels that could impact how much the state receives from personal income taxes. Unemployment has been on the rise in Illinois, hitting 5.1% in March, according to the Department of Employment Security. S&P’s April forecast expects unemployment will peak in early 2027, rather than in early 2026 as was expected when Pritzker introduced his budget.

“It’s not what you really want to see when you’re thinking about personal income tax growth,” Noggle said. “The saving grace that we’ve seen though is wages have been up.”

Amnesty tax revenue the state used to balance the FY26 budget is also not expected to continue in FY27, Department of Revenue Director David Harris told a Senate committee on Wednesday. He said that brought in about \$250 million to the general revenue fund this year.

Lower expectations for transfers to the General Fund caused the largest decrease in COGFA’s expectations for the upcoming budget, in large part because the state expects to pay more in income tax refunds. Federal funding is also projected to decrease.

But with interest rates no longer expected to decrease soon, COGFA expects other revenue sources will collectively perform \$133 million better than previously expected thanks to more revenue from interest. Sen. Rachel Ventura, D-Joliet, also met the news cautiously.

“Since it’s our job to have a sustainable budget moving forward, when I see a bunch of shifting, weakening numbers, and only one holding up the fort, I don’t like to put all my eggs in one basket,” Ventura said.

The impact of high gas prices remains a wild card.

“There’s a lot of uncertainty and we can’t pretend otherwise; we’re just going to have to take it day by day,” Department of Revenue Chief Economist Rubina Hafeez said.

### Alignment on current year expectations

Revenue has outperformed expectations in the current fiscal year. The budget lawmakers approved last year was expected to bring in \$55.1 billion in new revenue, but the governor’s office now estimates that will land at \$55.7 billion with COGFA even more bullish at \$55.9 billion.

Most of that has been driven by better-than-expected personal income tax revenue, which is up 4.2% through April so far in FY26.

But even though sales tax receipts have been up 4% so far this year, COGFA sees signs of that slowing. The source has increased by only 2.1% since January and the commission now expects the state will receive \$64 million less than expected in its March forecast. The governor’s office made a similar revision.

Lawmakers are expected to pass a budget on May 31.

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4-10PM

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**JUNE 13**  
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**SEP 12**  
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GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE

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7-10PM

**ELECTRIC BREW COUNTRY**

**SEP 26**  
7-10PM

**UNCLE SEXY AND THE NEPHEWS**

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