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## Three of the Men Who Made Belvidere

*David Larson*

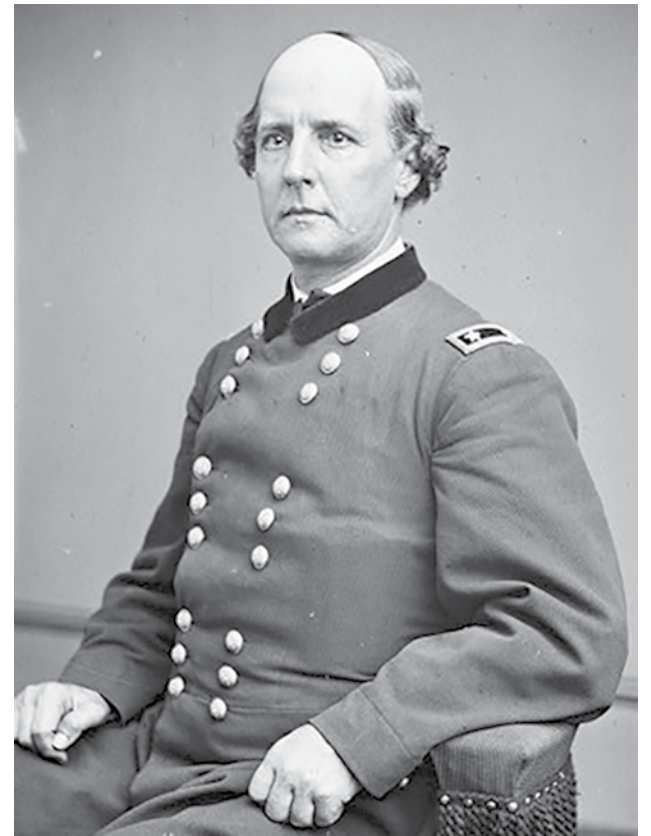
A community generally does not develop solely from the settlement of one person or one family at a site. A community emerges when several settle around a stream or river and stay because of fertile soil. When others follow, the collection can coalesce into a village, town, or city. That is the history of Belvidere, which today is called home by more than 25,000 people.

By the 1830s, European settlers came to and stayed in this area where the Kishwaukee River made a majestic turn to the southwest before proceeding west. Samuel P. Doty and a Mr. Whitney settled here where the Kishwaukee River does make those turns. These men arrived here about 1835 and their arrival preceded that of Charles E. Kelsey, Stephen A. Hurlbut, and Allen C. Fuller who are pictured here. All three arrived in the late 1840s or early 1850s.

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*Charles E. Kelsey*



*Stephen A. Hurlbut*

## Illinois House Approves Megaprojects Bill, But The Bears Want Changes

*The measure passed after three years on the backburner, but Senate passage uncertain*

*Brenden Moore, Ben Szalinski & Jerry Nowicki  
Capitol News Illinois*

After more than three years on the legislative backburner, the Illinois House on Wednesday approved a major economic development bill that would clear the path for the Chicago Bears to build a new domed stadium in Arlington Heights.

The measure, which passed 78-32, is ostensibly a step toward keeping “the pride and joy of Illinois” from bolting for Indiana, where Hoosier lawmakers have tried to lure the NFL’s founding franchise with the promise of more than \$1 billion in public subsidies to build a football palace just across the state line in Hammond.

But as floor debate on the bill kicked off after hours of closed-door meetings at about 7 p.m. Wednesday, House Republican Floor Leader Patrick Windhorst, of Metropolis, asked the question on everyone’s mind.

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## Federal Agency Casts Further Uncertainty On Illinois’ Credit Card ‘Swipe Fee’ Law

*Measure slated for a May appellate court hearing prior to July 1 effective date*

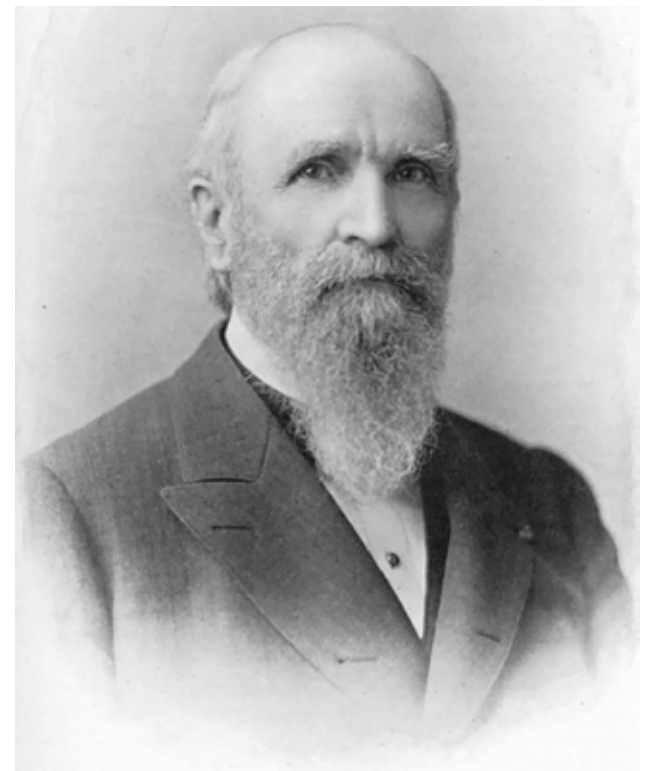
*Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois*

A federal agency says Illinois can’t limit credit card swipe fees for federally chartered banks, even though a federal judge earlier this year ruled that it could.

Two interim filings posted last week by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, an independent subsection of the U.S. Treasury Department, represent the latest twist in a two-year legislative fight between banks and retailers.

One of the filings specifically preempts the state’s first-of-its-kind Interchange Fee Prohibition Act, throwing the policy into further uncertainty by creating a second legal front and added pressure on state lawmakers amid an ongoing appellate court case.

Interchange or “swipe fees” are automatically applied to debit and credit card transactions, redirecting about 1-2% or more of a transaction’s cost from the merchant to the banks, credit unions and card companies. The fees include both a set amount and a percentage of the transaction, but the credit card com-



*Allen C. Fuller*

panies, namely Visa and Mastercard, control how they’re calculated.

Illinois lawmakers passed the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act as part of the state budget in May 2024 to prohibit financial institutions from charging such fees on the tax and tip portion of credit and debit card transactions.

At stake is more than \$100 million annually between retailers and banks, as exempting tax and tips

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# House Approves Redistricting Amendment

*Fearing Federal Voting Rights Act Will Be Eliminated. Unclear if the House will take up millionaires tax amendment*


**Ben Szalinski & Brenden Moore**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

Illinois voters could be asked to amend the state's redistricting law this fall after the House approved a constitutional amendment fearing federal protections for minority representation will be struck down.

The House voted 74-38 along party lines to pass an amendment that creates a priority list of rules state lawmakers would have to consider when drawing legislative maps that is aimed at ensuring minority representation in the legislature.



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The Senate has until May 3 to vote to put the measure on the ballot in November. Constitutional amendments do not need the governor's signature.

The amendment would establish a priority list stating what factors lawmakers should consider in the redistricting process. It states they should draw districts "to be substantially equal in population; to ensure that no citizen is denied an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of his or her choice on account of race; to create, where practical, racial coalition or influence Districts; to be contiguous; and to the extent practicable, to be compact."

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said he proposed the amendment in response to fears that the U.S. Supreme Court will strike down the provision of the federal Voting Rights Act that bans splitting large minority groups into many districts to dilute their voting power.

"It is undeniable that the U.S. Supreme Court is poised to dismantle these protections, and when it does, some states will quickly undertake new gerrymandering schemes aimed at stripping away Black and Latino and other minority representation," Welch said.

Welch's proposal nearly directly incorporates language in the federal law that prohibits denying political participation based on race.

### Legislative debate

Rep. Theresa Mah, D-Chicago, the first Asian American lawmaker in state history, said she was first elected in part because of the state's conscious effort to draw a district that consolidated Chicago's Asian population into one district.

"Prior to our redistricting efforts in 2011, the greater Chinatown community in my district was fragmented into four state House districts, three state Senate districts, three congressional districts and five city wards," Mah said. "Until then, an entire community's power was nearly nonexistent and its voice unheard."

Republicans argued the amendment is in response to a lawsuit they filed last year. They sought to overturn the state's legislative maps by alleging dozens of districts failed to meet a decades-old Illinois Supreme Court precedent that defined an appropriately compact map. The Illinois Supreme Court ultimately tossed it because it was filed too late.

"There is no need to change this constitution, other than to promote further gerrymandering of the maps to where it's the elected officials picking who their voters are, and not the voters selecting their elected officials," Rep. Dan Ugaste, R-Geneva, said.

Republicans argued Democrats are using the amendment to increase their majority in the General Assembly.

"There's many folks that were here ... who don't represent their hometowns, don't represent their family, don't represent their friends that they've known their entire lives," Rep. Adam Niemerg, R-Dieterich, said. "That's disenfranchisement. I have family that can't vote for me because they live a mile away."

Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, said he agrees with Welch that diversity is important, but that lawmakers shouldn't neglect political diversity.

He called it "the embodiment of the corruption of absolute power."

In 2021, supermajority Democrats locked in their advantage by approving favorable lines during redistricting. Gov. JB Pritzker promised during his 2018 gubernatorial campaign that he would veto partisanly drawn maps, but signed them into law, arguing they aligned with the Voting Rights Act and would "ensure Illinois' diversity is reflected in the halls of government."

The amendment would keep the responsibility for drawing maps in the hands of the legislature. Republicans called on Democrats to adopt a constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission.

### Millionaire tax uncertain

Meanwhile, the status of an amendment that would enact a 3% surcharge on income over \$1 million was uncertain as of Thursday afternoon.

Under Illinois' constitution, all personal income is taxed at a flat rate, which means taxpayers of all incomes pay the same 4.95% rate. Under the proposed amendment, millionaires, including businesses, would pay an extra 3% on any income that surpasses \$1 million.

The amendment's future was also unclear in the Senate. Like the redistricting measure, it would go to voters and would not need the governor's signature....

Voters rejected a broader amendment in 2020 to establish a graduated income tax structure in the state. The move was a heavy blow for Pritzker, who spent more than \$50 million campaigning for the tax.

This year, the governor has taken a hands-off approach, saying he still supports the concept but that it wasn't a top priority. He's instead left it up to the legislature.

Lawmakers have been reluctant to revisit the issue since the 2020 failure. But the idea picked up steam as the federal government has slashed funding to states and enacted tax policy changes that disproportionately benefit the wealthy. Millionaires taxes have been on the books for years in California and New Jersey and were recently enacted in Massachusetts and Washington.

Welch has been working to build support for the amendment since early this year and progressive lawmakers and powerful interest groups like the Illinois Federation of Teachers have lent their support.

A study published by researchers at the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign last month found that a 3% surcharge on income over \$1 million would generate \$3.8 billion in its first full year and \$4.2 billion by 2030 — revenue estimates the researchers labeled as "conservative."

The nonpartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability pegged the number at \$2.1 billion annually but cautioned that it could fluctuate greatly by year.

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# A Leaders Response is A Reflection of Character

Bob Evans Rockford University

In response to a perceived slight by the German Chancellor, President Trump is proceeding to withdraw American troops from Germany. These soldiers are stationed in Germany as part of our commitment to NATO. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is one of the most significant treaties in the history of treaties. Let us be candid. What is at stake here is indeed self interest. It is the permanent self interest of the American people in their national security, however, not the ephemeral self interest of a temporary office holder.

American troops are stationed in Europe because the theoretical premise of NATO is what is termed “collective security”. One nation standing alone may not be able to survive an attack; but if the 32 member nations of NATO stand together, they can deter the attack before it occurs. The theory of collective security is often rendered by the phrase, “An attack on one is an attack on all.” NATO has done precisely what it was created to do for almost 80 years.

Disregarding its record, President Trump has roundly criticized European NATO nations. Denouncing their reluctance to join in American attacks on Iran, he has asserted that their reluctance would be generalized into a general refusal to honor the basic NATO pledge that “an attack on one is an attack on all.” NATO, to be blunt, is--or would be--a failure.

Let us consult history for reference. In all its history, the collective security component of the NATO treaty, Article V, has been activated only one time. After the attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, NATO members mobilized as a group, and boldly and bravely assisted the Americans in their response. NATO worked just exactly as NATO was designed to work. We should note in passing that quite a few NATO members have recently increased their budgetary and troop contributions to NATO. President Trump, then, draws an unjustified conclusion from this record of NATO performance.

Let us refer to his current assessment of the alleged neglect by members of their NATO obligations. We stated above that the President rejected the criticism by NATO leaders of the American war on Iran. There is indeed general disapproval of our attacks on the part of NATO leaders.

But one could argue that the President mistakenly compares our war with Iran to an attack on a member of NATO. NATO is a defensive alliance. Members are supposed to join in defense of a member state when it is attacked. Our war against Iran is a very different kind of military action from what is envisioned by the NATO treaty.

For reasons that may in fact be good and sufficient we have chosen to go on the offensive against Iran. That is a very different kind of military action, one not easily analogized to the conditions envisioned by the NATO treaty. One may well describe NATO as based on the notion that “an attack on one is an attack on all”. But NATO is definitely not based on the belief that “an attack by one is an attack by all”.

## Swipe Fee

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from interchange fees would reduce the banks’ cut of swipe fees by 10% or more.

Banks have since warned of impending “credit card chaos.” They say the current system only asks for the total amount of a transaction, meaning consumers might have to do multiple swipes or pay cash to cover the tax and tip portion of transactions. Retailers say they’re bluffing and can implement the changes with mere software upgrades.

Given the pending court case and a hard push from financial institutions, lawmakers are considering pushing back the state law beyond its July 1 effective date that was already delayed by a year.

### Reaction to the filings

The financial institutions praised the OCC’s filings but warned they create a piecemeal legal landscape by only applying to banks that are federally chartered. Smaller state-chartered institutions would still be subject to the law.

A joint statement from the Illinois Bankers Association, Illinois Credit Union League, American Bankers Association and America’s Credit Unions urged similar application to national credit unions.

“They (the filings) reinforce the firm legal foundation of our ongoing appeal and underscore that Illinois’ misguided law is unlawful and should not be implemented,” the statement read. “The OCC’s actions should also send a strong signal to other states to follow the law and not repeat Illinois’ mistake.”

Rob Karr of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association accused the Trump administration of trying “to evade the law, undermine the legal system and threaten the very consumers they purport to serve.”

IRMA was heavily involved in the Illinois law’s passage, which was a concession to retailers after the state capped a tax exemption merchants claim for serving as the state’s de facto sales tax collectors.

“We are confident the courts will make the final decision in this matter — not an agency operating at the behest of big banks and credit card companies,” Karr said in a statement.

The case has been tied up in court for two years. The law was initially set to take effect in July 2025, but lawmakers pushed it back a year to allow time for implementation and to allow the court challenge to play out.

A U.S. district judge sided with the retailers and the state in February. Judge Virginia Kendall ruled that the National Banking Act prohibits states from regulating fees charged by banks — but swipe fees are set by third parties, namely card companies. Because of that, the state has the authority to regulate, she ruled.

But the banks quickly

appealed to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, and arguments are slated for May 13. Some believe the matter could even come before the U.S. Supreme Court.

### The latest filings

This is not the first time the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency weighed in on the issue. It did so under President Joe Biden as well in a 2024 legal filing, referring to the Illinois law as “bad policy” and “unworkable.”

Addressing that point, Kendall wrote: “That may well be true. But even the Office of the Comptroller does not meaningfully contest that the third parties set the fees.”

She also warned that national banks “could shield a vast amount of their otherwise regulatable activities from state regulation by hiding behind third-party entities like the credit card companies.”

The OCC rebutted that line in one of the two recent filings that applied to the National Banking Act more broadly.

The interim final rule explicitly states “national banks may charge non-interest charges or fees, even when such charges and fees are set by or in consultation with third parties.”

Doug Kantor, of the National Association of Convenience Stores, said the ruling goes far beyond interchange fees.

“The OCC rules endorse price fixing of fees banks charge, including not just swipe fees but a wide range of consumer fees,” he said in a statement.

The OCC issued an “interim final” rule, meaning it can go into effect June 30 and bypass the standard process for proposed rules. The public can submit comments, but, ultimately, it would require a vote of Congress or an act of a court to repeal the final rule and order.

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### Charles E. Kelsey

The Kelsey family originated in Connecticut and likely they came to America from England. The surname of "Kelsey" originated from a village area in England named Lincolnshire. The area is located on the eastern coast of England and for a number of centuries was known by the name of Lindsey.

It is unknown when the Kelsey family arrived on the shores of America, but Charles Kelsey headed west from Connecticut sometime in the Middle 19th Century, arriving in Belvidere sometime around 1850. It is unknown why Mr. Kelsey settled in Belvidere.

To say that Charles Kelsey was a dignified man in the Belvidere community is to state the obvious. By his appearance, it should be clear that he maintained not only his beard, and took pride in his personality and personal manners. In 1850 and over the following decades, maintaining a proper appearance and manner was a characteristic that was much appreciated by that earlier, rustic culture.

Mr. Kelsey, however, was a man of the village, engaged in a wide range of activities that separated himself from others. He was a musician and was recognized as such. He performed for the community during family and societal events such as community musical programs and dances. In those days before radio, television and Internet, musicians and actors provided the welcome means to pass time that today is more often spent on electronic forms of entertainment. Mr. Kelsey played the piano and was a church organist soon after he and his family arrived in Belvidere from Connecticut. A resident with those skills was appreciated in 1850.

He was, by profession, a printer and a professional photographer.

### Stephen A. Hurlbut

South Carolina native Stephen A. Hurlbut migrated to Belvidere in 1845 and opened a law practice. Hurlbut was later elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1859 and was reelected in 1861. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the Union Army and because of his stature as a civilian, he was soon made a brigadier general in 1861. A year later was elevated to a major general rank because of his leadership at Shiloh. Hurlbut commanded the 4th Division

of the Army of Tennessee at the Battle of Shiloh and later, in Corinth, Mississippi, he took full command of the Army of Tennessee when General Edward Ord was wounded.

In East Tennessee, during the Battle of Shiloh, more than 43,000 men were either killed, maimed, or wounded. At that point, more than one year before the apocalypse that was Gettysburg, the Battle of Shiloh claimed more Americans than the total number of soldiers lost in all the previous military battles, combined.

Hurlbut under the command of Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, battled the Confederate Army of Mississippi led by General Albert Johnston and General P.G.T. Beauregard. It is astonishing that such a huge battle that marked the Civil War in the early western front would last only two days and claim so many lives. The Battle of Shiloh opened at 6 a.m. on April 6, 1862, and the confrontation concluded at dusk on April 7, 1862, when the exhausted Union Army under Grant chose not to pursue retreating Confederate forces.

Hurlbut played a critical role in a battle that initially caught Grant off guard. Hurlbut held a line which suppressed a Confederate flanking move. This line was critical to winning the battle. He showed great gallantry at this period of his life and respect followed.

After the Battle of Shiloh, Gen. Hurlbut took the remnants of his 4th Division of the Army of Tennessee and moved to Corinth, Mississippi. Hurlbut later led Union forces in the Battle of Hatchie's Bridge outside Corinth.

After being mustered from the Army in 1865, he was a founding member of the fraternal organization, Veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1869 he was named Minister Resident of Columbia. After his return to Belvidere, he was elected to serve as a representative in the US House of Representatives, and he was later reelected. In 1881, he was appointed to serve as the ambassador to Peru until his death in 1882. He is buried in the Belvidere Cemetery.

### Allen C. Fuller

Allen C. Fuller was born in Framingham, Connecticut in 1922. His parents moved to Belvidere in 1845 and were among the earliest settlers in Boone County. Allen Fuller finished his education in law in the office of United States Senator Doolittle of New York in 1846 and was admitted to the New York State Bar. By November

of that year, he rejoined his parents in Belvidere and began one of the first law practices in Boone County.

Fuller led the people of Boone County in 1855 to create the first Boone County Fair, and in 1856 to organize the first 4th of July celebration in Belvidere.

Belvidere had a population of 800 then. Fuller's practice drew clients from all of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, and he practiced before the Illinois Supreme Court. He was a real estate broker, and a partner in the Boone County Mutual Insurance Company.

Fuller was also a shareholder in the first local bank, which in 1854 many locals had lost their confidence. With the advent of paper money, questions arose over the bank's ability to back the money it issued. Allen Fuller, along with others, pledged their assets to support the small village's bank. That Bank was short-lived and dissolved early in Belvidere's history.

Fuller bought into or created several other banks in the succeeding years. In Belvidere, he held the largest block of stock in the First National Bank, The Second National Bank, and the Peoples Bank. Fuller created over a half dozen national banks in his career, and owned stock in several larger Chicago and Eastern banks. He later became the Bank Commissioner for the State of Illinois.

Prior to the Civil War, Allen Fuller was active in Democratic Party politics and was outspoken on the issue of a free Kansas. Falling short of advocating a Civil War, he was a party leader who expressed objections to seeing the pathetic and disgusting economy of slavery spreading to Kansas. He felt that free Northerners should settle Kansas and slaveholders restricted from settling there.

During the Civil War, he served as Illinois Adjutant General to the Army, enlisting over 200,000 young men into service for the North.

Allen C. Fuller had many other accomplishments: Master in Chancery, Appraiser of Damages on Illinois and Michigan Canal, State Bank Commissioner, County Judge, Circuit Judge, Adjutant General of the State, State Representative, Speaker of the Illinois House, State Senator, and President Pro Tem of the Illinois Senate.

As an Illinois Legislator, he passed important legislation regulating railroads at a time when

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they had developed a monopoly on a farmers' ability to get crops to market in Chicago. He was considered a pioneer in this kind of regulation. His legislation was challenged by the railroads all the way to the United States Supreme Court, where the regulations prevailed.

Months before his death, Fuller established the Ida Public Library in memory of his deceased daughter, in coordination with a gift from the steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie. He gave the library the largest sum to build the original building on North State Street and Madison Street.



## Bears

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"If this bill passes, will the Bears remain in Illinois?" he asked.

"I don't work for the Bears, so I can't answer that question specifically," Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago, the bill's chief sponsor, responded. "But what I can tell you, Leader Windhorst, is that this bill puts together the mechanism that makes it possible for the Bears to stay here in the state."

"Do the Bears support this bill?" Windhorst followed.

"I think this framework is aligned with the things that they have said that they want to see from an Illinois bill," Buckner said.

The team said in a statement after the vote they "welcome the progress," but will need more changes.

"Additional amendments are necessary to make the Arlington Heights site feasible for our stadium project," the statement said.

### House drove the amendment

The 377-page measure being debated Wednesday was about 10 times the length of a version a House committee passed in February. But it's an open question as to whether other stakeholders agree with the bevy of economic development incentives that the House tacked onto the measure this week.

Windhorst asked Buckner whether Pritzker and the Senate support the bill. They were not consulted before the latest version of the legislation passed the House, but both will have to approve it before it can become law.

Buckner said he hadn't spoken personally to the governor, but that it reflects the "intense, robust conversations" over the past three months "about the framework that we need to put together."

In a measured statement, Pritzker's office also

signaled that the House bill needs work.

"Today is an important step, and the Governor's Office looks forward to working with the Illinois General Assembly to advance a bill that reflects our shared priorities," they said.

A key Senate lawmaker was also noncommittal about moving the measure when senators return next week.

"As we do with every bill the House passes to us, we will evaluate the legislation, get input from senators, and then decide what the best path forward is," Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, the Senate Democrats' top negotiator on the megaprojects bill, told Capitol News Illinois.

### Pressure on multiple fronts

Nevertheless, the bill's passage represents a long-elusive sign of progress after a futile three years where the issue wasn't a priority for state lawmakers. The Bears suggested looking at the Indiana site late last year and the Hoosier State has since been used by the team and its supporters as leverage to goad Illinois into action.

Most of the votes came from Democrats, who cleared House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch's unofficial rule that a bill have 60 members of his caucus in support. Ten Republicans joined most Democrats to support the measure while five from the Democratic supermajority voted against it.

The team also appears to be getting pressure from the NFL to decide. The league's stadium committee – comprised of owners – is slated to meet April 29 to discuss the Bears' stadium situation.

Pritzker has also been turning up the pressure on lawmakers, telling reporters last week that he'd like them "to move faster" and get the bill done ahead of its May 31 adjournment.

Unlike Indiana, Illinois' deal would not fund direct stadium construction but would allow the Bears to negotiate their property tax bill with surrounding taxing bodies for up to 40 years. The so-called "megaproject" designation is not Bears-specific and would be available for all large developments on a tiered basis based on meeting certain levels of financial investment.

"This bill says Illinois is not going to sit back and watch other states build the future while we argue over yesterday's tools," Buckner said. "And this bill gives us the chance to compete – and not compete recklessly, not compete desperately, not compete by giving away the store. This bill says we can compete with standards. We can grow with guardrails. We can welcome private investment and still demand public benefit."

The team said the long-term tax certainty is a prerequisite for building on the 326-acre site,

which formerly housed Arlington Park racetrack. The state is also expected to kick in hundreds of millions of dollars needed for public infrastructure surrounding the proposed stadium – provisions likely to be spelled out in separate legislation.

"The governor certainly cannot afford for the Bears to leave the state of Illinois, and more time will cause greater expense to the tunes of billions of dollars of incentives," Rep. Martin McLaughlin, R-Barrington Hills, said. "So for that reason, to stop the bleeding on incentives and taxpayers, I urge that we move forward."

### What would the bill do?

The core of the bill is a provision that allows the Bears or other "megaproject" developers to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, with local taxing bodies.

Developments would qualify for megaproject status with an investment of at least \$100 million. Projects at that level could lock in property tax payments for up to 25 years. A second tier, for investments of at least \$500 million, would allow a 30-year agreement. A third tier, for investments of at least \$1 billion — like the Bears' proposal — would allow a 40-year agreement. Another five years could be added to projects in each tier if the megaproject site requires environmental remediation.

While some House Democrats were hesitant to include the lowest tier, the governor's office insisted on keeping it, arguing projects in that range could have an outsized impact in downstate communities.

Megaprojects would also qualify for a sales tax exemption on building materials under the state's existing High Impact Business Program.

Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, opposed the bill, saying it was setting up "a two-tier tax system" that rewards big business at the expense of everyone else.

"If you're big and politically connected, your property taxes are frozen at pre-development values, your construction taxes get waived and your final tax bill gets negotiated behind closed doors," Wilhour said. "But if you're a homeowner, a farmer, a small businessperson, you pay the full value, no questions asked."

The latest amendment includes language aimed at winning over lawmakers hesitant to give large developers property tax breaks while cost-of-living remains a burning issue.

In a major change from legislation that passed committee in February, 50% of the receipts from the PILOT would go towards property tax relief. Of that, 60% would go to property tax rebates for

residential homeowners in taxing districts with a megaproject and 40% would be deposited into the state's existing property tax relief fund.

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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**F STREET INVESTMENTS LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,**  
-v-  
**2026 FC 1**  
**SILO RIDGE HOMES, INC, AQUA ILLINOIS, INC, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, SANCTUARY OF BULL VALLEY MASTER OPERATING ASSOCIATION BOONE COUNTY TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant**

## NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 27, 2026, at the Advoc National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Property 1: 217 New Forest R SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 146 IN UNIT NUMBER 4 OF CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72R0415 IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 217 New Forest R SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-27-329-001

Property 2: 104 Rockaway Ct NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 178 IN UNIT NUMBER 5 OF CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72R01508 IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 104 Rockaway Ct NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-27-404-013

Property 3: 103 Drew Ct NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 32 IN UNIT NUMBER 11 OF THE CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 103 Drew Ct NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-22-253-020

Property 4: 110 Heath Cliff Grove SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 141 OF CANDLEWICK LAKE SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 71R02491 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 110 Heath Cliff Grove SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-26-151-002

Property 5: 411 Staffordshire Dr NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 51, IN CANDLEWICK LAKE, UNIT NO. 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 411 Staffordshire Dr NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-22-252-007

Property 6: 304 Briar Cliff St SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 102 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 8 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72R3073 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 304 Briar Cliff St SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-27-180-020

Property 7: 306 Briar Cliff St SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
LOT 101 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 8 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72R3073 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 306 Briar Cliff St SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
PIN: 03-27-180-021

Property 8: 1341 E Longwood Dr, Bull Valley, IL 60098  
LOT 61 IN THE SANCTUARY OF BULL VALLEY - PHASE 1, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 7, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 AS DOCUMENT 2003R0123486, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 1341 E Longwood Dr, Bull Valley, IL 60098  
PIN: 13-14-103-011

Property 9: 1470 W Longwood Dr, Bull Valley, IL 60098  
LOT 74 IN THE SANCTUARY OF BULL VALLEY - PHASE 1, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 7, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 AS DOCUMENT 2003R0123486, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 1470 W Longwood Dr, Bull Valley, IL 60098  
PIN: 13-11-353-001

Commonly known as 217 NEW FOREST R SW, 104 ROCKAWAY CT NE, 103 CREW CT NE, 110 HEATH CLIFF GROVE SE, 411 STAFFORDSHIRE DR NE, 304 BRIAR CLIFF ST SW, 306 BRIAN CLIFF ST SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065, 1341 E LONGWOOD DR, 1470 W LONGWOOD DR., BULL VALLEY, IL 60098

Property Index No. 03-27-329-001, 03-22-404-013, 03-22-253-020, 03-26-151-002, 03-22-252-007, 03-27-180-020, 03-27-180-021, 13-14-103-011, 13-11-353-001

The real estate is improved with a vacant lot for each property. The judgment amount was \$185,179.18.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Luke P Wiley, Wiley Law Group, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Suite 1510, Chicago, IL, 60604 (815) 685-4203.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-3450

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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815-685-4203  
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Case Number: 2026 FC 1  
TJSC#: 46-874

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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
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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](http://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.

LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF DAVID H. SACKETT'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF GARDEN PRAIRIE, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 18, 1865 IN DEED RECORD 28, PAGE 154 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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](http://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](http://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).

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## Notice of Public Hearing

### Belvidere Community Unit School District No. 100

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of Belvidere Community Unit School District Number 100, in the County of Boone, DeKalb, and McHenry, State of Illinois, that tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois in this School District from and after 8 o'clock am., on the 12th day of May 2026.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on the said budget will be held at 6 o'clock pm., on the 15th day of June 2026, at 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois, in this School District Number 100. Dated this 12th day of May 2026. School

Board of Belvidere Community Unit School District Number 100, in the County of Boone, DeKalb, and McHenry, State of Illinois.

By: Holly Houk

Board Clerk

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## PRESS RELEASE

### BOONE COUNTY 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Boone County Board of Review will hold its opening session on Tuesday,

May 27, 2026 at 9:30 A.M. in the Boone County Supervisor of Assessment Conference Room at 1208 Logan Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008. The members will elect a chairman and vice chairman. The Rules of the Board will be approved and non-homestead exemptions will be reviewed. The board will also sign the Certificates of Error for 2025 tax bill corrections. They will discuss any business that comes before them.

If there are any questions, please contact the Boone County Assessment Office at 815-544-2958

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### GARDEN PRAIRIE STREET LIGHT DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year of May 1st, 2025 to April 30th, 2026

Balance on hand, May 1st, 2025	\$4,939.63
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Boone County Treasurer	\$6,209.58
Interest, Boone Co. Treasurer	\$6.82
CD Interest	\$126.04
Subtotal: (Receipts)	\$6,342.44
New Balance:	\$11,282.07

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Commonwealth Edison	\$5,645.39
Publication Fees	\$85.50
Trustee Compensation	\$200.00
Misc. Office Supplies	\$116.00
Building Usage (GPUCC)	\$50.00
Subtotal: (Expenses)	\$6,096.89
Balance on hand, April 30th, 2026	\$5,185.18

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOONE COUNTY FARMLAND REVIEW COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2026

The Boone County Farmland Review Committee will meet for the annual meeting and public hearing according to the ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX CODE on Tuesday May 27, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Boone County Supervisor of Assessments Room at 1208 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. A public hearing will be held at 9:15 A.M.

The committee annually meets to receive public input on the implementation of the farmland assessments and to certify the values per productivity index from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the assessment year. The Values are developed by the Farmland Assessment Technical Advisory Committee appointed by the Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue. The values are the same throughout the State of Illinois per soil type.

The assessed value of farmland is based on the net income to the land according to land use and soil type. The values are based on a five-year average.

The committee is responsible for certifying the values from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the 2027 assessment year.

This is a public hearing. Questions and comments are welcomed. For more information, please contact the Boone County Assessment Office at 815-544-2958.

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### In the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois Probate Division

In the matter of the Estate of Judith M. Anderson, Deceased (Case No. 20025PR69). Notice is given of the death of Judith M. Anderson, of Poplar Grove, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 25, 2025, to Nicole Rene Anderson, whose attorney is Craig A. Janas, 6815 Weaver Road, Rockford, IL 61114 (847) 844-0592. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court or with the representative, or both, on or before November 12, 2026, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it is filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. E-filing is now mandatory in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQgethelp.asp>. Any questions or petitions should be directed to Craig A. Janas, as attorney for the estate.

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# ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
No. DBA4278 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a HOME - BASED FLORIST business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of AZ BLOSSOMS that its location is or will be 445 LYNNE LANE 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.  
AHTZIRI EMILY ZAMUDIO 445 LYNNE LANE  
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 22, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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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  
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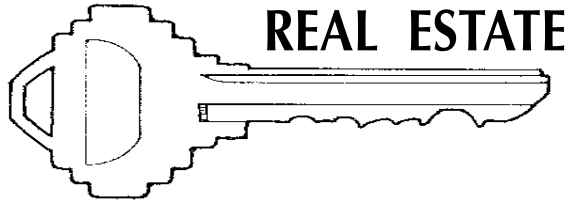
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
No. DBA4277 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a WINDOW SCREEN REPAIRS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SANFORD & SCREENS that its location is or will be 107 BRANDYWINE DR SE in POPLAR GROVE, 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: 815-596-0441  
TYLER DENNIS SANFORD 107 BRANDYWINE DR SE  
POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065  
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 21, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
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  
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 5, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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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  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
No. DBA4280 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a PHOTOGRAPHY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of MEMORIES BY DAWN that its location is or will be 1465 IPSEN 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: 847-774-4381  
DAWN MCCLOUD 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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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
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  
109 EAST 6TH STREET BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008  
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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.  
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## Bears

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gle homeowner in the state of Illinois,” said Rep. Dan Didech, D-Buffalo Grove, who called it “a win, win, win, win” before exclaiming “Touch-down, Buckner,” referencing the bill sponsor, a former University of Illinois football player.

However, some expressed concerns that the measure would simply lead to taxing bodies doubling their asks of the Bears and other prospective megaproject developers, sowing doubt in the attractiveness of a tool meant to incentivize economic development.

There’s also a new provision that explicitly prohibits use of the PILOT tool for data centers, which have been identified as a driver of rising energy costs and demand.

The bill also has an ethics component: Lawmakers and local officials would not be allowed to accept free sports tickets from a team with a megaproject deal unless that same deal is offered to the public.

The bill also calls for the megaproject tool to end after seven years, a sunset provision meant to allow lawmakers to reassess its effectiveness.

The bill does not address nearly \$500 million in outstanding debt at Soldier Field from renovations that were completed in 2003. It also does not include any paths for redeveloping the stadium located in Buckner’s district for its post-NFL future.

### Beyond the Bears

In perhaps the most important sign of progress, about two dozen Chicago Democrats supported the bill that could ultimately end professional football in their city.

“There are proposals out there right now which can provide significant development opportunities while still provide preserving our beautiful lakefront,” Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, said. “If we utilize the tools presented in this package, this could be a game changer for Chicago.”

The bill includes broader economic development provisions, especially for Chicago and Springfield.

Blighted or underused rail yards in Chicago would be eligible for their own type of megaproject aimed at redeveloping and revitalizing the yards. To be eligible, the projects must bring in \$40 billion in new tax revenue over at least 40 years and increase transit ridership by 10,000 riders on average each day.

Such legislation could open the door to massive new projects being considered in the city such as a new White Sox stadium being floated for an Amtrak yard along the Chicago River just south of the Loop and the One Central project near McCormick Place.

The bill would also expand the state’s Sales Tax and Revenue, or STAR, bond program to make communities in Cook County with more than 70,000 people eligible for the program for projects. STAR bonds could also be used for entertainment developments, increasing the types of projects eligible for the program.

It would establish a New Opportunities for Vacation and Adventure Urban District that would be expected to generate significant tourism, in-

cluding 2 million annual visitors, \$450 million average annual sales following a capital investment of at least \$1 billion. Local governments would have the power to create the new economic development districts.

The bill would also create the Capital Area Tourism Authority and Capital City Downtown Medical District to facilitate economic development in two areas of Springfield. STAR bonds could be used in the city if the Sangamon County Board approves a hotel tax that would supply the revenue.

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## Geology Study of Boone County Advances

Dan Kane Boone County Water Specialist

As summer approaches the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) is preparing to conduct the 2026 fieldwork for the Boone County 3-Dimensional Geologic Mapping Project. Boone County initiated this study to learn more about our local water sources located under foot. We all are dependent on water that we pump out of local aquifers. As growth in the community happens, and water demands increase, it becomes increasingly important to understand how these underground water sources function in response to our needs. Understanding how these aquifers are replenished to supply the water we consume is one of many key points we are striving to understand better.

The efforts so far have yielded some very interesting results and are already providing some new insights on what lies below the ground surface in stunning detail. The ISGS recently provided a report to the County with some excellent graphics that show how these details are being put into a 3-dimensional perspective. You can see this report and an accompanying poster

that shares an early portrayal of what will become a completely interactive geologic map viewable in 3-dimensions. Use the link below to access the Boone County Water Resources webpage and scroll down to the March 9th 2026 progress report. We were also given a poster that lays out a fascinating explanation of the work being done and some great examples of the findings. This poster is also available on the water resources webpage.

This summer’s work will be completed by a field crew leader and two undergraduate students who will collect more ground-based geophysical surveys in areas across the county. The work will focus on areas where subsurface geologic features have been identified by the helicopter-based Time-Domain Electromagnetics or HTEM geophysical survey that was completed last year. The field work also includes drilling 1 or 2 test holes to provide more information that will fine-tune the accuracy of the geophysical information already in hand.

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