

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

The GENERAL ASSISTANCE claims were presented and reviewed for consideration with accounts payable totaling \$300.00.

Motion/Vote - GENERAL ASSISTANCE CLAIMS

Andy Gerlach made a motion to allow and pay all claims as presented. Ronald G White seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

CLAIMS

The CLAIMS against the County were presented and reviewed for consideration.

Motion/Vote - CLAIMS

Ronald G White made a motion to allow and pay all claims as presented. Andy Gerlach seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

RAFFLE APPLICATION

A raffle application was presented on behalf of The Friends of St. Leo's. The application is requesting permission for a raffle to be held weekly from January to December 2026 for a drawing the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Motion/Vote - RAFFLE APPLICATION/FRIENDS OF ST LEO'S

Ronald G White made a motion to approve the raffle application as presented and issue raffle license no. 26-02. Andy Gerlach seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

Amy Craig and Lee Valerius with the Healthy Communities Alliance held a discussion with the Board about their upcoming event "Grounds for Youth, Prevention Conversations". They extended an invitation to County Officials and law enforcement to attend the event on behalf of Randolph County.

KRATOM ORDINANCE

The following ordinance was presented for approval.

ORDINANCE

26-02

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF KRATOM**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27: GENERAL OFFENSES;
CODE OF ORDINANCES, COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the plant *Mitragynine speciosa*, commonly known as "Kratom", contains two psychoactive ingredients-7-Hydroxymitragynine and Mitragynine-which have the potential to cause severe harm and create psychological or physical dependence; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency has listed Kratom as a Drug and Chemical of Concern, noting in particular the potential for addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has warned American not to use Kratom because of the risk of serious adverse effects, including liver toxicity, seizures, and substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, many state and local governments across the United States are considering regulating the sale and possession of Kratom or have already done so; and

WHEREAS, the Mayo Clinic reports that users of Kratom can experience a wide variety of negative effects, including nausea and vomiting, liver damage, high blood pressure, dizziness, hallucinations, delusions, depression, breathing trouble, and seizures; and

WHEREAS, Kratom is currently available for sale in the County of Randolph; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate and necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County to prohibit the distribution or delivery of Kratom and Kratom-derived products;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Randolph, Illinois:

Section 1: That Chapter 27: Article XVII: Offenses, Code of Ordinances, County of Randolph, February 27, 2026

Minutes - Board of County Commissioners

ILLINOIS OFFICE SUPPLY E2109546KV

Illinois, be amended to read as follows:

“ARTICLE XVII: KRATOM PROHIBITED

27-17-1 **DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this section:

DELIVER: The actual, constructive, or attempted transfer from one person to another of kratom, or any derivative thereof, whether or not there is an agency relationship, including a sale.

DERIVATIVES: Any product containing mitragynine or 7-hydroxymitragynine, as well as any synthetic or natural compound intended to mimic or replicate the effects of Kratom.

KRATOM: Any part of the plant *Mitragyna speciosa*, whether growing or not, including its leaves, extracts, resins, compounds, salts, derivatives, isomers, or any preparation, mixture, or product containing any amount of *Mitragyna speciosa*.

SELL OR SALE: To exchange or deliver for compensation or to offer to exchange or deliver for compensation.

27-17-2 **PURPOSE:** This section is enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Randolph by prohibiting the distribution or delivery of any substance containing kratom as hereinafter defined, it being the specific finding of the County of Randolph that such substances have a dangerous effect upon anyone using said substances and have no practical medicinal or beneficial purposes.

27-17-3 **PROHIBITIONS:** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, business, or other entity to sell, offer to sell, give, deliver, or distribute Kratom or any derivative thereof within the corporate limits of the County of Randolph.

27-17-4 **EXCEPTIONS:** This section shall not apply to any person or entity lawfully authorized by federal or state law to manufacture, prescribe, dispense, or conduct scientific research with Kratom or its derivatives, provided such activity is conducted in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.”

Section 2: That all Ordinances or any part of any Ordinance in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF KRATOM

David Holder: Aye

Ronnie White: Aye

Andy Gerlach: Aye

Passed this 27th day of February, 2026

Chairman: S/David Holder

ATTEST: S/ Melanie L Johnson, County Clerk

Motion/Vote - KRATOM ORDINANCE

Andy Gerlach made a motion to pass ordinance no. 26-02 as presented. Ronald G White seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Andy Gerlach (Yes), Ronald G White (Yes), David Holder (Yes).

NUISANCE RESOLUTION

A resolution was presented to remove garbage and debris from property located at 7840 State Route 4, Sparta IL 62286. The property has been found to be in violation of Article 3 of the Randolph County Code. No corrective action or cleanup occurred after proper notice. Section 25-3-4 authorized the Randolph County Board to proceed with clearing the property of debris and charge the expenses to the owner of the property.

Motion/Vote - NUISANCE RESOLUTION

Andy Gerlach made a motion to accept resolution no.26-08 as presented. Ronald G White seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Andy Gerlach (Yes), Ronald G White (Yes), David Holder (Yes).

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Andy Gerlach made a motion to recess this February 27, 2026

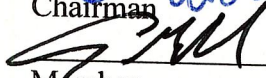
meeting until 3/13/2026. Ronald G White seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote. This meeting recessed at 9:27 am.

David Holder



Chairman

Andy Gerlach



Member

Ronald G White



Member

ATTEST:
County Clerk