



St Clair County Animal Services

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2025 Annual Report

Presented to Chairman Mark A. Kern and the County Board

The Animal Services Department is responsible for the housing of all strays, humane care removals, police assists, and bite cases that occur within the county. Animal Services responds to all stray, humane care, abandonment, and police assist complainants.

Within the 2025 year, we have been able to continue to implement all of our new programs from the 2024 year including the following:

- The SNR program has still continued to be successful. Belleville Area Humane Society has assisted us in helping sterilize these cats before releasing.
- Many pet owners are still taking advantage of the microchipping of owned pets for \$10.00. To date, we have microchipped 259 owned pets.
- Our foster to adopt program is proving its worth as well with allowing us to place pets in homes temporarily to ensure that it is a good fit. Regardless of a positive outcome, we are still gaining knowledge about these pets in a home environment which is allowing our adoptions to be more successful in the long term. We have successfully placed 29 animals in adoptive homes directly from the Animal Services facility in addition to the 163 that went through the adoption center.
- Through the assistance of the Petco Love Foundation, we are able to provide a clinic day once monthly to offer low-cost vaccines/registration and microchipping to the community. To date have given 234 rabies vaccines, 192 canine distemper vaccines, 39 feline distemper vaccines, and microchipped 82 pets.
- We continue to work with Gateway Pet Guardians on lower cost heartworm treatments. We have also instilled a partnership with Dr. Koss from Mobile Veterinary Services to assist in this program as well. This program allows us to have a treatment plan for animals being adopted from our facility. The partnership between Gateway Pet Guardians, Dr. Koss, St. Clair County Animal Welfare Advocates, and Animal Services along with the generous donations from our loving community allows these pets to have a second chance.
- Continued to provide 100 TNR county funded surgeries to Belleville Area Humane Society, Sterilization Nation, St. Clair TNR & Rescue, & Gateway Pet Guardians.
- Provided major surgeries and medical treatments to deserving animals with the assistance of St. Clair County Animal Welfare Advocates and generous donations from our loving community.

In the 2026 year, we plan to implement additional software programming, and hopefully an online portal for registration payments and a credit card machine for processing payments. We look forward to the opening of our new facility and all the opportunities to be able to serve our community better.

Ashley M. Jett
Director of Animal Services



St. Clair County Assessor

To: Mark Kern, Chairman
From: Jennifer Gomric Minton, County Assessor
Date: October 7, 2025
Re: 2025 Year End Report

Six townships were reassessed in 2025, Centreville, Sugarloaf, Stookey, Smithton, Prairie Du Long, & Millstadt. 21 of the 22 townships were published in August with Stookey being published September 10, 2025. We have five townships on our schedule for 2026, Canteen, O'Fallon, Lebanon, Mascoutah & Engelmann. We will address the new CAMA system later in this report, but we will do our best to ensure that we keep the tax cycle on schedule for 2026. New this year is the ability to submit our Abstracts to the Illinois Department of Revenue electronically. This was a great time saver! We received approval of our tentative abstract earlier than ever this year.

Much of this year was dedicated to starting our transition process to a new Computer Assessed Mass Appraisal System (CAMA). This program is the backbone of the valuation of properties. We selected Vanguard as our vendor. We are working through the conversion process currently. We will hopefully go live with our new system toward the end of October. Training is set to begin at the end of October. We anticipate some bumps along the way but know that moving to this new system was imperative and will set the County up for the future. With this major change to our assessment process, it will be a challenge to keep the tax cycle on track.

Staffing is an ongoing issue, with higher salaries elsewhere in the workforce. We have seen a large turnover of staff and finding candidates to apply for open positions is getting more difficult. We currently have 2 openings on our field crew. The job has been posted for almost a month. It has been viewed over 650 times but only 3 applicants.

We will continue to monitor exemptions through TrueRoll. This program helps ensure that all taxpayers are getting exemptions they are entitled. This will be increasingly important as exemptions are added to the statutes. We were recently notified that TrueRoll is partnering with Devnet and we are hoping this will streamline our exemption auditing process.

We are also hopeful that our temporary plexiglass partitions on our customer service counters can soon be replaced with permanent structures.

St. Clair County Board of Review 2025 Year End Report

St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern and County Board Members,

All St. Clair County townships were published by September 10, 2025, and the last deadline for taxpayers to file for a property assessment protest hearing was October 10, 2025, as township dates varied. Hearings began September 15, 2025, which is an earlier start date than the past few years. Most hearings have been scheduled with a projected end-of-session date sometime in January 2026.

In the last two years, the Board has had two new board members sworn in, Amanda K. Warma and Irma Golliday. Amanda has completed the CIAO Certification. This year, our Chairwoman is Amanda Warma.

Also, we have stabilized the Staff turnover for the past 2 years. The existing staff is cross trained in every position to ensure effective customer service. Our staff is complimented daily by taxpayers, as well as other departments, regarding their pleasant attitudes and for their willingness to go above and beyond expectations.

The Board of Review has continued to accept and process the Senior homestead, Senior Freeze and Disabled Person exemption, while the Assessor's Office handles the Owner Occupied and the Disabled Veteran Exemptions. This change has resulted in a more efficient and private process for the county's senior residents.

In addition, the Board of Review has successfully argued and won more PTABs this year than in the past six years.

During 2025, we have allowed a phone hearing option to those filing a property assessment appeal. This has made our department's services accessible to all, including homeowners who are out-of-state or on military/deployment, disabled persons, working individuals, homebound persons, caregivers, etc., as well as those homeowners who may not be able to make their hearing on the scheduled date due to illness or personal emergency. This option has increased our resident contact by approximately thirty-five percent. This year we have increased our use of technology, allowing taxpayers to email their Exemption applications, applications for appeal and evidence for the appeals. We also have an office cell phone for residents to text pictures and documents to us for hearings, proof of residence, etc., as not all residents can scan these documents.

Board members and office personnel have expanded the amount of printed material, including charts, exemption brochures and other fliers, which are available in our department to help educate taxpayers. These items explain how to protest assessments, what exemptions are offered and the requirements for each exemption, and how the assessment system works and what their tax dollars support. Our front desk staff has also learned the above information, so they can offer explanations and answer questions in simple terms, both on the phone or in person.

Our 2026 goal is to continue to provide exceptional service to all taxpayers and to complete our sessions in a timely manner.

St. Clair County Board of Review Members
Amanda Warma, Chairwoman
Angela Grossmann-Roewe
Irma Golliday



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2025 Annual Report

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The Circuit Clerk's Office has had many challenges this year, especially with the new Case Management System. It was set to go live in January, then February, with the ultimate decision to go live with only civil case types on February Third. It was an uphill battle from there, with the civil case type in electronic filing having a backlog from approximately three to four weeks.

The office subsequently went live with the criminal portion of the new Case Management System on June Second. The struggle continued in the civil case type divisions, with new struggles in the criminal divisions, including not being able to verify warrants, and countless conversion issues. The new system has added additional steps to an already very complex process. With all the changes in the office, the deputy clerks still powered through the daily work and even managed to process more than 35,000 new cases this year, thus far.

We continue to work with digiTicket to make paperless citations an option for another round of municipalities. This ensures that the citation process is streamlined, and tickets are more easily obtained by the Clerk's Office. We have recently completed the process with four additional municipalities, which are now fully functional within digiTicket. Currently, twenty one out of forty-six agencies operate within digiTicket.

The Circuit Clerk's Office continues to advance the technology used to improve the efficiency of the office. Along with that, the office hopes to implement criminal electronic filing around the First of the new year.

I would like to say with another year of a clean audit, the office is moving at a fast pace to become current with all outstanding work, including the previously stated warrant and conversion issues. The electronic filing queue is up to date with all electronic filings, at this time as well, thanks to the hard work from the deputy clerks and some assistance from other county offices.

We are looking forward to the next twelve months as we will work hard to make the office run as efficiently as possible.



St. Clair County Operation Clean Sweep

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to Chairman Mark A. Kern and members of the County Board

The three-man crew of Operation Clean Sweep continues to serve St. Clair County neighborhoods by disposing of unwanted household items. Neighborhoods throughout St. Clair County benefitted from scheduled neighborhood dumpster placements and curbside pickups. These cleanups resulted in approximately 374.71 tons of waste being hauled for disposal at no expense to the neighborhood residents.

Clean Sweep participated in the tire collection by hauling approximately 163.81 tons of used tires for disposal. The crew continues to support St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Department efforts by clearing trash at Silver Creek Preserve in Mascoutah, and St. Ellen Park in O'Fallon.

Clean Sweep coordinated with several county offices clearing and hauling debris from warehouses, and blighted sites throughout the County.

The Clean Sweep crew is reminded daily that their work is appreciated by the citizens of St. Clair County.



Kevin McDaniel
St. Clair County Operation Clean Sweep

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Calvin Dye, Sr.

CORONER OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY
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Reported total deaths as of 10/10/2025

Total deaths in St. Clair County- 1,921

Total deaths the Coroner's Office has responded to- 469

Overdoses- 51

Homicides-27

Accidental- 34 (This includes traffic crashes, child deaths, fires)

Suicides- 25

The Coroner's Office has been very busy throughout the 2025 year. We have responded to 469 cases year to date. Of those, we have had to autopsy 57 cases due to State Statutes requiring autopsies be performed on certain cases. We have continued to bring in revenue to our office with FOIA requests (toxicology reports, autopsy reports, and Coroner's reports) and cremation permits. This year we have received \$91,400 so far and at this time last year we were at \$100,700. Most of the revenue we bring in is from cremation permits that we issue to funeral homes.

For the year 2026, we will continue to respond to cases and generate revenue in cremation permits and FOIA requests.

Calvin Dye Sr. Coroner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Calvin Dye Sr.".

THOMAS HOLBROOK
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September 30, 2025

County Clerk – Annual Report 2025
Presented to Chairman Mark A. Kern and the County Board

Dear Chairman,

Following our running of the Consolidated Election in 2025, the St. Clair County Clerk's will be moving our entire fleet of election equipment to a new storage facility in 2025 as the Public Building Commission is nearly done with our new warehouse. This will provide improvement in environmental quality and security for our election equipment and personnel. This move will require a herculean effort, but we will complete the task. We continue to expand our County-wide initiative to attract and retain election judges. We have received \$235,775.48 in Grant reimbursements for the elections this year and will continue to aggressively seek Federal and State funding.

By using new credit/debit card processors, we have lowered the service fees that are charged to our customers that wish to use their cards for payment from 6% to 5%.

Due to the States Real ID requiring multiple documents from our office, we continue to generate revenue through the sales of vital records in person and online, with in person sales totaling approximately \$289,190.00, and online sales totaling approximately \$56,500.00 so far in 2025. We successfully manage to offer excellent customer service and have diversified our office by offering bi-lingual services in Spanish.

As we prepare for the 2026 Primary and General Elections, we face many overwhelming tasks. With accusations of vote tampering and other misinformation campaigns that have proliferated in the last Presidential cycle, our goal is to be proactive to attempt to hold smooth and accurate elections, pairing with Federal, State and other County Officials.

Thomas Holbrook
St. Clair County Clerk

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2025 St. Clair County Economic Development Annual Report

The St. Clair County Economic Development Department administers both the Mid America and American Bottoms Enterprise Zones as well as the Southwest Regional Port District. We represent the County on most of the municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Joint Review Boards. The Economic Development Department partners with local, state, and federal agencies to provide businesses expanding or relocating to St. Clair County with a seamless experience, offering support with incentives, regulatory requirements, and key concerns. In addition, the department assists the County Board Chairman on all relevant issues and initiatives involving Scott Air Force Base and the MidAmerica Airport Director and Director of Military Affairs as requested.

In 2025, we assisted four new projects totaling just over \$75,000,000 in the Mid America and American Bottoms enterprise zones. St. Clair County worked very closely with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to retain a long-time manufacturing plant. The plant will not only remain in St. Clair County but will also make a substantial investment in its facilities and equipment, while maintaining over 250 jobs. Boeing St. Clair's \$250,000,000 expansion is scheduled to be operational in 2025 bringing 300 new high paying jobs to St. Clair County. Gulfstream completed its expansion in 2025 making the Cahokia Heights/Sauget plant the second largest Gulfstream plant in the world. In the process, Gulfstream has added several hundred new jobs. The Governor's office announced that St. Clair County had been chosen as the site for a new sustainable jet fuel project. The project has a capital investment of \$726,000,000 and will create 157 new jobs in addition to the jobs created during construction. The St. Clair County Economic Development Department will continue to collaborate with the Workforce Development Group to ensure St. Clair County residents, especially those often overlooked, not only have the training but are given the opportunity to fill these high paying positions. St. Clair County Economic Development has been very engaged in helping develop apprenticeship programs for area employers and is working very closely with Southwestern Illinois College through its new advanced manufacturing training facility on the Belleville campus.

We continue to be very active in a variety of professional organizations including the Association of Defense Communities and actively participate in many peer organizations and trade associations including: National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) which is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Illinois Enterprise Zone Association (IEZA), Southwestern Illinois Trade and Investment Council, MidAmerica Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB), Belle-Scott Committee, Lower Kaskaskia Stakeholders, Inc., and many local chambers of commerce.



St. Clair County
EMA/CENCOM 9-1-1/ETSB
"When seconds count the number to call"



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St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency / CENCOM 9-1-1 has had a busy year with both call volume in the 9-1-1 center along with the continued to response to and recovery from disasters.

CENCOM 9-1-1 has continued to provide 9-1-1 services 24 hours a day 7 days a week for dozens of police, fire, and EMS agencies throughout the county. In addition to those agencies, services are also provided to various townships, coroner's office, probation, highway crews, etc. Staffing has been more difficult with there being far less qualified applicants willing to provide 9-1-1 service as full-time employment. An updated robust training program has been created and will be utilized to attract, train, and retain qualified employees available to serve the residents of St. Clair County.

EMA staff continue to work closely with IEMA and FEMA in response to the 2022 and 2024 Federally Declared flooding disasters. The fiscal uncertainty of our nation has delayed the implementation of parts of our grants awarded; however, staff continues to work closely to ensure county residents are involved in available programs related to their long-term recovery. The Federal Buyout remains underway with the appraisal stage beginning. Furthermore, flood studies in Belleville and East Carondelet are underway with an additional grant received for the Stookey township area. These grants were advanced assistance grants which allow for studies to be complete to determine the best plan to reduce future funding then the re-application to IEMA for additional funds to complete the work recommended.

EMA was recently notified of grant funding that will be received from STARRS (St. Louis Area Regional Response System) which will provide new equipment for EMA to respond to emergencies and disasters. This includes a new Mobile Command Trailer, towable generator, and mobile light tower.

Finally, the county has taken possession of the former Armory in Belleville and plans are underway to utilize the facility for emergency response measures and equipment mobilization.



St. Clair County Emergency Telephone Systems Board

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St. Clair County ETSB 2025 Year End Report

The St. Clair County Emergency Telephone Systems Board had another successful year with the operation of the four 9-1-1 PSAPs throughout St. Clair County. St. Clair County ETSB had staff take part in the re-write of the 9-1-1 Administrative Rules which were being updated this year to provide continued 9-1-1 policies for the next several years. Staff continue to attend the monthly meetings of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board along with having a member of the staff serve as the 2nd Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Illinois APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials).

The new State of the Art 9-1-1 Center at Emerson Park has been functioning throughout the year. This allowed for staff to be combined in one center while a remodel of the CENCOM East facility in Belleville takes place.

The ETBS was able to complete the relocation of our radio systems prime site into the ETSB building to provide for additional redundancy and improvements to the integrity of the radio system used by first responders throughout the county. Additionally, upgrades were made to the technology used to carry the data on the system thus providing for a more reliable radio system for all.

As part of last year's upgrade of the 9-1-1 computer systems, the ETSB was able to apply for and successfully received a \$970,000.00 grant to offset the costs of procuring the state-of-the-art system.

Finally, in times of fiscal uncertainty, through cooperation and negotiation, the ETSB was able to come in under budget along with revenues slightly above the state's projections. Therefore, we will be able to increase the 9-1-1 reserves for future capital projects such as 9-1-1 enhancements, map upgrades and radio system upgrades.





**St. Clair County, Illinois
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park
200 South Belt East, Belleville, IL 62220**

Presented to Chairman Mark A. Kern and the St Clair County Board

Renovations at Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park are progressing steadily, with several major projects completed this year. Both restrooms in Expo 1 and 2 have been fully redesigned and completed. Expo 2 has been expanded to include a fully equipped Emergency Response Area. This new addition features 17 changing rooms including showers, providing a safe and comfortable space to house residents in the event of an emergency. The new roof has also been successfully installed on the entire building.

In addition to these improvements, numerous other infrastructure upgrades have been made throughout the park, enhancing both functionality and visitor experience.

Despite ongoing construction, we are proud to share that by the end of 2025, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park will have hosted 43 events this year—demonstrating our continued commitment to serving the community while investing in the future of the fairgrounds.

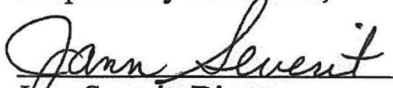
Looking Ahead to 2026 when many of our major projects will come together including the highly anticipated completion of the NEW racetrack!

In the meantime, we will continue to expand our calendar with new events while still proudly hosting the annual shows and traditions our community loves.

Big things are coming to The Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park!



Respectfully Submitted,


Jann Severit, Director
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park

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In 2025, the St. Clair County Parks Department made significant strides in improving park quality, accessibility, and public engagement across the entire system. The department strengthened partnerships with both internal and external agencies, improving coordination and long-term planning. Maintenance crews continued to enhance newly cleared areas from previous years, opening additional green space for recreation and community use across all county operated parks. Public outreach also advanced with the launch of an updated Facebook page, keeping residents informed of park updates, events, and seasonal activities.

Foley Park emerged as a leading example of growth and revitalization, with extended park hours, a new patio at the pet area, and the completion of a one-mile multi-use trail made possible through cooperation and funding support from MEPRD. In partnership with a Life Scout, a ¼-acre pollinator plot was planted, supporting local biodiversity, conservation education, and strengthening community engagement. The hiring of a full-time Parks Manager further improved daily operations, ensuring that facilities remain safe, welcoming, and well-maintained for the public.

2025 Additional Accomplishments

- Removed more than 40 stumps across multiple park sites to improve safety and aesthetics.
- Replaced the roof on the storage structure at St. Ellen Mine.
- Secured approval of an MEPRD grant of up to \$150,000 for the Engelmann Farm Trail extension, which will expand the total paved trail to approximately 2.5 miles.
- Purchased two new zero-turn mowers through Grants Commission Cycle 30, bringing the total fleet to five for more efficient grounds maintenance.
- Initiated bidding for the installation of security gates at Foley Park and Silver Creek Preserve.
- Acquired the property formerly known as Freedom Farm and began maintaining and clearing neglected areas to prepare the site for future development.

Looking Ahead to 2026

- Develop and install an 18-hole disc golf course at Foley Park to expand recreational offerings.
- Continue supporting groups and individuals interested in hosting events at county parks.
- Complete the Engelmann Farm Trail extension project with MEPRD funding assistance.
- Pursue additional funding opportunities—including Grants Commission Cycle 31, FY 2026 MEPRD, and other grant programs—to advance ongoing park improvements and guide long-term planning for Freedom Farm, including the removal of derelict structures, renovation of the main hall, expansion of greenspace, interactive conservation features, and walking trails.

Brian Buehlhorn
St. Clair County Parks Superintendent



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New Roof at St. Ellen Mine



Pollinator Plot Volunteers





DEPARTMENT
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) delivers services that target at risk populations yet are a resource for all community members. The department collaborates with other local agencies that touch the health of County residents through the Health Care Commission and its associated workgroups. The clinic has expanded vaccination services in 2025 to include travel vaccines. Testing services for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) continues, as does the control of Tuberculosis through monthly clinics facilitated by our infectious disease specialist, Dr. Badahman. The clinic also serves as a Sharps container collection point. The expansion of clinical operations continues, focusing on increasing the reach of services.

The SCCHD has realized a 21 percent deficit in 2025 revenue to date, largely due to the loss of funding from programs that ended such as Better Birth Outcomes, Wisewoman and DIS Workforce Development Support. There was a reduction in funding from the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program. The 2025 expenses to date are 2 percent less than in 2024. New programs have been added for 2025 including Baby-ZZZ Safe Sleep program. The 2024 Fiscal Single Audit was completed during 2025 without findings.

The Division of Infectious Disease Prevention (IDP) to date has investigated 285 animal bites, 990 STIs, and 1,233 communicable disease reports. In addition, IDP has provided: 475 Narcan kits to 2,040 trained individuals; CPR and First Aid training to 15 county employees; monitored 12 outbreaks in congregate care settings and monitored 48 countywide automated external defibrillators (AEDs) with a total of 6 utilization events.

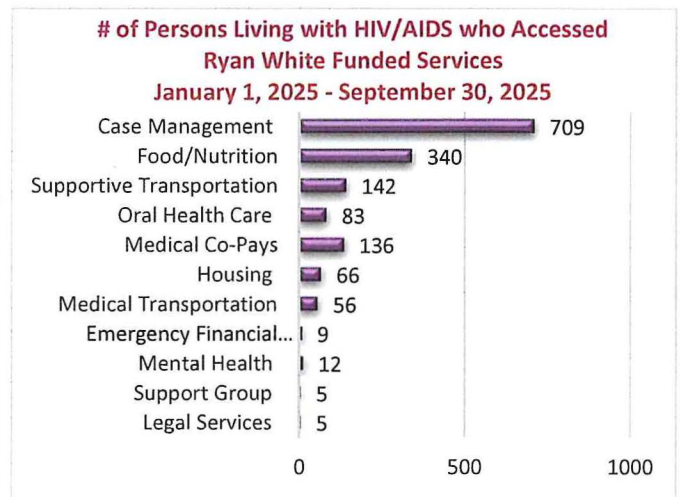
The HIV Care & Prevention Division (HCP) to date has 709 clients that have received services through Ryan White Case Management, of which 642 (91%) of those clients have achieved viral suppression. Five (5) new clients were enrolled into the housing program and secured a lease, allowing them to move out of homelessness status. Ninety-six (96) HIV screenings have been completed: Five (5) were completed as risk-based screenings, and 91 were completed as routine screenings. Two (2) positive cases were identified through testing efforts and both individuals were linked to HIV medical care.

The Health Promotion & Wellness (HPW) Division remains a vital asset to our community. To date we have distributed a total of 52,725 diapers through our monthly diaper program, launched Travel Vaccines and continue to provide seasonal and back-to-school immunizations through various initiatives. Vaccine services are available via private pay, billable insurance, and a sliding fee scale to ensure accessibility. We continue to offer comprehensive respiratory testing employing a combo kit for COVID-19, Flu A & B, and RSV.

The Clinical Services & Systems (CSS) Division continues to broaden its offerings in 2025. We have introduced in-house Lead testing and Genetic Screenings. To date, we've achieved the following in the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program: 89 new enrollments, 21 clinically navigated insured individuals, and 8 younger symptomatic cases. Additionally, we conducted 72 school and sports physicals and 30 work physicals. CSS continues to provide TB screening services and case management, as well as comprehensive STI testing and education services.

The Environmental Programs (EP) division continues to improve the Plan Review Process for new food establishments, conduct IEPA landfill and open dumps inspections, vector surveillance throughout the county for West Nile Virus, assist IDPH with foodborne illness investigations and continues the collaborative efforts on the free medicine drop-off program at the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. EP also conducted a residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in the spring and a Government only used tire collection in the late summer. A 2026 goal is to host a tire collection for residents.

The 2026 agency-wide goals include preventing disease, promoting healthy lifestyles and protecting the health of the people of St. Clair County by providing equitable access to affordable health care to our residents. This is achieved by reducing barriers, improving service delivery, and expanding services through new and innovative funding opportunities. The Health Department will continue to address community health needs and identify/implement programs that serve the residents of St. Clair County.





ST. CLAIR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ROADS & BRIDGES

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Department of Roads and Bridges 2025 Annual Report

The department of Roads and Bridges is responsible for the maintenance and reconstruction of approximately 250 centerline miles of roads and 65 bridges as well as construction of new highways and bridges under the jurisdiction of St. Clair County. The department administers the County Subdivision Code and provides technical assistance to the Zoning Department on Flood Plain matters. In addition to the County Motor Fuel Tax Funds, the department manages the Township Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 19 townships and the Township Bridge Fund.

The major construction accomplishment of 2025 was the completion of the improvements to Sullivan Drive from Huntwood Drive to IL RT 161. The improvement included concrete pavement repairs, hot-mix asphalt overlay, and striping. The project was predominantly funded with over \$1.345 Million in Federal and Rebuild Illinois Funds. The preservation work on Old Collinsville Road is underway and should be completed this year. Programmed are \$717,000 in Federal and Rebuild Illinois Funds.

The extension of Frank Scott Parkway from Cross Street in Shiloh to Air Mobility Drive is under construction. Programmed are \$14.2 Million in Federal and Rebuild Illinois Funds.

We are hopeful of a late 2025 or early 2026 letting for the fill in widening project on Frank Scott Parkway from Green Mount to Cross Street. A few portions of Right of Way are outstanding. Programmed are \$2,726.673 in Federal Funds and \$2,273,327 in Rebuild Illinois Funds.

Next year we look forward to: securing Right of Way, seeking bids, and implementing plans for the widening of Green Mount Road from north of Lebanon Avenue to north of Cascade Lake. Funds programmed for this completion are \$7.3 million in Federal Funds for a total project cost of \$10 million. Seeking bids for a southbound right turn lane at Old Collinsville and Ashland Avenue. We are acquiring Right of Way necessary for this project in cooperation with the City of Fairview Heights.

Every dollar of Federal funds received maximizes the County's utilization of General Highway, Matching, and Bridge Funds.

We will continue to seek alternate funding opportunities as they arise.

Norman Etling
County Engineer



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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



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The HR Department proudly continues to provide in-house Human Resource, Payroll, and Risk Management services for the employees of St. Clair County. The approximate total payroll for St. Clair County for 2025 is \$51,360,000 for 1,025 employees.

St. Clair County continues to partner with Premise Health Care for our employees and dependent health care needs. In 2025, Premise as of 09/30/2025 has 449 unique members which includes 321 employees, 121 dependents, and 7 retirees. This year we had one wellness initiative which concentrated on an individualized goal that the clinic chose based on the employees' individual need. It is in effect through 12/31/2026, which also drew in the new hires to utilize the clinic upon hire after signing up for the benefits package. As the year long incentive was successful, we will craft a similar incentive for 2026.

The goals met for 2025 were cross training being completed in HR and an in-person audit of all physical assets was completed by Chief Deputy of the Auditor's Office and the Risk Manager employee from HR. A new payroll clerk's manual has been completed, and a mandatory meeting is scheduled for all payroll clerks along with their backup clerk. HR also coordinated with the Mental Health Board to have a session on recognizing stress in the workplace and how to manage it. The HR intranet portal has expanded with information available at the employees' fingertips which includes benefits, leaves, retirement, deferred compensation, health plan, and Premise Clinic.

As part of our ongoing commitment to employee safety and preparedness, HR will prioritize workforce training initiatives in 2026. We will strive to ensure that all employees complete Active Shooter Response training and equipping staff with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in the event of a critical incident. In addition, we are setting a goal to have at least 20% of our employee population certified in Stop the Bleed, ensuring that trained individuals are available across departments to provide immediate, life-saving assistance in the event of a severe injury.

We will continue to expand our training for employees, concentrating on managers in 2026. There will be a session with a mental health professional to discuss the challenges in identifying employees with addiction issues and how we can assist them in obtaining treatment. We continue to expand our use of NeoGov software to digitally create any form needed for the employee including advise sheets for any change including address, salary, name, employment status, etc.

As we view ourselves here in HR as a department that serves the employees who serve the people of St. Clair County, we are going to send out a survey in 2026 on how we can better assist the employees as they do their job.

Ann Barnum
HR Manager



St. Clair County

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS DEPARTMENT

2025 Annual Report Summary

Serving people, communities, and employers.

The St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department (IGD), created in 1974, administers a variety of federal and state funded programs. During Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025), IGD administered 70 grants. IGD receives no County general funds. Our administrative/finance staff provides overall management and financial/accounting services. The Department received \$22,478,342 in grant funds in FY 2025. An increase of just over \$3,250,000. Only 8% of the funds received were used for administrative costs and overhead. We currently have 36 full-time and 3 part-time employees.

The Workforce Development Group (WDG) administers Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services for five Counties in Southwestern Illinois, including St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, and Washington. While continuing to offer traditional classroom training, our focus increasingly centers on employer driven, work-based learning solutions. These include Paid Work Experience (PWE), On-the-Job Training (OJT), Incumbent Worker Training and Registered Apprenticeships. In addition to its Adult and Dislocated Worker programs the WDG has robust youth, individuals with disabilities, and formally incarcerated programs. The WDG provided services to over 1000 individuals last year. The WDG Programs met or exceeded all required performance measures.

St. Clair County expended \$4,694,266 of Community Development Block Grant funds. Funding assists low-moderate income people or income eligible neighborhoods. Projects included repairing/rehabbing 22 single family, owner-occupied homes; 13 first time homebuyers received down payment or closing cost assistance; 2 non-profit Community Housing Development Organization were provided funds to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell single family homes to low-income buyers. Our partnership with the new Vivian's Village has resulted in 16 new affordable rental units. Eleven communities throughout the County received \$4,694,266 of funding to address a variety of needs including repair or improvements to water & sewer facilities, fire equipment, street-sidewalk-storm drainage improvements, community center upgrades, waste treatment facilities, and related infrastructure projects. An additional \$30,027,000 has been awarded to 5 flood related infrastructure projects. The County has partnered with a not-for-profit and is providing \$3,762,217 to develop 16 new much-needed affordable housing units. Fourteen additional affordable rental units are scheduled for 2026.

IGD continues to manage the Housing Resource Center (HRC) and HUD Illinois Continuum of Care (CoC) IL-508. These efforts provided \$4,112,853 to help homeless and near homeless individuals and families. As the CoC collaborative applicant HRC works with 5 community agencies representing 18 assistance programs, planning projects, and provides technical assistance to maintain a county-wide homeless client tracking system. HRC Coordinated Entry engaged over 800 clients last year and received over 800 calls per month for housing/services. The COC also receives funding from IDHS to provide shelter diversion, rapid rehousing, and homeless prevention services. St. Clair County administered just under \$935,000 in Rental Housing Support Program funding to support an additional 40 units of affordable housing.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helped over 6,600 families this year, a 7% increase over the number of households that received assistance last year. Our customers continue to



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face challenges due to rate increases and rising costs of necessities including water, sewer, food, housing and medication. As a result, in addition to LIHEAP benefits, the County provided over \$916,000 in Reconnection Assistance funds to either prevent service disconnections or to have services restored. A 50% increase compared to the previous year, reflecting the growing need for our energy assistance programs.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program has seen an increase in the need for rent and mortgage assistance. Our community needs assessments identify affordable housing, employment opportunities and transportation as the top needs of our community. Last year, St. Clair County assisted over 8,000 CSBG customers overcome short term hardships including food and housing insecurities, domestic abuse, disaster recovery, utility, medical, and automobile repair assistance. Our CSBG staff have been working closely with our Workforce Development Group to support clients who have experienced job loss or who are under employed. Many of our referrals have received job offers through this collaboration, helping them to gain some financial stability.

The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income residents with energy conservation by installing energy efficient appliances and weatherization measures that impede conditioned air from leaving the home. This year, using both federal and state funding 44 homes were weatherized. The Weatherization Department continues to be recognized for its exceptional performance.

Changing priorities and funding at the federal level are major concerns for the 2026 year.



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The amazing professionals of the St Clair County IT Department are responsible for all IT services within the county to include Mid-America Airport. The department provides everything from computer access and e-mail to systems that enable the courts, jail, tax management, assessing, zoning, animal services, county websites, and business administration. Additionally, the department provides the network infrastructure required to connect and manage 15 remote locations across the county. Finally, the department provides a fully functional printshop and county mailroom.

In 2025 the IT Department delivered:

- Conducted a 100% user account validation ensuring a 99.84% network uptime for 900+ users
- Actively managed 175TB of network traffic and ensured recovery capabilities for 431TB
- Protected 211M files equaling 8.2PB of data flowing through our automated backup system
- The St. Clair County website had 16M views and 158k for the Belle Clair Fairground Park site
- Launched virtual assistant on our county website facilitating 10K searches in 140GB of data
- Created an automated feedback survey to identify and correct issues, resolved 3,657 tickets
- Replaced the core network switch and 24 other switches allowing a doubling of the bandwidth
- Enhanced network security by moving 42TB of sensitive data into an encrypted environment
- Replaced 314 PCs, migrated 37 servers into new environment, and issued 102 new user tokens
- Executed \$3.3M in budgeted IT procurements and another \$95K with secured external funding
- Implemented a new Case Management System for the 20th Judicial Circuit & St Clair County
 - The 3-year/\$2.3M project migrated 3.8M records with coordination from 8 stakeholders
- Continuous process improvement events enabled 1.5M prints and processing of 250K parcels
- Handled 102 GIS service requests, delivered bi-weekly packages/145 maps, generated \$29K+
- Further deployed ArcGIS Pro, 30 map services ensuring availability and updating 600 features
- Implemented a Mobile Device Management system to secure and account for mobile devices
- Migrated the airport to a new financial management system for enhanced accounting and ops
- Launched Wi-Fi splash page connecting 11,239 visitors to enhance passenger engagement

As we move into 2026, we continue to see a significant increase in cyber threats. This drives requirements for both user training and modernization. The IT Department team has been challenged to devise new ways to streamline our processes using technology while reducing costs for taxpayers. Our major projects for next year include revamping our Active Directory architecture, moving to a full cloud hosting for exchange, and continuing to streamline our Case Management system.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Sandusky", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey C. Sandusky

St. Clair County Jury Commission

10 Public Square, Belleville, Illinois 62220-1623

MEMO

To: Mark Kern, Chairman
From: Betsy Sternau
Chief Deputy, Jury Commission
Date: October 9, 2025
Re: 2025 Year-End Report

Since the beginning of the year the Jury Commission has qualified 10,000 county residents for jury service. Over 6,500 summons were sent to those qualified, 22 trials were completed. Our goal for 2026 is to continue to provide jurors to the court in an efficient, cost effective manner, ensuring a positive experience to prospective jurors.



St. Clair County Mapping & Platting Department

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Mapping & Platting Department

This year Mapping & Platting has continued to maintain superior customer service. Our goal was to maintain or grow our level of service, both internal and external customers, with less expenditures and personnel. Our accomplishments this year include the following: Mapping & Platting continues to be the editing source for most of the counties need in GIS. County maps are being maintained at the highest levels of accuracy and updated as quickly as quality control and the GIS coordinator will allow. As the needs of other offices arise, Mapping & Platting develops solutions to solve their needs. Mapping & Platting aides the Assessor's office by making custom maps and spreadsheets to help in the reassessment efforts of that office. To help bring in revenue from parcels that were missed in error; Mapping & Platting worked with the Assessor's office closely to fix these errors and make sure the parcels were assessed. Hundreds of parcels are created and deleted due to the actions of Mapping & Platting every year. This year a sharp increase in divisions and subdivision lots have taken place to increase our workload. Mapping has also been upgraded to the ARC PRO mapping program. Even with this change, turnaround time for all edits, once received, is still one week. This gives the county the most up to date information for internal and external use. In 2025, Mapping & Platting has approved, changed, and checked approximately 35,358 deeds from January to the date of this report. Also, hundreds of corrections concerning name and mailing address of taxpayers were made. With the current financial position of the county, Mapping & Platting is maintaining and exceeding its output level with a reduction in expenditures. We are working in a team atmosphere to bring the work process into alignment with the rest of the county layers. With at least 165 consolidations this year to date plus 110 divisions and 15 new subdivisions, turnaround time has not increased. Our goals for next year are: To work closely with the Zoning office to increase efficiencies of both offices with synergies of resources and to continue one level of service.

Anne Markezich, Director

Building & Zoning/Mapping & Platting



ST. CLAIR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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The St. Clair County 708 Community Mental Health Board (SCCMHB) was formed via referendum in 1968 under the Community Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 20. The mission of our staff and volunteer board is to promote availability and access to behavioral health services, intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) services, and substance use disorder (SUD) prevention and recovery services throughout St. Clair County. As responsible stewards of funds from St. Clair County and the National Opioid Settlement Fund, we distributed and monitored funding to 28 agencies and subcontractors in CY 2025 exceeding \$3.5M. Services include but are not limited to:

- Funded behavioral health services: trauma-informed counseling across an inclusive range of ages and populations; psychiatric evaluation and prescribing; bilingual counseling; grief counseling; suicide prevention programming; and youth mentoring.
- Funded IDD services: supported employment; community integration; art therapy; and specialized case management.
- Funded SUD services: linkage to recovery/treatment services at key locations in SCC; peer support; case management; court presence; medication assisted recovery; team-based care; youth resilience and leadership programming; and prevention programming.

In addition to funds monitoring, we state the CY 2025 accomplishments of:

- The release of key findings and summary of the 2024 SCC Community Mental Health Needs Assessment and resulting 2025 SCCMHB Strategic Plan for 1, 3, and 5+ years, targeting healthy resilience across all populations. 2026 funding is expected to include the St. Clair County Detention Center and other area agencies.
- Ongoing and numerous St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance network projects, community events, two newly funded school-based suicide prevention programs, and evolving veteran/military programming.
- 988 promotion, mobile crisis response planning via RAC4 Committee participation, and research and planning for an improving inter-agency and emergency response communication regarding regional client service access. This includes but is not limited to evolving programming regarding the unhoused population.
- The monitoring of the SCC Juvenile Redeploy Illinois funding and programming, and continued funding of some mental health services at the SCC Jail.
- Being known as: consistent representatives and advocates of the SCC mental health network; a frequent and visible presence at community functions; and available and accessible consultants for our funded agencies.

This year brought staffing changes within our office, but under the direction of our seasoned board members, our core values of client-based service, evidence-based practices, a visible community presence, and responsible stewardship remain consistent with past MHB tradition.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi Gardner, MSW, LCSW, SCCMHB Executive Director

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MidAmerica St. Louis Airport is now the fifth busiest commercial service airport in the State of Illinois and ranked 196 out of 759 airports nationally. MidAmerica St. Louis Airport and Scott Air Force Base (AFB) together generate \$3.1B in economic impact. The collective impact stems from 358 airport personnel, consisting of airport management and administration; airport tenants; and over 11,000 personnel of our Joint Use partner, Scott AFB.

BLV's performance measures:

- FAA 2024 finalized enplanements of 152,632 and 293,000 total passengers; Allegiant capacity increased 10% from the previous year while passenger enplanements increased 4%.
- 2025 has been a record year with monthly enplanement records in March, May, June, July, August and September. Records are expected through the last quarter as well. July was an all-time airport record at 28,319 enplanements.
- Flight service highpoint was Allegiant adding service to Gulf Shores, Alabama on May 23, 2025.
- Identified for Congressional Directed Spending earmark of \$4.0M for Terminal Modification – Phase 4B.
- Launched project to identify requirements for an Asset Lifecycle Management System and create scope of work.
- Transitioning Aircraft Rescue Firefighting trucks from AFFF to F3, placing another new crash truck in service.
- Received TSA approval of complete re-write of the Airport Security Program.
- Airport revenue increase was driven by a rise in air service throughout the year. The Airport experienced a notable increase in parking and concession revenue:

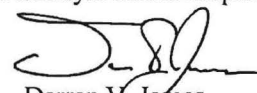
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	YTD August FY 2025	Annualized FY 25
Landing fees & Air Service	\$ 552,551	\$ 615,981	\$ 651,326	\$ 405,573	\$ 738,252
Net Parking Revenue	\$ 1,897,732	\$ 1,680,123	\$ 1,661,664	\$ 1,683,380	\$ 2,170,486
Rents, concessions and other	\$ 1,274,096	\$ 1,646,649	\$ 1,769,771	\$ 1,396,639	\$ 1,741,826
Net Fuel Revenue	\$ 915,159	\$ 653,630	\$ 527,245	\$ 556,116	\$ 635,830
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 4,639,538	\$ 4,596,383	\$ 4,610,006	\$ 4,041,708	\$ 5,286,394

Jet A Fuel	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	YTD August FY 2025	Annualized FY 2025
Fuel Sales	\$ 9,301,852	\$ 5,877,105	\$ 5,616,122	\$ 4,749,315	\$ 5,896,929
Fuel Cost	\$ 8,572,940	\$ 5,280,008	\$ 5,102,511	\$ 4,277,931	\$ 5,279,399
GM	\$ 728,912	\$ 597,097	\$ 513,611	\$ 471,384	\$ 617,530
GM (%)	8%	10%	9%	10%	10%

BLV continues to experience significant capital improvements including Terminal Modification – Phase 4A with expected completion in early 2026 (\$6.7M in Federal Funding), receipt of Notice-to-Proceed on the Terminal Apron Expansion Project (\$7.5M in Federal Funding), ongoing construction to connect MetroLink to the Airport, and initiation of design for pedestrian access from MetroLink to the Terminal. Other highpoints include the establishment of numerous contracts to maintain airport equipment and improve services/performance including conveyances, custodial services and specialized equipment, as well as coordination of projects for the Boeing MQ-25 Stingray program.

BLV 2026 Calendar Year goals:

- Seek additional and expand current air service, increasing revenue
- Ensure FAR Part 139 & TSAR 1542 compliance, satisfactorily completing annual inspection requirements
- Execute Terminal Modification – Complete Phase 4A/begin 4B (General Aviation Facility/Federal Inspection Station)
- Initiate and execute Terminal Apron Expansion – Phase 1
- Continue to strengthen partnership with Scott Air Force Base


 Darren V. James
 Airport Director



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St. Clair County Military Affairs

As the director and solo personnel of Military Affairs Department it is my responsibility to advise the County Board Chairman on legislative, economic, and quality-of-life matters impacting the region's military and civilian communities as a direct liaison to Scott Air Force Base Installation Commander, Colonel Matt Collins, ensuring consistent communication and partnership across local, state, and federal stakeholders. The mission remains focused on supporting the now 12,500 active-duty and reserve service members, 10,500 family members, approximately 5,200 civilian employees, and 47,500 retirees and veterans who call St. Clair County home.

I attended and supported more than 85 professional engagements year-to-date across all service branches, including the U.S. Coast Guard and National Guard. Continued leadership role as a member of the Illinois Lt. Governor's Military Economic Development Committee and Chair of the Quality-of-Life Subcommittee, representing Scott Air Force Base (SAFB) and Illinois Bases. SAFB remains one of seven finalist installations nationwide under consideration for the Main Operating Base (MOB-7). I served as keynote speaker and mentor at 10 Transition Assistance Program (TAP) sessions, supporting more than 300 transitioning service members and spouses. Also, led employer panels featuring regional industry partners to promote St. Clair County employment destination.

This year I represented St. Clair County through the 2025 leadership transition of the 375th Air Mobility Wing, including the change of command from Col. John Poole to Col. Matt Collins, and the assumption of responsibility by Chief Master Sergeant Quinten Davis. Coordinated community recognition events and maintained continuity across three Group and five Squadron realignments, ensuring seamless communication between local government and base leadership.

Continued collaboration with federal and local partners on flood mitigation impacting Cardinal Creek, Ash Creek, and Silver Creek, key drainage systems protecting both Scott AFB and surrounding municipalities. In 2025, St. Clair County secured more than \$30 million in HUD disaster recovery grants and advanced planning for an additional \$89.5 million HUD flood resilience package aimed at regional stormwater infrastructure and housing stability. These mitigation efforts directly support Scott AFB access, transportation corridors, and resilience initiatives, reinforcing the base's competitive advantage in future mission basing evaluations.

In 2026, I plan to continue coordination with AMC Headquarters, and Air Force Installation & Mission Support Center (AFIMSC) to sustain KC-46A advocacy efforts and project readiness. Leverage federal and state grant mechanisms to further align community & installation goals. Expand quality-of-life initiatives through data-driven collaboration on childcare, housing, and transportation improvements supporting military families. Maintain active engagement across Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Air Force Association (AFA), Airlift/Tanker Association (A/TA), and regional leadership councils to ensure national visibility of St. Clair County's commitment to defense-community excellence.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

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2025 Annual Report for the Public Building Commission

The Public Building Commission (PBC) is an entity created by the St. Clair County Board with a primary purpose of developing, executing building projects, and managing County properties. Although the PBC has no taxing powers, it does structure and enter into lease agreements for the properties it manages. The PBC's administrative structure includes a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the St. Clair County Board Chairman and approved by the County Board.

The PBC's 2025 non-construction improvements, which are beyond normal daily maintenance tasks, included the following: upgraded pay system to e-pay and tap-to-pay as well as a new sump pump (Parking Garage); new generator and storm drain (ROE); new chiller (Annex); new boiler liner/insulation and painted kitchen (Jail); power washing and sealed parking lot (Probation).

The PBC currently manages design and construction for several major projects with the use of ARPA and PBC funds. The extensive lobby and security improvements at the County Administration Building are in sight with a projected early 2026 completion date. (*Photo on reserve side*). Efforts are made to notify local media thru our "Know Before You Go Link" on the County's main web page as well as notifying employees with any updates through email notifications and the employee intranet. Renovation is underway for the Public Parking Garage Attendant Booth which will make a more efficient and safer building for our attendants.

We work closely with architects and engineers as we manage the design and construction of other major projects as well. The Livestock Sheds were renovated and completed as part of the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park Renovation Project. The redevelopment of the Expo Center has been broken into multiple phases. Phase 1A is currently underway with a completion date of November 2025. Major renovations include a new look for the Expo Hall, a new roof, restrooms, HVAC system, offices, a freshly painted sign for the park, and an emergency shelter with restrooms/showers. To make room for the new Racetrack, the old speedway was demolished, and the PBC purchased nearby properties. The racetrack completion date has been set for July 2026. A groundbreaking ceremony kickoffed the construction of the new Animal Services Facility located on Comwest Parkway with an anticipated completion date of June 2026. A 30' x 60' sq. ft storage shed was designed and built on the property.

The new County Clerk Election Storage facility located at 313 West Washington is move-in ready. The new jail generator has been designed and will go out for bid in 2026.

Background checks and IDs are issued to all construction workers on site at the county building. PBC meets monthly with Public Safety, HR, IT, County Administration and the Sheriff Administration team to discuss public safety improvements. PBC continues to work closely with county departments for the activation and deactivation of prox cards for both doors and parking. Our Public Safety team closely monitors the day-to-day activities of our county buildings, especially through our construction phases, keeping the employees and the public safe. Their report is attached.



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Public Building Commission of St. Clair County Public Safety

During 2025, PBC Public Safety has continued to provide safety and security for the employees and the many visitors to all the PBC properties.

Our part-time deputies serve a vital role in our mission as they provide security at the St. Clair County Courthouse during evening hours and at most events held at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park. The part-time deputies also fill shifts at both the Courthouse and the Annex Building as needed.

DAILY DUTIES

It is difficult to list all the “daily activities” preformed by the Public Safety Deputies as each day gives us different challenges, but I will list some of the duties performed by the Public Safety Deputies on a regular basis. Public Safety patrols the exterior of not only the St. Clair County Courthouse and Parking Garage, but we also patrol the Annex Building, the Public Service Facilities Building, the Belle Clair Fairgrounds Park, and the Regional Office of Education Building. These patrols are conducted throughout the day to ensure the safety of both employees and guests of these buildings and to protect the property of the Public Building Commission. Public Safety also maintains a close eye on the daily activities of our buildings by monitoring the multiple CCTV surveillance cameras within the buildings. The use of these CCTV surveillance cameras proved instrumental in assisting several agencies including our own Human Resources Department, St. Clair County State’s Attorney’s Office, St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department, Belleville Police Department, Illinois State Police, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. We spend several hours each day assisting guests who enter the building with everything from directions within the building and even helping those who forget where they parked. Public Safety stands by for any emergency that may arise at all the PBC buildings.

WRITTEN REPORTS/ INCIDENTS

As of October 13th, PBC Public Safety has completed a total of 107 written reports generated from seven different PBC buildings. The 107 reports compiled were for a variety of different types of incidents. Some were to assist other agencies, and some were to be taken for documentation purposes. See back of this report for detailed list of incident types and locations.

TRAINING

During 2025 Public Safety worked with the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department to coordinate much needed Active Shooter Training to employees of the St. Clair County Health Department along with employees of the St. Clair County Courthouse. Public Safety Deputies oversee yearly Severe Weather Drills and assist with regular testing of the Panic Alarms throughout the St. Clair County Courthouse and Annex Building. All Public Safety Deputies must attend on-going continuing education training mandated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to maintain our certification as Certified Police Officers. We also attend mandated in-house training offered to all St. Clair County Deputies including Firearms Training, Use of Force Training, First Aid/ CPR.

As we prepare for 2026, Public Safety will continue to work with the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department to organize much-needed training programs for St. Clair County employees.

Row Labels	Count of Report #
Assist Other Agency	20
Bailiff Assist	10
Civil Process	1
Damage to Property	2
Disorderly Conduct	3
Disturbance	4
EMS Assist	11
Escort	3
Found Item	2
Information	6
Investigation	5
Miscellaneous	3
Panic Alarm	2
Parking Complaint	6
Personal Injury	3
Slip, Trip or Fall	2
Subject Removal	2
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Theft	2
Traffic Crash	9
Trespassing	3
Vehicle Lockout	6
Warrant Served	1
Grand Total	107

Row Labels	Count of Report #
1 West Washington	19
10 Public Square	60
19 Public Square	11
200 South Belt West	10
9006 Lebanon Rd.	1
Other Location Off Property	4
330 W. Main St.	1
1250 S. 11th St.	1
Grand Total	107

COURT SERVICES AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

TO: Mark Kern, County Board Chairman

FROM: Greg Norkus Director of Court Services

SUBJECT: FY2025 Year End Report

DATE: 10/6/25

FY2025 Activity:

- Actively Supervise over **3,000** Adults and juveniles.
- Coordinate **3** Specialized Problem-Solving Courts: Veteran's Court, Mental Health Court, and Drug Court as well as an Intensive Supervised Probation Program (Redeploy)
- Investigation and Juvenile Unit completed **223** Presentence Investigations and Social Studies thru Oct. 2025.
- Generated **\$218,765** thru October, 2025 from Outer County Resident Fees at SCCJDC.
- Active participation in the American Probation and Parole Association, the Illinois Probation and Court Service Association, Metro East Recovery Council, Juvenile Justice Council, St. Clair County Youth Coalition, Partnership for Drug Free America, Violence Against Women, Adult Redeploy, Chestnut Systems of Care, Drug Overdose Prevention Program, and the District 189 Wraparound Program as well as many Multi-Disciplinary Teams.
- Contracted for medical and safety protocols at the St. Clair County Detention Center
- Collaborated with Visions to implement Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT) in Redeploy
- The Department produced 5 Illinois Probation and Court Services Association Award Winners
 - Deputy Director Jeff Poignee – William C. Albertson Field of Achievement Award
 - Investigations Officer Joyce Tastad – Michael Shaughnessy Superior Service Award
 - 3 Distinguished Service Awards
 - Adult Unit Supervisor - Kim Lauf
 - Compliance Officer - Teresa Nunn
 - Juvenile Officer - Kristine Paulson

FY2026 Goals and Objectives:

- Work with and assume roles within community agencies of Public Safety and Rehabilitation objectives. Seek grants for evidence-based community roles.
- Install protocols for Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Data Initiative.
- Implement Core Correctional Practices as an Evidence Based Strategy for Supervision.
- Complete conversion of new Probation Management System (JANO)

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2025 Public Defender's Annual Report

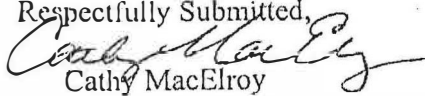
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The St. Clair County Public Defender's Office is Court appointed to represent indigent people who are charged with crimes, juveniles who are alleged to be delinquent, people whose parental rights are in jeopardy, and cases remanded from the Appellate Court. In 2025, the Public Defender's Office has sought to zealously advocate for clients while managing increasing caseloads, implementing procedures under new laws like the Safe-T Act, and navigating an ongoing transition to a new county wide case management system. Currently, our county employs 8 full-time attorneys, 13 part-time attorneys, 2 administrative assistants and 1 investigator to handle these important matters.

From January 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025, the Office has been appointed to 1,168 felony cases, approximately 200 juvenile cases, and several hundred misdemeanor and traffic cases. As August 31, 2025, we have closed approximately 1100 cases this year. Currently, each full-time lawyer is responsible for approximately 300 active cases – This is more than double current ABA recommended guidelines. In addition to individually assigned cases, the attorneys also manage a variety of weekly obligations including approximately 20-30 detention hearings, 30-35 preliminary hearings weekly, and multiple petitions to revoke probation. The office is also a necessary participant in Problem Solving Court, Veteran's Court, Drug Court, Redeploy, and the Juvenile Justice Commission each with additional duties and obligations.

In 2025, the Office has been appointed to represent approximately 88% of all arraigned felony cases. Additionally, the number of appointments on misdemeanor and traffic cases has more than doubled since the Safe-T Act took effect in September of 2023. To better handle the increase in case load, the office has finally been successful in hiring an additional lawyer this past month and has engaged with law schools to obtain interns in exchange for credit to assist the attorneys.

In 2026, the FAIR Act will take effect, whereby a State Public Defender Office will begin implementation steps to form a defense system meant to facilitate State support, universal standards, and oversight of all local Public Defender Offices. The FAIR Act will not take full effect until January 2027. In 2026, the Office will continue to effectively implement any changes advanced by the State to our role while maintaining quality legal representation with ongoing and continued coordination between our attorneys, support staff, and our investigator.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy MacElroy
St. Clair County Public Defender



Michael Crockett
Recorder of Deeds
St Clair County, IL

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The St Clair County Recorder of Deeds is the official land records office for St. Clair County, IL. The County Recorder is an integral part of the housing industry. Our records date back to the late 1700's and the primary responsibility of the office has not changed in that time. The office of the Recorder accepts documents for recording and maintains a permanent record of those documents. Typically, they pertain to property ownership and real estate transactions within St Clair County. The data recorded is then used by our clientele for purposes such as verifying the chain of title for property, ascertaining property values, to settle disputes, discern property lines, and to protect the interest of creditors and homeowners alike.

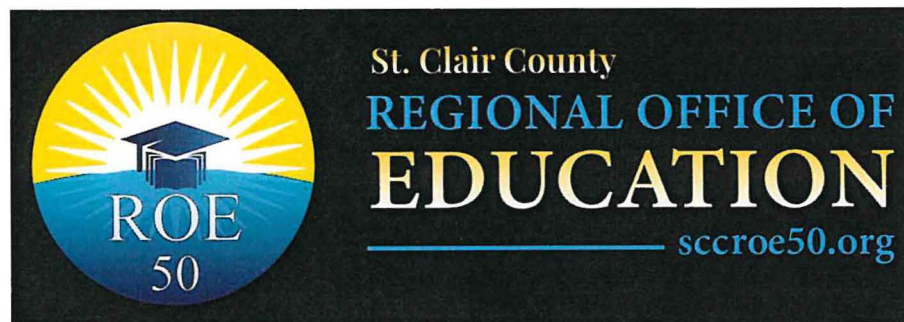
While the number of properties sold has remained relatively stable, St Clair County saw a small increase in revenue resulting from larger sale prices (approx. 7.5%). The rise in sale prices coupled with an overall slight increase in document volume helped to improve our revenue for 2025. Our 2025 YTD transactions totaled \$3,065,601.61 while YTD for 2024 was \$2,907,541.04 which gives us an additional \$170,195.41 in revenue to date for 2025. Additionally, by offering our business customers a variety of convenient and customizable ways to access our data, our copy fees have grown to account for approximately 25% of our General Fund deposits. In 2025 we also joined the IDOR MyDec system which will help streamline the process of submitting sales data to the state. It also eliminates the costs of supplies and maintenance (avg \$550.00 per year) associated with the old paper transfer tax system. The change also allows us to turn excess funds from that account over to the county general fund monthly instead of quarterly.

In closing, the data maintained by the Recorder is crucial to the real estate industry. While we cannot control the volume of documents brought to us for recording, we do have a duty to our customers to provide an efficient recording process. Once recorded we have a responsibility to provide reliable access to the information contained in each document as well. Therefore, looking forward to 2026, our objective is to continue to improve access to public records. We strive to provide the best possible experience in recording and the most reliable and convenient research tools available to both our business clients across the country and the citizens of St Clair County.

Michael Crockett,

Recorder of Deeds

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2025

STATE, FEDERAL, AND
LOCAL FUNDING
\$4,354,176

SCHOOL VISITS
49

FINGERPRINTING CLIENTS
1,065

BUS DRIVERS TRAINED
729

GED
Transcripts Issued: **230**
Diplomas Issued: **104**

WORK PERMITS
22

HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY
Building Permits Issued: **55**
Building Inspections: **134**
Occupancy Permits: **16**
Amendments: **34**



WORKSHOP TRAININGS
Workshops: **90**
Administrators: **217**
Teachers: **1,721**

TEACHING LICENSES
Educators Registered: **1,435**
Licenses Issued: **2,618**
Substitutes Registered: **567**
Master Sub List Applicants: **112**

MENTAL HEALTH

Student Referrals: **733**
Parent Mtgs./Trainings: **753**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE

92 Students
(7 Languages/17 Countries)

TRUANCY HEARINGS
531

HOMELESS CHILDREN
121 Referred to ROE

SAFE SCHOOL
110 Students

STAY IN SCHOOL
166 Students/(11 Districts)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Followers: **765**
X (Twitter) Followers: **872**



Sheriff Richard Watson

St. Clair County Sheriff's Department

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2025 Year End Report (Oct 1st 2024 – Oct 1st 2025)

Patrol Division, the activity for each of the below listed units of the Patrol Division are as follows:

Total Police Reports - 10,420 Total Citations Issued – 1,685 Total Warnings Issued – 1,726

Criminal Investigations, comprised of one Master Sergeant, and four Investigators. The division also has one administrative assistant. This section handles all felony cases that are reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Members of the Investigative Division are also assigned to assist other agencies with murder investigations as members of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad as well as the Special Response Team (S.R.T.), and the Infant Death Task Force.

- Investigations included 3 **First Degree Murder**, 53 **Aggravated Batteries**, 35 **Criminal Sexual Abuses/Assaults**, 3 **Armed or Aggravated Robbery**, 16 **Residential Burglaries**, 82 **Unattended Deaths**.
- The remainders were thefts, frauds, and other property related crimes involving our Patrol, Metrolink, and Auto Theft Division.

Drug Tactical Unit - comprised of one Captain, one deputy, and three task force officers. Investigators are assigned from the Belleville Police Department, Cahokia Heights Police Department, Swansea Police Department, and the Army National Guard. There is also one Task Force Officer assigned to D.E.A. and one task force officer assigned to the U S. Marshal Service.

- Investigations included – 350 Cases Assigned, 52 Arrests, 124 Weapons Seized, 123 Controlled Purchases, 41 Search Warrants Executed, 6 Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized, 7 Pounds of Cocaine Seized, 13 Vehicles Seized, and a total of \$1,757,662.00 Seized from drug investigations alone.

Jail Corrections Division

More than 7,289 people were processed into the jail. The average daily population of the jail was 438 inmates. More than 2,383 were charged with misdemeanor violations and the remaining 3,233 were charged with felony offenses. The Jail Intelligence Unit assisted in over 108 criminal cases and processed over 15,524 detainee calls. 283 detainee disciplinary hearings were conducted, and more than 54,950 electronic detainee incoming, outgoing messages including photos, digital and videos were reviewed. Corrections/Patrol transported 1,485 detainees between the St. Clair County Courthouse, Department of Corrections, Fugitive Pickups, Alton, Chester Mental Health and Federal Courthouse.

Goals for 2026

Our objective for 2026 is to concentrate on addressing areas within our budget that result in financial shortfalls. However, it is believed that a significant portion of our financial challenges are attributed to personnel overtime for obligations that cannot be avoided due to duties such as transporting individuals in custody for medical appointments or hospital treatment, and the extradition of inmates back to St. Clair County who have been apprehended from other parts of the United States. Additionally, unallocated overtime is generated by supervising flights at MidAmerica Airport and aiding rural law enforcement jurisdictions with emergency calls for service when they lack officers on duty.

***Due to space constraints, this report provides a comprehensive summary of the unwavering efforts of our dedicated members. ***

Sheriff Richard Watson

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In 2025, the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office continued to work to enhance public safety, ensure accountability for offenders, zealously represent the County in all matters criminal and civil, and improve the quality of life for our residents.

In 2025, as of October 9th, the State's Attorney's Office has filed the following numbers of cases: 9,001 traffic, 3,425 major traffic, 2,180 general misdemeanors, 563 non-felony driving under the influence, 207 misdemeanor domestic violence and 1,754 felonies. Additionally, the office has filed 160 juvenile abuse and neglect cases, 161 juvenile delinquency cases, and 587 child support enforcement cases. These numbers are roughly on par with 2024 numbers.

The office has endeavored to maintain grant funding and has been able to do so in specific areas including domestic violence and sexual assault cases, juvenile justice, child support enforcement, auto theft prosecution, and victim services.

Violent crime remains a challenge but we have had successes. In East St. Louis, as of September 30th, non-fatal shootings are down 16% year to date from 2024 and down more than 55% since 2020. Homicides remain down significantly year to date from their high in 2020 and are generally consistent with 2024 rates. As part of ongoing efforts at violent crime reduction, the SAO has been St. Clair County's primary delegate to the Save Lives Now (SLN) Initiative through the East-West Gateway which seeks to reduce violent crime in the region by 20%. In a related effort, the SAO is part of the Reimagine Public Safety Collaborative convened by East Side Aligned to reduce firearm violence.

The past few years have been extraordinarily difficult in terms of hiring and retention. We have mentioned in previous reports the issues of high turnover and difficulty in attracting quality applicants. The strong hiring market for attorneys and significant disparity in pay between certain public sector offices and private sector salaries is likely to continue to prove a challenge both near- and long-term.

Our office proudly embraces the ethical obligation of prosecutors to seek justice. We remain steadfast in our efforts to achieve that noble goal and will continue to serve to the very best of our ability.

Goals for 2026:

Fully utilize new case management software to increase efficiency and coordinate with criminal justice partners to ensure maximum functionality. Seek supplemental funding streams. Review hiring and retention strategies. Review office staffing and organization. Aggressively prosecute violent crime to protect the public. Enhance the general welfare of the citizens of St. Clair County.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Gomric
State's Attorney



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Collect and Distribute Real Estate Taxes:

- 250+ taxing districts extended over \$484,000,000 in real estate taxes;
- Printed, mailed, and collected over 137,000 tax bills.

Goal #1- Get the tax money collected and distributed as efficiently and economically as possible.

Goal #2- Continue an informational, efficient, and expedient billing and collection process.

Summary- The office mailed 2024 tax bills the third week of May with established due dates July 2 and September 2.

Our office continues to see an increase in funds collected using our electronic payment system. This year we received nearly \$75,500,000 from individual taxpayers and \$158,000,000 from mortgage companies using the electronic payment system.

To date, the office has collected approximately 95% of anticipated tax dollars and has distributed almost 87% of funds collected. Balancing of the collection year, and final distribution of funds, is anticipated to be completed in December.

A court ruling by the United States Supreme Court is being evaluated by counties and legislatures throughout the country on the impact the decision has on tax sales and the distribution of surplus funds. Our office continues to evaluate our compliance with state statutes and will continue to monitor any changes to law regarding the Supreme Court ruling.

Banking and Investment of County Funds:

- The treasurer oversees the investments of over 120 county funds;
- Balances exceeded \$296,000,000 as of September 2025

Goal #1- To ensure that county moneys are secure, liquid as needed, and have a fair market or higher rate of interest earnings.

Goal #2- To maximize the investment potential of our county funds by taking full advantage of investment programs and technology.

Goal #3- To maintain local bank participation in our banking and investment program.

Goal #4- To provide oversight and safekeeping of all county funds and bank accounts.

Summary- The banking and investment team meets regularly and communicates often with other county offices to ensure that enough funds are liquid when large expenditures occur. Our team continues to monitor the federal interest rate environment, finding opportunities for growth while keeping the county portfolio safe. In September, the Federal Reserve cut rates (25 basis points) for the first time in 2024. We expect a further decline in interest rates by the end of this year and in 2026.



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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY OF FY25

In FY25, the VAC has taken extraordinary steps to modernize its operations & service delivery to its clients. We have opened a first-of-its-kind satellite office located in the DAV Chapter in Freeburg, IL. A new client management system has been implemented, reducing the lag time of filings being processed into the VA management system to 18-24 hours, down from 3-5 days. The system also allows for same place tracking for VA claims, financial assistance & secured electronic document storage, eliminating the need for costly paper file storage. All veteran files subject to record retention requirements are now scanned & stored into this secure electronic document repository.

Our Financial Assistance program continues to be a popular program that is utilized by veterans & surviving spouses. As of October 1, 2025, our year-to-date financial assistance distributed is \$136,779 up by over \$50,000 at this time in 2024. We expect the average distribution of \$20,000/month to sustain through 2026. This program is a vital lifeline to keep veteran families housed and out of arrears to public utilities.

For the first time, the VAC is excited to share our FY25 year-to-date cumulative total awards figures. As of October 1, 2025, our accredited VSOs were instrumental in over \$6.3MM in cash compensation & pension payments for St. Clair County veterans in 2025. This figure will continue to climb as awards from the VA are adjudicated in the 4th Quarter of the calendar year. These awards are critical to ensure our Veterans and dependent families are not just surviving but thriving in St. Clair County.

The VAC has partnered with the Assessor's Office to help remedy a sensitive matter of property tax exemptions for disabled Veterans and their surviving families. This critical earned benefit can be the source of frustration for both parties due to the extensive need for documentation and complex rules. The VAC has been successfully providing SHEVD P-TAX-342 packet screening and filing service for eligible property owners since June 2025.

Two employees are projected to be added in FY26 as our team is at capacity and gaining operational responsibilities such as the PTAX-342 application screening as noted above. Additional FY26 needs are new office space that supports this growth and is HIPPA / fully ADA compliant; replacement of near-end-of-life equipment; and replacement of obsolete or irreparable office furniture, most of which was secured secondhand or discarded by other departments during their refresh. We have deferred much of these costs in FY25 with the intent of using the unobligated funds in FY26 to coincide with a projected office relation, reducing moving costs and damage risk to new equipment.


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Superintendent



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BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

The St. Clair County **Building Permit Department** issued 397 building permits for a total of \$460,126.70 and 189 electrical permits for a total of \$14,150. The Building Department is currently under contract to conduct inspections for the following municipalities: Caseyville, East Carondelet, Fayetteville, Freeburg, Marissa, Millstadt, New Athens, St. Libory, and Smithton. These inspections resulted in permit fees totaling \$73,741.00. Zoning Staff collected \$10,575 in reinspection fees for Building permits.

The **Occupancy Department** completed 1,081 inspections for a total of \$106,725 and 706 Occupancy Permits for a total of \$24,120. The Occupancy Department is contracted to conduct inspections for the following municipalities: East Carondelet, Fayetteville, and Millstadt with fees totaling \$5,650.

The **Zoning Department** conducted 15 Area/Bulk Variances, 5 Planned Developments, 13 Special Use Permits, and 400 Zoning Compliance hearings for a total of \$27,880. Code Enforcement staff inspected 680 properties, and mowing liens were placed on 11-properties. The Department has established two goals for 2026. The first is to offer our customers the convenience of credit card payments. This includes researching payment processing options to ensure secure, user-friendly transactions. The second goal is to launch an online portal that will allow customers to manage their accounts, make payments, and submit service requests. This initiative will improve accessibility and streamline customer interactions.

Anne Markezich, Director
Building & Zoning/Mapping & Platting