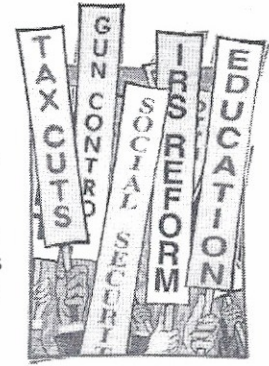


2008 General Election Referenda Results



There were several referenda introduced by Illinois counties in the November 4, 2008 general election. These county referenda are sorted into three general types: advisory, miscellaneous and tax, and each is further categorized into several more detailed categories. The list is not all-inclusive. The descriptions summarize the referenda and are not necessarily verbatim of the ballot language. For more information contact Darren Volle, IACBMC administrative assistant, at 217-528-5331.

County	Type	Category	Description	Result
Adams	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Boone	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .50% Public Safety Tax (not to exceed twenty years) to be used for public safety purposes.	Failed
Calhoun	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Cass	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Passed
Cass	Tax	Public safety	Authorization to impose a 1% public safety tax to be used for the support and maintenance of public safety.	Failed
Champaign	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Cook	Advisory	Offices/Boards	Shall the Illinois Constitution be amended to establish a recall process for the office of Governor and other state-wide elected officials?	YES
Crawford	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Dewitt	Misc.	Waste Disposal	Authorization to rescind the amendment with Clinton Landfill, Inc. for the permitting of a chemical waste landfill and related structures and oppose the permitting of a chemical waste landfill and related structures in DeWitt County?	Failed
Douglas	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .50% Public Safety Tax to be used for crime prevention and other public safety purposes?	Failed
Edwards	Tax	Emergency Serv/ Maintenance	Authorization to impose a surcharge of up to \$2.50 per month per network connection for the purpose of installing an enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System.	Passed
Effingham	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Fayette	Tax	Emergency Serv/ Maintenance	Authorization to impose a surcharge of up to \$2.75 per month per network connection for the purpose of installing an enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System.	Passed
Franklin	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .75% local sales tax increase to pay for public safety purposes.	Failed
Franklin	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES

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Green	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Henry	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .50% Public Safety Tax to be used for crime prevention and other public safety purposes?	Failed
Iroquois	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Jackson	Misc.	Offices & Boards	Shall the office of Supervisor of Assessments become an elective office beginning in December 2010?	YES
Jasper	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Jefferson	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Jefferson	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .25% Public Safety Tax (not to exceed ten years) to be used for public safety purposes.	Failed
Jo Daviess	Misc.	Animal	Shall the County institute a moratorium on all new large confined animal feeding operations (CAFO's), and stipulate that existing CAFO's may not increase above their existing or medium CAFO size; whichever is larger?	YES
Jo Daviess	Misc.	Build/Construct	Shall the County create "Groundwater Districts" for the purpose of monitoring: water quality, tables and usage. Shall the groundwater districts have the power to meter water use and assess a maintenance fee?	NO
Jo Daviess	Misc.	Animal	Shall the County create setbacks of 5 miles for any new medium confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) and 10 miles for any new large CAFO?	YES
Kankakee	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Kendall (City of Aurora)	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	NO
LaSalle	Misc.	Special Districts	Shall the County organize a forest preserve district?	YES
LaSalle	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	NO
Macoupin	Misc.	Office Term/Size	Shall the size of the County Board be reduced from 3 members per district to 2 members per district?	YES
Madison	Advisory	Housing	Shall the County continue to provide sheltered care services in a facility licensed to house at least 42 residents?	YES
Marion	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	NO
McDonough	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	NO

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Ogle	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Ogle	Misc.	Historic Preservation	Shall the County Courthouse be restored in such a manner as to include removal of a portion of the third floor, thus restoring the original courtroom to its original height?	NO
Piatt	Advisory	Ordinance/Zoning	Shall industrial zones be prohibited in Sangamon Township in future Piatt County zoning ordinances and comprehensive land use plans?	YES
Pike	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Rock Island	Advisory	Housing	Shall the federal government and Dept. of Illinois Veterans Affairs provide and fund a Veterans home in the County?	YES
Saline	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Saline	Advisory	Military	Shall the federal government be required to fully fund the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to ensure that all eligible honorable discharged veterans quality and accessible healthcare?	YES
Sangamon	Advisory	Office Term/Size	Shall the Sangamon County Board be reduced from 29 to 15 members?	NO
Shelby	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .50% Public Safety Tax to be used for crime prevention and other public safety purposes.	Failed
Winnebago (City of Rockford)	Advisory	Offices/Boards	Shall the State Constitution be amended to provide for recall of executive officers and General Assembly members?	YES
Winnebago (City of Rockford)	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	NO
Winnebago (City of Rockford)	Misc.	Offices/Boards	Shall the Forest Preserve District be governed by a board consisting of no less than 5, no more than 7 Commissioners, replacing the current 28 member Board of Commissioners?	YES
Winnebago	Misc.	Offices/Boards	Shall the Winnebago County Board be elected from single member districts?	YES
Union	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES
Union	Tax	Miscellaneous	Authorization to levy a .025% property tax increase for the purpose of funding social services for senior citizens.	Passed
Warren	Tax	Public Safety	Authorization to impose a .1% Public Safety Tax to be used for crime prevention and other public safety purposes.	Failed
Whiteside	Tax	School/Education	Authorization to impose a 1% retailers' occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.	Failed
Woodford	Advisory	Miscellaneous	Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?	YES



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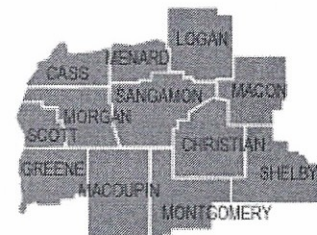
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Regional Feature

Central Region Economic Development Group Wins County Support

The Macoupin County Board recently took a progressive step toward improving the area's economic climate by voting to provide significant financial support to a new private/public economic development partnership. Such a change, according to those involved has proven in other areas of the State to be the most effective form of economic development. The vote increased County investment in economic development activities by about \$20,000, it also dramatically changes the structure by partnering with municipal governments, private business and education institutions. The Board voted unanimously to contribute approximately \$82,000 annually to the new Macoupin County Development Partnership. The Board agreed to a three-year commitment to the partnership to be reviewed at the end of the second year. In March 2008, the Macoupin County Board voted to proceed with developing the partnership organization.

The organization, which was formed by a task force of business leaders, elected officials, economic development professionals and DCEO Opportunity Returns staff, named its interim board of directors on October 3. Those named to the interim board include: Sue Campbell of Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton, Andy Manar, Macoupin County Board Chairman, Carlinville Mayor Bob Schwab, Staunton Mayor Fred Stein, Lea Hudson of H&H Construction in Carlinville; Richard Schien of Karmak in Carlinville; Bart Baker of Shipman Elevator in



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For more information about the Macoupin County Economic Development Partnership contact, Sue Campbel, Interim President at 618-635-4241 (work), 618-362-6385 (home) or scampbell@stauntonhospital.org.

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**Illinois Specialty Crops and Agritourism Conference For immediate release
January 7-10, 2009 Contact: Diane Handley**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL PH: 309/557-2107

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Specialty Crops and Agritourism Conference will be held January 7-10, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL. Three pre-conference workshops (concurrent) will be offered during the daytime on Wednesday, January 7, which will include "Pumpkins," "Biocontrol in High Tunnels & Greenhouses," and "Federal Grantwriting Basics."... [more](#)

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OSHA 10 Hr Outreach Training - Construction

This class introduces the OSHA Standards for Construction 29 CFR 1926. Attendees receive an update and review of standard construction safety and health principles, and information that prepares them to recognize and control various hazardous conditions. An OSHA 10 Hour course card and certificate will be issued upon completion.

Date: November 21, 2008 (F)

Time: 7am to 7pm

Location: Bethalto CEC, 1136 E. Airline Drive, East Alton, IL

Cost: \$130 each participant

Must pre-register by calling 618-468-3510 or 618-468-3501.

On-Line

OSHA 10 Hr Outreach Training - Construction

Date: Your choice

Time: Your choice

Location: Anywhere with internet connected computer (and quite)

Cost: \$139 each participant, must have credit card information to register on-line

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<http://www.lc.edu/continuing-professional--adult-education/center-for-workforce-training/occupational-safety.aspx>

For information contact: Sally Koval, Assistant Director, Center for Workforce Training, Lewis and Clark Community College, 618-468-3540



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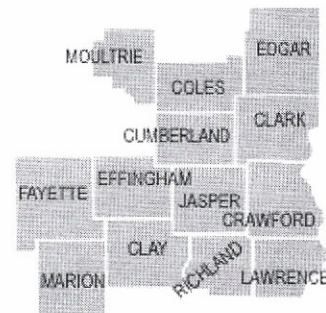
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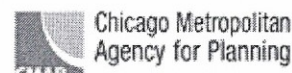
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Farmers Market Grant Program designed to expand availability of fresh, locally-grown produce and strengthen state's specialty crop industry.

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that grant money is available to help Illinois farmers markets pay the cost of advertising next year. The funds will help Illinois farmers markets promote themselves while increasing the demand for fresh, locally-grown produce.

The Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant Program provides individual farmers markets up to \$7,500 to help with advertising and promotional expenses during the 2009 season. The funds were awarded to the Illinois Department of Agriculture through the Federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and will be distributed as part of *Opportunity Returns*, the Governor's economic development program. This year, \$132,565 in grant money is available.

More than 250 farmers markets currently operate in the state of Illinois. That number is up from 97 in 1999. Nationally, Illinois ranks first in the nation for its pumpkin production and in the top 10 in the production of many other specialty crops such as asparagus, cauliflower, peas, and lima beans.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will accept applications through December 1, 2008. Grant money will be awarded in early 2009. Application forms can be obtained on the Department's Web site at www.agr.state.il.us or by calling (217) 524-9129.

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December 4 & 11, 2008

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#60 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville



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