



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF NEOGA
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
533 CHESTNUT AVENUE, NEOGA, IL
MAY 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Helm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Commissioners Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Others present were City Clerk Brenda Evans.

MINUTES

None presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAYOR HELM

AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY CAUSE NO. 2022-LA-12

The council reviewed the last meeting with Attorney Koester regarding the settlement offer to the Followell case. City Administrator / Clerk explained that Attorney Koester contacted her to say that a settlement has been made in the amount of \$300,000. Evans also said the reason for this meeting was to approve the settlement offer in open session. Commissioner Letizia asked if Mr. Koester came to that settlement in increments or if he just offered the \$300,000. Evans said she didn't have that information. There was a lengthy conversation regarding how that dollar figure was presented. Commissioner Schabbing made a motion to authorize a settlement in the Cumberland County Case No. 2202-LA-12 and further authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the settlement. No second was made for the motion. Motion died.

FINANCE, COMMISSIONER SCHABHING

No report was presented.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMISSIONER LETIZIA

No report was presented

STREETS AND ALLEYS, COMMISSIONER EDWARDS

No report was presented.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS

No report was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Letizia. Ayes, Commissioner Williams, Schabbing, Edwards, Letizia, and Mayor Helm. Nays, none. Motion carried. 5-0.

Brenda Evans, City Clerk