

## **LAW & LEGAL**

### **August 4, 2025**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Joe Erlandson, Clayton Cook, Travis Hiel, Ryan Litchfield, Terra Litchfield, Jack Lowderman, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance were Kyle Lester, Aaron Allen, Ric Smart, Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson. Members absent was Vice Chair Ken Durkin.

Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Review & Approve July, 2025 Minutes**

Member Cook moved with a second by Member Thompson to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Waste Management Update**

Kyle Lester took Dave Shaab's place. The report was received and filed.

#### **Tri-County Recycling**

Two employment positions are currently open that are looking to be filled. Report received and filed.

#### **Veteran's Assistance and Van Report**

Ric Smart gave the report. 12 Veterans were given assistance in July. Total assistance amounted to \$2,912.97. A new driver has been hired and will be going through training sometime here in August.

#### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report.

#### **Assessor's Office Update**

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report.

#### **Claims Review and Approval**

One claim was not approved. Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Executive Session**

Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 5, Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 c (1)(11). Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent.

Member T. Litchfield made a motion to exit Executive Session moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield at 7:40 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass and 1 absent.

#### **Other Items as Needed**

Jeremy Benson informed the Members about the budget resolution meetings coming up.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

Final painting is being finished up on the Courthouse. Re-seeding will also have to be done, due to bald spots in the grass. Eric also reminded the Member's that re-election is coming up.

**Adjourn**

Member R. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.