

## **LAW & LEGAL**

### **SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, 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, Vice Chair Ken Durkin, Travis Hiel, Ryan Litchfield, Terra Litchfield, Jack Lowderman, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance were Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson. Members absent were Clayton Cook.

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

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

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

#### **Waste Management Update**

Report received and filed.

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

Report received and filed.

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

11 Veterans were given assistance in August, 2025. Total assistance amounted to \$2,728.52.

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

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report.

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

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report.

#### **Approve McDonough Henderson Jail Housing Agreement**

This agreement pertains to housing inmates from Henderson County in the McDonough County jail. This agreement will be sent to the Full Board.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member T. Litchfield to approve the jail housing agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Opioid Settlement Fund**

States Attorney, Matt Kwalaca, did not attend the meeting. No report was given.

#### **Gun Storage Act**

This resolution followed with a lengthy discussion. This resolution will not be moving forward through the Law & Legal Committee to the Full Board.

**Claims Review and Approval**

Member R. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Hiel to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other Items as Needed**

Jeremy Benson stated that the budgets will be finished up tomorrow and will be sent out.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, the 200-year Court House meeting will be held at City Hall.

**Adjourn**

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member T. Litchfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.