

## **LAW & LEGAL**

### **NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 3, 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, Clayton Cook, Travis Hiel, Ryan Litchfield, Terra Litchfield, Jack Lowderman. Other persons in attendance were Ric Smart, Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Terry Thompson.

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

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

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Hiel 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**

Ric Smart gave the report. 9 Veterans were given assistance in October. Total assistance amounted to \$2,134.38.

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

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report.

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

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report. Around 96 property assessment appeals have been made.

#### **Revised Open Burning Ordinance**

A discussion was held pertaining to the new language of the ordinance. Sheriff Petitgout gave input and showed his support towards this ordinance. This will go to Full Board.

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Cook to approve the open burning ordinance. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Changes and Adoption of New Solar Ordinance**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the language to this ordinance. Eric Blakeley will have a meeting with the City of Macomb to discuss the new language. This will stay on the agenda for the December Law & Legal meeting.

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

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

**Other Items as Needed**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

Eric informed the committee that the Full Board meeting will have quite a few agenda items, so it may run longer than usual.

**Adjourn**

Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Hiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.