

## **MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD**

### **NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, in Courtroom 201 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call resulted in 19 present, and 1 absent. Members Larry Aurelio were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **EXHIBIT 1**

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the minutes of October, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

#### **EXHIBIT 2**

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of October, 2025 was received and filed.

#### **EXHIBIT 3**

The report of Sales Tax collected in August, 2025 was received and filed. County Sales Tax, Public Safety Tax, Cannabis Tax, and Transportation Tax.

#### **EXHIBIT 4**

The report of Balances and Investments from County Treasurer Moon for the month of October, 2025 was received and filed.

#### **EXHIBIT 5**

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of October, 2025 was received and filed.

#### **EXHIBIT 6**

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of October, 2025 was received and filed.

#### **EXHIBIT 7**

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee. Finance Chair Hiel reported the Finance Committee did not transfer any funds as **Exhibit 7A**

#### **EXHIBIT 8**

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

#### **EXHIBIT 9**

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Foster to dispense with the reading of the claims report and to approve it as approved by the Claims Committee. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 2 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

#### **EXHIBIT 10**

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Walker to Appoint Allen Henderson to Serve the Remainder of Dustin Berg's Term. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 11**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member R. Litchfield to Appoint Todd Tedrow & Re-appoint Micheal Phelps & Justin Hood for a three-year term. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 11A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 12**

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Member Chapman to Approve Renewal of Liability Insurance Policy & Workers Comp. Insurance Policy. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 12A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 13**

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member T. Litchfield to Approve Revised Open Burn Ordinance. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 1 nays, 1 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 13A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 14**

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Thompson to Approve County Engineer Contract. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 14A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 15**

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Hiel to Approve the Teamster Contract. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 15A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 16**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Cortelyou to Approve the Grimes Solar Development Resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 2 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 16A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 17**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Cortelyou to Approve the County Highway Funding Agreement & Resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 17A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 18**

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member T. Litchfield to Approve the Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 18A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 19**

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to Approve the Fiscal YR 2025 Budgetary Adjustments and Appropriations. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 19A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 20**

Board Member Cook moved with a second by Board Member Cortelyou to Approve the Fiscal YR 2026 Budget. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 20A.**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Cortelyou to Approve the Fiscal YR 2026 Levy. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 20A.**

#### **EXHIBIT 21**

None.

#### **EXHIBIT 22**

Travis Hiel and Jeremy Benson thanked everyone for their help with the budget.

#### **EXHIBIT 23**

None.

#### **EXHIBIT 24**

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Cox to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was taken for days and miles and the motion to adjourn carried with a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.