

LAW & LEGAL
DECEMBER 1, 2025

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Joe Erlandson, Vice Chair Ken Durkin, Clayton Cook, Travis Hiel, Ryan Litchfield, Jack Lowderman, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance were Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck.

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

Review & Approve November, 2025 Minutes

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Cook 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

9 Veterans were given assistance in November. Total assistance amounted to \$2,184.00.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report.

Assessor's Office Update

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report. Notices of the Board of Review decisions will be sent out sometime this week. Property owners will have 10 days to call for a hearing.

Updates on the New Wind, Solar, and Energy Legislation

The committee spoke about changing language in the ordinance. They have decided to wait until new legislation passes to avoid changing the language two separate times.

Claims Review and Approval

Member Thompson moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield 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

Due to the snow, Eric informed the committee that the road commissioners are working hard and doing their best to clear the roads.

Adjourn

Member R. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.