

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

JANUARY 21, 2026

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 18 present, and 3 absent. Members Dave Cortelyou, Allen Henderson, and Jack Lowderman were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

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

EXHIBIT 2

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

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in October, 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 December, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

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

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of December, 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 Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Aurelio 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 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve all appointments, Exhibit 10 through 12 as listed on the agenda, to fill remaining terms of Terra Litchfield. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A**.

EXHIBIT 13

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the final revisions made by the city of Macomb to the “Intergovernmental Agreement Between McDonough County, Illinois and the City of Macomb, Illinois regarding the McDonough County animal shelter” (County Fund 011, Animal Control). Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 13A**.

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Aurelio to approve extension for the fiscal year 2024 audit. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 14A**.

EXHIBIT 15

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Thompson to approve County Highway Aid Resolution, Project #2545-20 for Hire Township. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 15A**.

EXHIBIT 16

None.

EXHIBIT 17

None.

EXHIBIT 18

None.

EXHIBIT 19

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Aurelio 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 7:20 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.