

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

February 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the McDonough County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. roll call resulted in 16 present, and 5 absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chairman Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Litchfield moved with second by Board Member Aurelio to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019 with an amendment on exhibit 9 to change 15 years to 18. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Nigel Graham for the month of January 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in November 2018 was received and filed. County Sales Tax, Public Safety tax, and Transportation Tax were all down from October. A discussion was held regarding the low amount of sales tax received. DeJaynes informed the Members that the State had over paid in December 2017 which may be the reason the amount was so low in November. Chairman Dixon will inquire about this with the County Treasurer.

EXHIBIT 4

The report of Balances and Investments from County Treasurer Graves for the month of January 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Wilson for the month of January 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk DeJaynes on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of January 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee. Board Member Hiel reported the finance committee transferred \$200,000.00 for Insurance Clearing as **Exhibit 7A**.

EXHIBIT 8

Board Member Cox moved to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read with second by Board Member McGrew. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, and 5 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Schwerer moved with second by Board Member Marcott seconding 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 16 yeas, and 5 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Board Member Trimmer moved with second by Board Member Cox to approve the appointment of Scott Schwerer as the Human Services Transportation Coordinator. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 11

Board Member Cox moved to approve the 2019 Aggregate Resolution with Board Member McGrew seconding the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, and 5 absent as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

A discussion was held regarding the agreement, several Members felt that the agreement was very thorough and that every scenario was covered by it. Member Schwerer pointed out that Cardinal Point Wind has been working on the agreement with the County for about a year and that they have agreed to tremendous stipulations to be good neighbors. Chairman Dixon stated that this agreement is beyond agreements that other counties have.

Matt Martin with Capital Power addressed the Members answering any questions that were brought up. He confirmed that this agreement is more detailed than any other agreement they have and that this agreement covers all townships involved with this wind farm. Roads will be heavily used for approximately 1 year, repairs will be done prior to, during and after the project is complete. Turbines are already starting to be delivered, and pending permit approvals work should begin in May.

Board Member Schwerer moved to approve the Cardinal Point Wind Use Agreement with Board Member McGrew seconding the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 13

Chairman Dixon informed the Members that former Board Member Jennifer Hemingway had looked over the employee manual and had made some suggestions for changes. County Clerk DeJaynes covered the changes that had been done, mostly names/titles were updated, committees that no longer exist were removed or updated. The family medical leave act and the travel policy also had a few changes. Once approved, all employees will receive the new manual.

Board Member Cox moved to approve the Employee Manual with Board Member McGrew seconding the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Other

Member Paul Trimmer shared an article that supported WIU, there will be an online petition for WIU and he recommends everyone takes a look at it.

Sheriff Petitgout attended parent's weekend at WIU talking to parents and students which he felt went really well and wished he had done it sooner, he invited the Members to go to WIU with him in the future. They will be having a tour at the jail on March 20th at 6:00 p.m., he invited all Members to come and see how they operate and the measures they take to save money.

Member Schwerer wanted to commend the ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez for the excellent job that he has been doing, he has been very active and informative. Sheriff Petitgout agreed and said that Rodriguez is in constant communication with the department heads and has been very accurate with his information.

Chairman Dixon entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, Roll be called and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Aurelio made the motion which was seconded by Board Member Litchfield. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas and 5 absent. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.