

**MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD**  
**AUGUST 16, 2023**

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 17 present, and 4 absent. Members Jarad Royer, Terra Litchfield, Clayton Murphy, and Larry Aurelio were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Schwerer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXHIBIT 1**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**EXHIBIT 2**

The report from Public Defender, Stephanie Hilton for the month of July, 2023 was received and filed.

**EXHIBIT 3**

The report of Sales Tax collected in May, 2023 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 Graves for the month of July, 2023 was received and filed.

**EXHIBIT 5**

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of July, 2023 was received and filed.

**EXHIBIT 6**

The report from County Clerk DeJaynes on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of July, 2023 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 Clark moved with a second by Board Member Blakeley to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

### **EXHIBIT 9**

Board Member Nissen moved with a second by Board Member Durkin 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, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

### **EXHIBIT 10**

Board Member Burg moved with a second by Board Member Blakeley to approve the Resolution to Establish Governor Gamm's Forgottonia Veterans Freeway. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A**.

### **EXHIBIT 11**

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the Resolution Request for County Aid to Bridge Funds Project 2351-45 Chalmers Township Road District. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 11A**.

### **EXHIBIT 12**

Board Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Board Member Dixon to approve the Resolution to Award 2023 County Highway Striping Bid. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 12A**.

### **EXHIBIT 13**

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board member Chapman to approve the Tax Deed Resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 13A**.

### **EXHIBIT 14**

Board Member Hiel gave an overview of the expenditures of the ARPA money.

### **EXHIBIT 15**

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Dixon to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 (2) (1) Litigation at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent.

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to exit Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 15A**.

### **Public Comment**

Oliver Ellen with RWE gave a quick overview of the Camp Creek wind farm project. There will be 45-68 towers for this project.

Chair Schwerer entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Blakeley moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.