

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

MAY 15, 2024

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 Nissen and Dustin Berg were absent. Member Larry Aurelio was late. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Schwerer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the minutes of April 17, 2024. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 1A**.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Stephanie Hilton for the month of March and April, 2024 was received and filed. Chair Schwerer announced Hilton's resignation effective May 31, 2024 as **Exhibit 2A**.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in February, 2024 was received and filed. County Sales Tax, Public Safety Tax, Cannabis Tax, and Transportation Tax as **Exhibit 3A**.

EXHIBIT 4

The report of Balances and Investments from County Treasurer Graves for the month of April, 2024 was received and filed as **Exhibit 4A**.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of April, 2024 was received and filed as **Exhibit 5A**.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk DeJaynes on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of April, 2024 was received and filed as **Exhibit 6A**.

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 Clark 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 2 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Durkin 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 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Receipt and Disbursement of Road District MFT Funds for Calendar year 2022 received and filed as **Exhibit 10A**.

EXHIBIT 11

A small discussion was held regarding the change and what the process will be to implement it when needed.

Board Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Clark to approve the Resolution for Amendment to the Policies and Procedures of the McDonough County Board. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

None.

EXHIBIT 13

Chair Schwerer introduced Interim CEO of McDonough District Hospital, Bill Murdock to the Board, he has been in the position since December of 2023. Murdock informed the Board that on Monday at the MDH Board meeting he should be given the position as CEO. He stated that the new pharmacy should be open mid to late fall this year, and that the drive thru for covid testing has slowed for that but has increased for blood draws. They have been working with Graham Hospital and the hospital in Carthage to build relationships so that they can work together instead of against each other. They are looking to add another CT scanner in the fall as the current one is starting to have some issues, but they will keep it as a backup. He discussed some new hires and stated that they had a two million dollar loss on their budget and they are working to correct that. Even though they are a not-for-profit facility, they need to have some profits so that they can upgrade equipment when needed and make other improvements. Murdock also offered to give tours of the hospital if anyone was interested. Chair Schwerer applauded Murdock for working with other facilities.

EXHIBIT 14

Member Hiel discussed the Vaughn and Bushnell factory in Bushnell. After an unknown future for the factory and the employees, it has been purchased and will remain open. This is wonderful news for Bushnell and the surrounding area. Sheriff Petitgout informed the Board that CAD Construction has been at the Courthouse, they pulled up some things in the old accounting office and were checking things out. He believes they will do a good job. They will start their work on the South side of the building, some parking will be unavailable during this process of the restoration. Chair Schwerer said that a local attorney he has heard a lot of compliments on the Courthouse.

Chair Schwerer entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.