

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

APRIL 16, 2025

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 Eric Chapman, Clayton Cook, Larry Aurelio, and Jack Lowderman were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

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

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in January, 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 March, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

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

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of March, 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 Erlandson moved with a second by Board Member Durkin 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 Murphy moved with a second by Board Member T. Litchfield 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 T. Litchfield moved with a second by Board Member Foster to Approve the Appointment of Clayton Cook to the Tri-County Recycling & Waste Management Board. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A.**

EXHIBIT 11

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Erlandson to Approve the Resolution Allowing Use of the County Credit Card by Court Services. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 11A.**

EXHIBIT 12

A discussion was held regarding what the bid covered, and what work was needed. This bid only covers new piping to the Street, it needs to go in the Street to the City hookup. Before moving forward, a second bid needs to be done.

Board Member Berg moved with a second by Member Foster to Table the Approval of Collins Excavating Inc. Bid for Sewer Work at the Courthouse. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 12A.**

EXHIBIT 13

Board Member Erlandson moved with a second by Board Member Foster to Approve Budget Resolution A – to Transfer Funds in the Amount of \$50,000.00 from General County – Transfer Other Funds to County Highway – Cash in Bank. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 13A.**

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to Approve Budget Resolution B – to Amend FY 2025 Animal Pet Population Control Fund Budget. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 13B.**

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to Approve Illinois Coroners & Medical Examiners Association Agreement. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 14A.**

EXHIBIT 15

Member Cox discussed the specifics of what community solar is, and how it would be beneficial to the Elms, at no cost to the Elms or the County.

Board Member Berg moved with a second by Board Member Kirby to Approve Community Solar at the Elms with Nania Efficiency & Solar Group. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 15A**.

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Foster to Approve Highway Department Agreements & Resolution A-C. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 16A**.

EXHIBIT 17

None.

EXHIBIT 18

Member T. Litchfield discussed how the City of Macomb keeps annexing in more and more parts of rural areas, this is starting to greatly reduce the size of Townships which will cause them to lose funds. Member Raby asked if there was anything the County could do to stop this, Member T. Litchfield said that from what she understands, nothing can be done without County Zoning. Member Raby stated that people in rural areas never had to abide by zoning, which is part of the reason that people live in rural areas.

Evan Butler introduced himself to the Board, he is in college studying ag business, his professor recommended he attend a meeting just for the experience.

Member Foster updated the Board regarding the need for a County Engineer, he had reached out to the Warren County Engineer to see if he could help until an Engineer was hired. He will not be able to help due health issues in his family. Member Foster will reach out to another Engineer he knows to see if he can help.

EXHIBIT 19

In the minutes.

EXHIBIT 20

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member T. Litchfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 5 absent. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.