

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

DECEMBER 17, 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 19 present, and 2 absent. Members Dave Courtelyou and Mike Cox were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Thompson to approve the minutes of November, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

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

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in September, 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 November, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

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

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of November, 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 Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Aurelio 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 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 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

The 2026 Board and Committee Calendar Schedule was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 11

The annual report from the County Clerk was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 12

The annual report from the Circuit Clerk was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 13

The annual report from the Sheriff Department was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Aurelio moved with a second by Board Member R. Litchfield to re-appoint Kathleen Neumann, Seth Minter, and Wanda Foster for a 3-year term to MDH. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 14A.**

EXHIBIT 15

Board Member Aurelio moved with a second by Board Member Raby to appoint Curt Meyers to the Board of Review to fill vacancy due to Jack Lowderman resignation. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 15A.**

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Kipling to appoint Roger Ward to County Board to replace retiring Terra Litchfield. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 16A.**

EXHIBIT 17

Board Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Board Member Aurelio to approve the McDonough County polling locations. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 17A.**

EXHIBIT 18

Board Member Cook moved with a second by Board Member Raby to approve resolution for non-binding referendum for children's education. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 2 nays, 1 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 18A.**

EXHIBIT 19

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the County Highway Resolutions. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 19A.**

EXHIBIT 20

None.

EXHIBIT 21

Eric Blakeley spoke with the board members about making a donation to the First Christian Church food pantry. A basket was passed around, and members made contributions. Eric also recognized Terra Litchfield and thanked her for the time she spent serving the McDonough County boards and committees.

EXHIBIT 22

None.

EXHIBIT 23

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Board Member Kipling 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 7:21 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.