

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

AUGUST 19, 2026

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 20 present, and 1 absent. Member Larry Aurelio was absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

EXHIBIT 1

Minutes of July 15, 2026 Board Meeting.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in May, 2026. 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 July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee.

EXHIBIT 8

Report of the Finance Committee for July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 9

Report of General Claims for July, 2026.

EXHIBIT 10

Approval of Election Judge List

EXHIBIT 11

Approval of Seal Coat Work on County Highways Resolution (27-00000-00-SC)

EXHIBIT 12

Approval of Centerline Striping Bid Resolution (26-00000-00-ST)

EXHIBIT 13

Approval of 2026 Mack Snowplow Truck Purchase Resolution

*County Clerk Jeremy Benson made the board members aware of a few changes that will take place on the election judge list.

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve consent agenda items 1 through 13. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 20 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent.

ACTION AGENDA

EXHIBIT 14

Items removed from Consent Agenda

None.

EXHIBIT 15

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the data center moratorium. Several members spoke in favor of this moratorium, and several against. Some believe that this is great economic development for McDonough County, while others believe the members should pass this until legislation is put in place.

A motion was made to approve the data center moratorium resolution by Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Erlandson. During the discussion, a motion was made to amend the original motion from a 2 year moratorium to a 1 year moratorium. The motion to amend was made by Member Walker with a second by Board member Kirby. A roll call was taken and the amendment passed with a roll call vote of 14 yeas, 6 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 15**.

A roll call was then taken on the amended resolution with a roll call vote of 7 yeas, 13 nays, 0 yeas, and 1 absent. The resolution failed.

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve resolutions for the sale of tax deed properties. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 20 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 1 absent as **Exhibit 16**.

EXHIBIT 17

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Raby 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 7:29 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.