

LAW & LEGAL COMMITTEE
January 4, 2016

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members present included Chairman Travis Hiel, George Dixon, Alice Henry, Rod McGrew, Digger Oster, Marcia Twaddle and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Members Clarke Kelso and Charles Neblock were absent. Other persons in attendance were Dave Schaab, Tim Lobdell, Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout, Assessor Tammy Camp, State's Attorney James Hoyle and Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart. Beth Crossett was present as committee secretary.

Chairman Hiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approve December 7, 2015 Minutes

Member Twaddle moved with second by Member McGrew to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Waste Management Update

Dave Schaab presented the monthly report. Two months of reports were received since Dave was gone last month.

Tri-County R & WM Report

Tim Lobdell distributed the facility totals. Electronic collections were up 16.5% and paint collections were up 11.7% over same period last year. We did exceed our contract amount for electronics processing and paid approximately \$ 4,500 for processing two truck loads. Final agreement is still needed but a 2016 processing agreement is being completed with Dynamic Recycling, Inc. The material would be at zero cost with free trucking and minor reimbursement for some shipping and packing materials. The 2016 partner billings have been mailed. The fee structure was increased and redistributed slightly over the next two years and an across the board increase of 2% in the third and fourth year.

Discussion was held on recycling and the down market for material. There has not been any advance for rural recycling alternative with the closing of Bridgeway recycling center.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart presented the monthly report. Eight veterans were given assistance in December amounting to \$ 2,230.95. The transportation van made 14 trips to Iowa City transporting 24 Veterans. It was a slow month for trips-flu cancelled several appointments and the holidays. Donations of \$ 1,500.00 from the 1st Baptist Church and \$ 250 from the LaVerne Macintire Family were received. One new driver has started and the VAC Board elections are next week.

Sheriff's Report

Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout presented the monthly report. The average jail population was 39 last month. The first replacement vehicle purchased is a Ford F-150 truck. They are exploring an upgrade to the department radios.

Assessor's Office Update

Assessor Camp reported that they are finished with 2015 books. The exemption forms have been mailed. Kelly has accepted the Hancock County Assessor position. Tammy has not started the process of filling her position. She noted that it takes 2-3 years to fully train someone but they can get by for a bit. Her concern for filling the position is long range. She is to check before starting the process to fill the position.

Discussion was held on legislation that will increase the owner occupied exemption and the effect it might have on the County.

State Reimbursement

States Attorney James Hoyle reported that St. Clair County recently filed suit against the State of Illinois concerning the payment of salary reimbursement for the State's Attorney, Public Defender and Assessor.

Following discussion, James was instructed to prepare the necessary documents and Member McGrew moved with second by Member Dixon to send to the full Board a Complaint filing suit against the State of Illinois Department of Revenue and Illinois Comptroller for reimbursement of salary for the State's Attorney, Public Defender and Assessor. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Claims Review and Approval

Member Henry moved with second by Member Dixon to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hiel called for a motion to adjourn. Member McGrew moved with second by Member Oster to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.