

LAW & LEGAL COMMITTEE
July 11, 2016

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 11, 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, Charles Neblock, Digger Oster, Marcia Twaddle and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Member Clarke Kelso was absent. Other persons in attendance were Rich Eggers, Dave Schaab, Tim Lobdell, Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart, County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes, 911 Director Jessica Shoopman and Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout. Beth Crossett was present as committee secretary.

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

Review & Approve June 6, 2016 Minutes

Member McGrew moved with second by Member Dixon to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Waste Management Update

Dave Schaab presented the monthly report.

Tri-County R & WM Report

Tim Lobdell distributed the facility totals. His report contained: facility totals, Township cleanups, truck bids and product stewardship discussion meeting in Bloomington.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart presented the monthly report. Eight veterans were given assistance in June amounting to \$ 1,498.00. The transportation van made 15 trips to Iowa City transporting 37 Veterans. He now has 16 drivers with two people pending. We should receive our new van in September.

Sheriff's Report

Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout presented the monthly report. The average jail population was 25 last month. They have had several drug arrests and a squad hit a deer. Discussion was held on the search for the missing Bushnell man.

Assessor's Office Update

In the absence of Assessor Tammy Camp, County Board Office Administrator Crossett read her report. Eleven township books turned in and rolled to the Supervisor of Assessments level. Les Fowler will no longer be Colchester's township assessor. Deanna Crawford will be taking over Colchester for 2017. The U.S. Census Bureau has asked for our GIS data for redistricting - Chad Sperry has provided that information on a CD. Finance Committee Chair Henry stated that she had heard from Tammy concerning the unfilled position in her office. We will be starting the budget process soon and will hold off filling until discussion at that time.

Disposal of County Property

County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes distributed information on two parcels of land that the County Tax Buyer has turned back to the County. She showed on map that the properties are land locked and are basically unsalable. The owner adjacent to the parcels will accept ownership at no cost. At this point it is the County's best option to transfer ownership. Following discussion, Member Henry moved with second by Member Dixon to pass to the full Board Disposal of Tax Deed Certificate No. 030079 & Tax Deed Certificate No. 040054. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Ordinance To Dissolve McDonough County ETSB

911 Director Jessica Shoopman explained the history of the 911 Center and ETSB. McDonough County was in negotiation with Schuyler County to answer all their 911 calls, we currently handle the cellular calls and the State of Illinois has restructured the fees collected and how they are distributed. The State Police will now distribute the funds. The desire is to consolidate and combine call centers. At this time everything is in place to have our 911 center handle all Schuyler County 911 calls. They will still dispatch their own non 911 calls. She explained the three documents necessary to complete the plan. Following discussion and questions, Member Dixon moved with second by Member Henry to pass to the full Board Ordinance to Dissolve McDonough County ETSB. Motion carried on a voice vote.

McDonough/Schuyler County ETSB Consolidation Ordinance

Member Neblock moved with second by Member Oster to pass to the full Board McDonough & Schuyler County ETSB Consolidation Ordinance. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing a Joint ETSB between McDonough County & Schuyler County

Member Twaddle moved with second by Member Henry to pass to the full Board Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing a Joint ETSB between McDonough County & Schuyler County. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other

Discussion was held on the amount of time required to dispose of a property with unpaid tax, especially properties in disrepair that are eye sores.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hiel called for a motion to adjourn. Member Henry moved with second by Member Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.