

LAW & LEGAL

October 2, 2017

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members present included Travis Hiel, George Dixon, Alice Henry, Bob Mahr, Jerome Anderson and Lee Calvert. Members Clarke Kelso, Rod McGrew and Chairman Scott Schwerer were absent. Other persons in attendance were Tim Lobdell, Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart, Dave Schaab and Sheriff Rick VanBrooker, Tammy Camp, Matt Kwacala, Jeff DeJoode, Shelly Martin and Brittany Knowles. County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes was present as committee secretary.

Chairman Hiel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review & Approve September 11, 2017 Minutes

Member Dixon moved with second by Member Mahr to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Jeff DeJoode Wesley Estates Exemptions

Attorney Jeff DeJoode presented a petition signed by residents of Wesley Estates asking the board to grant residents of Wesley Estates property tax exceptions. Each living unit is a separate resident, most used as the primary residents. McDonough County Assessor Tammy Camp stated because Wesley Estates is a Corporation they were not eligible for any abatements. States Attorney Matt Kwacala agreed with Camp. He believes Wesley would have to change the structure to be eligible for exceptions.

Waste Management Update

Mr. Schaab presented his monthly report. Update on recycle locations. Bushnell should be up and running by the end of the month.

Tri-County R & WM Report

Tim Lobdell presented his monthly report. The facility totals were reviewed.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart presented the monthly report. Twelve veterans were given assistance in August amounting to \$2,437.07. The transportation van made 14 trips to Iowa City transporting 29 Veterans. He does have 1 new driver.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Rick VanBrooker presented the monthly report. Jail average was 43. The inmates have been working at the Macomb Airport. They also helped at Colchester Labor Day. Judge Gambrell granted the motion for a new trial and vacated the judgment. States Attorney Kwacala stated the plaintiff have 30 days to appeal.

Assessor's Office Update

Assessor Camp Reported the GIS budge will be over by about \$8,000 this year. The agreement with WIU and the City of Macomb expires in 2017 and needs to be redone. A new computer was purchased for the GIS mapping station. The software was no longer compatible with Windows 7. Senior Citizens freeze exemption will increase to \$65,000 from \$55,000.

Noxious Weed Superintendent

Discussion was held on the Noxious Weed Superintendent. Member Dixon had done some checking with the Department of Agriculture. He had concerns about the implementation of the position. Member Dixon moved with a second by Member Henry to table indefinitely the resolution for the Noxious Weed Superintendent. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Claims Review and Approval

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

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hiel called for a motion to adjourn. Member Henry moved with second by Member Mahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.