

## **LAW & LEGAL**

### **MARCH 3, 2025**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Joe Erlandson, Vice Chair Ken Durkin, Clayton Cook, Ryan Litchfield, Terra Litchfield, Jack Lowderman, and Terry Thompson. Member Travis Hiel was absent. Other persons in attendance were Ric Smart, Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Eric Blakeley, County Board Secretary Sara Kluthe, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Review & Approve February 3, 2025 Minutes**

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member R. Litchfield to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Waste Management Update**

Report received and filed.

#### **Tri-County Recycling**

None. County Chair Blakeley informed the Committee that there is a new director at WIRC and that he will be in contact with her next week so that they can discuss the contract.

#### **Veteran's Assistance and Van Report**

Ric Smart gave the report. Eight Veterans were given assistance in February. Total assistance amounted to \$1,821.00. Smart informed the Committee that he is still in need of drivers, and he will be running an ad in the paper.

#### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report. Petitgout stated that the jail is running smoothly, he discussed the food service with the Adair Café and medical service with MDH. They both do a great job and he is very happy with their service. He thanked the Committee for the approval of Flock cameras, his goal is to have 20 in the County. He believes that Macomb will have 8, he will have 8 and he is hopeful to get Bushnell and Colchester on board with some.

#### **Assessor's Office Update**

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report. Cousins discussed the sales ratio and explained how it works.

#### **Discuss BESS Ordinance**

Chair Erlandson informed the Committee that he talked to Oliver with RWE about the ordinance. Oliver's main concern was the setback requirements.

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Cook to send the BESS Ordinance to State's Attorney Matt Kwacala for approval. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Claims Review and Approval**

Member R. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Thompson to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other Items as Needed**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

County Chair Blakeley informed the Committee that he met with Sheriff Petitgout and Judge Benson regarding a Federal grant that Judge Benson had applied for. The grant was awarded, this will cover the cost of a new generator for the Courthouse, and will cover some other things. The check should be here within a week.

**Adjourn**

Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.