

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

MAY 21, 2025

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 19 present, and 2 absent. Members Dustin Berg, and Larry Aurelio were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the McDonough County Board Minutes A-B with a correction. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of April, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in February, 2025 was received and filed. 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 April, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of April, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of April, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee. Finance Chair Hiel reported the Finance Committee did not transfer any funds as **Exhibit 7A**

EXHIBIT 8

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Foster to dispense with the reading of the claims report and to approve it as approved by the Claims Committee. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 9A.**

EXHIBIT 10

Board Member Cook moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to approve the Appointments of Fire Districts A-C. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A.**

EXHIBIT 11

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to Appoint Wanda Foster to the McDonough District Hospital Board to Replace Andy Baker, Term Ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 11A.**

EXHIBIT 12

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Raby to Appoint Rick Walker as the Part Time County Engineer. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 1 nay, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 12A.**

EXHIBIT 13

A discussion was held regarding the use of a consent agenda at future full Board meetings. No action taken as **Exhibit 13A.**

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Member Foster to approve the Public Defender's Participation in a Shared Intern Program with the 9th Judicial Circuit. Motion carried with a voice vote as **EXHIBIT 14A.**

EXHIBIT 15

A discussion was held regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Humane Society of McDonough County and the McDonough County Board regarding the new animal shelter.

Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to approve the MOU between the Humane Society of McDonough County and McDonough County Board – New Animal Shelter. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 15A.**

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Thompson to approve the BESS Ordinance. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 16A.**

EXHIBIT 17

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to approve the Burning Ordinance. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 17A.**

EXHIBIT 18

Board Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the Kone Agreement for the Courthouse Elevator. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 1 nay, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 18A.**

EXHIBIT 19

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the Highway Department to look in to Pricing, Size, and Waterflow needed for a Culvert in the Village of Adair. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 19A.**

EXHIBIT 20

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Cook to approve Increasing the Per Diem Rates for Business Travel Expenses as shown in the County Employee Handbook. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 20A.**

EXHIBIT 21

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Murphy to approve the Commercial Floor Cleaning Contract. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent as **Exhibit 21A.**

EXHIBIT 22

None.

EXHIBIT 23

None.

EXHIBIT 24

In the minutes.

EXHIBIT 25

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Raby to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 2 absent. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.