

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

OCTOBER 15, 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 17 present, and 3 absent. Members Ryan Litchfield, Travis Hiel, and Eric Chapman 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 Foster to approve the minutes of September, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

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

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in July, 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 September, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

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

EXHIBIT 6

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

EXHIBIT 7

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

EXHIBIT 8

Board Member Aurelio moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Murphy 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 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the health insurance premiums resolution FY 2026. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 1 nay, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 10A**.

EXHIBIT 11

Board Member Erlandson moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to approve the Symetra agreement renewal. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

None.

EXHIBIT 13

Eric Blakeley made an announcement to the Board of Dustin Berg's resignation. Eric plans to fill this position as soon as possible.

Member Joe Erlandson plans to bring a proposal regarding the Fire Ban Agreement to next month's Board meeting.

EXHIBIT 14

None.

EXHIBIT 15

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Walker to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was taken for days and miles and the motion to adjourn carried with a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.