

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

JUNE 17, 2026

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 18 present, and 3 absent. Members Mike Kirby, Jared Royer, and Larry Aurelio were absent. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

EXHIBIT 1

Minutes of May 20, 2026 Board Meeting.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in March, 2026. 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 May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee.

EXHIBIT 8

Report of the Finance Committee for May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 9

Report of General Claims for May, 2026.

EXHIBIT 10

Semi-annual reports from County Clerk and Recorder Benson, Circuit Clerk Fischer, and Sheriff Petitgout

EXHIBIT 11

County Highway Project No. 2654-41 Bethel Township Road District

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board member Raby to approve agenda items 1 through 11. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 1 pass, and 3 absent.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

EXHIBIT 12

Items removed from Consent Agenda

None.

EXHIBIT 13

Board Member Erlandson moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve revised County Assessor salary resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 13**.

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Cook moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve Illinois Separation Referendum resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 15 yeas, 3 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 14**.

EXHIBIT 15

None.

EXHIBIT 16

Eric Blakeley told the members that the year 2024 audit is progressing and is on the way to be completed. He also spoke about the new Abraham Lincoln statue that will be going on the courthouse lawn.

Ken Durkin informed the board members that the humane society will officially close on the new animal shelter location on June 18th.

Vicky Kipling let the members know that an employee appreciation lunch will be held on August 20th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EXHIBIT 17

None.

EXHIBIT 28

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Kipling 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 7:15 p.m.