

**LAW & LEGAL COMMITTEE**  
**May 4, 2015**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members present included Chairman Travis Hiel, George Dixon, Alice Henry, Clarke Kelso, Rod McGrew, Charles Neblock, Digger Oster, Marcia Twaddle and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Other persons in attendance were Tim Lobdell, Deputy Nick Petitgout, Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart and Assessor Tammy Camp. Beth Crossett was present as committee secretary.

Chairman Hiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Review & Approve April 6, 2015 Minutes**

Member Dixon moved with second by Member Neblock to approve the April 6, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Waste Management Update**

In the absence of Mr. Dave Schaab, the committee reviewed the monthly report.

**Tri-County R & WM Report**

Tim Lobdell presented the monthly report. The report contained: Regional Collection Facility Report, E-Cycling & Paint Shipments and 2015 Township collections.

The Tri-County Intergovernmental Agreement has been approved by Mercer County and is scheduled to be in Warren County. The Agreement was reviewed by the committee, it has been sent to the State's Attorney for review. This agreement is for five years with renewal and termination provisions. The Technical Assistance Agreement was included for review but will be approved by the Tri-County Resource & Wastes Management Council. Member Henry moved with second by Member McGrew to pass to the full Board the Intergovernmental Agreement Between McDonough, Mercer and Warren Counties for the Purpose of Continued Operation of Programs Implemented Under the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Plan (after final review by State's Attorney Hoyle). Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Veteran's Assistance and Van Report**

Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart presented the monthly report. Eleven veterans were given assistance in April amounting to \$ 2,635.65. The transportation van made 18 trips to Iowa City and one to Quincy transporting 43 Veterans.

**Sheriff's Report**

Chief Deputy Nick Petitgout presented the monthly report. The average jail population was 38 last month. He said that a phone line will be installed connecting people needing assistance to the secretary in the Sheriff's office. She will then contact the necessary person/department for the person. This will be done to accommodate those that are unable to get up the stairs while the elevator is being repaired.

He had an altercation with an inmate in the elevator late last week and required medical follow up. Workers' Compensation incidents with possible fluid contamination will be discussed at the next Safety committee meeting.

**Assessor's Office Update**

Assessor Tammy Camp reported that the tax bills are out. The office has been busy with people in about the bills and exemptions. The Township assessor books are due June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Alice and Tammy estimated that Exemptions cost McDonough County over \$ 835,000.00. This was done as part of the unfunded mandate list compiled.

Next month she will go over the farmland value changes. She will get information to Beth to give the committee for review before the meeting.

Board Chairman Schwerer recognized Tammy, County Treasurer Graves and County Clerk DeJaynes for their hard work getting the tax bills out timely and thanked them for their efforts.

**Claims Review and Approval**

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

**Other**

Board Chairman Schwerer and County Clerk DeJaynes hand delivered the road tax information to the Department of Revenue in Springfield. There are some issues with the Ordinance passed last month and changes are necessary to start 7-1-15 collection. If the changes are done by 5-31-15 it will still happen 7-1-15. Revisions will go to Finance and pass to full Board for the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hiel called for a motion to adjourn. Member Dixon moved with second by Member Henry to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.