

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

October 16, 2019

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the McDonough County Courthouse on October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. roll call resulted in 17 present and 3 absent 1 vacant. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Member Twaddle motioned to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting, with a second by Member Litchfield. Motion carried on a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, for the month of September 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in July 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 4

The report of Balances and Investments from County Treasurer Graves for the month of September 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Wilson for the month of September 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk DeJaynes on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of September 2019 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 7

No Report.

EXHIBIT 8

Member Melvin motioned to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read, with a second by Member McLean. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Member Schwerer motioned with a second by Member Marcott to dispense the reading of the claims report and to approve it as approved by the Claims Committee. Motioned carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Motion to approve Deckle McLean to the WIRC-CAA Board moved by Member Clark, second, Member Kirby. Motion carried on a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 11

Motion to approve Resolution for County Aid to Bridge Funds Project 1941-14 Bushnell township moved by Member Mahr, second, Member Cortelyou. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

Motion to approve Resolution for County Aid to Bridge Funds Project 1945-13 Hire Township moved by Member Schwerer, second, Member Mahr. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 12A**.

EXHIBIT 13

Motion to approve ESDA Everbridge Emergency Alert System moved by Member Marcott, second, Member Mahr. Motioned carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 13A**.

EXHIBIT 14

Motion to approve Appellate Prosecutor Resolution moved by Member Mahr, second, Member Hiel. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 14A**.

EXHIBIT 15

Motion to approve DevNet Contract moved by Member Schwerer, second, Member Litchfield. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 15A**.

EXHIBIT 16

Motion to approve McDonough County Health Insurance Plan moved by Member Hiel, second, Member Toland. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 16A**.

EXHIBIT 17

Discussion of Cannabis Resolution. State's Attorney Matt Kwacala gave a run down on opting in or out for the County. Take to Finance and discuss, then bring back to Full Board.

EXHIBIT 18

Motion to approve Hiring of an Administrative Assistant for County Board moved by Member Clark, second, Member Cox. Member Schwerer, addressed the Board saying, that the motion made was passed last month at County Board and what is the point of this if we don't have the persons name that we are trying to employ. Chair Dixon, asked State's Attorney Kwacala if that should be done, Kwacala answered yes. First motion Amended by Member Clark. Member Clark motioned to approve the Hiring of Danette Phelps as the County Board Administrative Assistant, second, Member Cox. Member Schwerer asked what the cost of this new position was going to be, including everything. Chair Dixon answered, I didn't figure the benefits on that, we

did negotiate on the salary on that, we tried various levels on the salaries, these people were making a heck of a lot more than we anticipated. Dixon states they offered Danette Phelps \$41,000 plus the benefits which are just calculated based on that. Member Schwerer asked what other associated costs with this position are you budgeting for? Chair Dixon, well the benefits. Member Schwerer, the whole office George, I'm asking, what is it going to cost the County to have this position. Chair Dixon, with all the benefits, and all I don't know that number. Member Schwerer then asked, is there anything else besides the benefits that you are budgeting for? Chair Dixon answered, we put in some equipment budget there, to replace the stuff that has left since we had the position two years ago. Member Litchfield also states that she will be on flex time and she will some meetings that she will be in here, she will get comp time for that. Chair Dixon claims that's not double time, Member Litchfield agrees, it's just comp time. Member Hiel adds, I think that we are on this by the line item, administrative assistant, I've added this point into the new budget, which is yet to be approved, supplies \$5,000, Miscellaneous went from \$3,500 to \$8,500, that salary I have split at this point between County General and Liability, so we are going to meet and go over that, but currently that's how I have it laid out in the budget proposal, draft. Member Kirby asked when she would be able to start, Chair Dixon answered, October 31, 2019, a little bit flexible, if there's a reason we forego on this, it falls on the weekend, 31st or the 4th, two weeks in other words, I would probably and she said she could drop her job and come tomorrow, we have probably turned her down, you know, they need to honor their employer. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 2 nays, 2 pass, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 18A**.

EXHIBIT 19

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss hiring of an Administrative Assistant for County Board moved by Member McLean, second, Member Litchfield at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed on roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 19A**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Martin from Capital Power gave a report on progress. Five-month from approval of application all below ground work done, 38 miles of underground cable. Have had some crane problems, but getting it all worked out, on target to be done in March.

Chair Dixon addressed the Board that Tessa Pfafman resigned from the Board.

Member Litchfield gave Courthouse Tours.

County Board Zone meeting in Jacksonville on October 26, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Hiel, Finance will meet October 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. to discuss budget.

Member Toland, hired a secretary for Highway Department.

Building and Grounds voted to have IMEG write up an RFP for Courthouse drainage.

Chair Dixon entertains a motion that days and miles are checked and roll call and adjourn until November 20, 2019. With no further business to discuss Member Litchfield motioned to adjourn the meeting, Member Mahr with a second. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.

