

## MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

November 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the McDonough County Courthouse on November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. roll call resulted in 19 present, 1 absent, and 1 vacant. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### EXHIBIT 1

Member Trimmer motioned to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting, with a second by Member Litchfield. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### EXHIBIT 2

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

### EXHIBIT 3

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

### EXHIBIT 4

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

### EXHIBIT 5

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

### EXHIBIT 6

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

### EXHIBIT 7

No Report.

### EXHIBIT 8

Member McGrew motioned to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read, with a second by Member Mahr. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 8A**.

### EXHIBIT 9

Member Schwerer motioned with a second by Member Nissen 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 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 9A**.

#### **EXHIBIT 10**

Motion to approve appointment of Kathy Neuman to the MDH Board moved by Member McLean, second, Member Trimmer. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 1 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 11**

Motion to approve reappointment of Mike Hardy to ETSB Board moved by Member Hiel, second, Member Mahr. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 12**

Motion to approve reappointment of David Estes to ETSB Board moved by Member Trimmer, second, Member Aurelio. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 13**

Motion to approve reappointment of Jeff Rench to ETSB Board moved by Member McGrew, second, Member Mahr. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 14**

Motion to approve reappointment of Chief JR Hyde to ETSB Board moved by Member Twaddle, second, Member Erlandson. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 15**

Motion to approve reappointment of Chris Cunningham to ETSB Board moved by Member Mahr, second, Member Melvin. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 16**

Motion to approve reappointment of Stephanie Olson as commissioner of McDonough County Housing Authority moved by Member Mahr, second, Member Trimmer. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 1 absent 1 vacant.

#### **EXHIBIT 17**

Motion to approve Agreement with IDOT for 08-00103-00-BR Sugar Creek Bridge moved by Member Marcott, second, Member McGrew. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 17A**.

#### **EXHIBIT 18**

Motion to approve Resolution to Spend Federal Aid Matching Funds for Section 08-00103-00-BR moved by Member Hiel, second, Member McGrew. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 18A**.

#### **EXHIBIT 19**

Motion to approve Resolution for County Aid to Bridge Funds Project 1930-93 moved by Member Cox, second, Member Toland. Motioned carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacant as **Exhibit 19A**.

### **EXHIBIT 20**

Motion to approve Resolution for County Aid to Bridge Funds Project 1948-19 moved by Member Marcott, second, by Member Mahr. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 20A**.

### **EXHIBIT 21**

Motion to approve FY 2019 Budget Resolutions A through I by Member Hiel, second, by Member Toland. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 1 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 21A**. Member Schwerer is opposed to taking money from contingency to pay County Board Administrative Assistants salary.

### **EXHIBIT 22**

Chair Dixon told the Board that the Budget had been given to them and was sure no one was able to read such a lengthy document, also questioned exactly what a levy is and why they needed separate motions, then asked for a motion to approve the Budget and Levy.

Motion to approve FY 2020 Budget moved by Member Hiel, second, by Member Toland. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 22A**.

Member Schwerer commented that Member Hiel did an excellent job with this year's budget, he also expressed concerns of the \$1 million deficit. Member Hiel explained that he is also concerned of the \$1 million dollar deficit.

Motion to approve FY 2020 Levy moved by Member Schwerer, second, by Member Marcott. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 22B**.

### **EXHIBIT 23**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Curtis addressed the Board of an open house December 6, 2019 at Genesis Garden. He encouraged all of the board members to come see the house as it was

County Clerk DeJaynes addressed the Board of the article in the McDonough County Voice about the lack of cooperation from her office, and the new administrative assistant's position for the County Board. She stated, I know Chair Dixon made the comment, at least at one meeting this month that there was zero cooperation from my office with the transfer of duties back to the County Board. She stated, her office gave him a list of all duties performed for the board, explanation sheets on how to fill out a claim form, as well as a list of all the paperwork needed by payroll for employee benefits and reporting payroll deduction. They also gave a thumb drive that had several files with all of the minutes, claim forms, time keeping spreadsheets, any memos, a file for the website, contacts for meeting notices, all of the insurance files as well as any other files we had dealing

with board. With that being said, it was an unrealistic expectation of this board to presume that the employee whose position was eliminated by this change, was going to train the new person. She presented them with copies of the sheets that were given to Chair Dixon if they wanted to take a copy, she then thanked the Board for their time and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Trimmer reminded everyone of the Christmas Donation the Board normally takes care of to a charity.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Member Hiel expressed his thanks for help on the Budget.