

LAW & LEGAL
November 2, 2020

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Rod McGrew, Lee Calvert, Travis Hiel, Michael Kirby, Bob Mahr, Julie Melvin, and Paul Trimmer. Committee Member Joe Erlandson was absent. Other persons in attendance were County Chair Scott Schwerer, Committee Secretary Stacey Alexander, Patrick Stout, Ric Smart, and Chief Deputy Adam Cremer.

Chair McGrew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approve October 5, 2020 Minutes

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Mahr to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Waste Management Update

Report received and filed.

Tri-County Recycling

Report received and filed.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Ric Smart gave the report. Four Veterans were given assistance in October. Total assistance amounted to \$782.43. The transportation van made six trips to Iowa City in October, transporting six veterans for a total of 1,449 miles. Drivers contributed 47 hours of their time. Smart informed the Committee that they have lost one driver, but they still have five.

Sheriff's Report

Chief Deputy Adam Cremer went over the report. Cremer informed the Committee that they currently have four inmates that are waiting to be transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections. The new washer and dryer at the jail are up and going. County Chair Schwerer asked Chief Deputy Cremer if the boxes had been changed out.

Member Kirby asked Cremer if he knew how complaints against the Sheriff's Department are handled. Do they go to the Sheriff's Department, or should they go to a Committee? Kirby wondered if the complaints should go to the Law and Legal Committee or to the big Board, some people feel uncomfortable going to the Sheriff's Department to make a complaint against them. He thought maybe they should have a subcommittee for complaints. Member Hiel and County Chair Schwerer said that complaints can be made to the State's Attorney, or the County Board Chair.

Chair McGrew informed the Committee that he had ask for name and incidents. None could be provided to him. Without names and specific incidents there is nothing to look into.

Assessor's Office Update

No report.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other

Executive Session

None

Public Comment

Oliver Ellen with RWE Renewables Americas LLC was present to update the Committee regarding the new windfarm. He said that everything is moving forward, and they are getting land owners to sign up.

County Board Chair Comments

County Chair Schwerer reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day, he believes that they will be set up on the first floor and that everything is looking good.

Adjourn

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Melvin to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.