

## **LAW & LEGAL**

**January 4, 2021**

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 4th, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201, and via zoom. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Joe Erlandson, Vice Chair Ken Durkin, Lee Calvert-zoom, Eric Chapman, Travis Hiel, Michael Kirby, Terra Litchfield, Julie Melvin. Other persons in attendance were County Chair Scott Schwerer, Committee Secretary Stacey Alexander, Ric Smart, and Oliver Ellen with RWE. Others persons in attendance via zoom were Patrick Stout, Bill Burns, Bobbie, Angel, Morrow, John Huston, Heather McMeekan, Joanne Curtis, Chief Deputy Adam Cremer, and Sam with the Social Justice Coalition.

Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant, and 0 absent.

### **Review & Approve December 14, 2020 Minutes**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Durkin to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 vacant, and 0 absent.

### **Waste Management Update**

Report received and filed.

### **Tri-County Recycling**

No report.

### **Veteran's Assistance and Van Report**

Ric Smart gave the report. Six Veterans were given assistance in December. Total assistance amounted to \$1,451.67. County Chair Schwerer informed the Committee that Board Member Ken Durkin will be replacing Paul Trimmer on the Veterans Assistance Committee.

### **Sheriff's Report**

Chief Deputy Adam Cremer gave the report. He stated they are still waiting on the arrival of the new cars. Member Kirby inquired on information he requested last month, Chief Deputy Cremer stated he will be getting that to him.

### **Assessor's Office Update**

No report.

### **Review/Discuss McDonough County Wind Farm Ordinance**

Chair Erlandson discussed the original Wind Farm Ordinance, what the setback distance is between the turbines and homes, and how to tell if the turbines are having a flickering effect. Oliver Ellen with RWE informed the Committee that there is going to be a study done regarding flickering and sound from the turbines, and that construction is set to start in 2024. Chair Erlandson said that he would like to see something in the new ordinance regarding the flickering effect and sound from the turbines.

### **Claims Review and Approval**

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Litchfield to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

**Other**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Public Comment**

Heather McMeekan spoke.

**County Board Chair Comments**

County Chair Schwerer advised the Committee that the MTC contract will be at the County Board Meeting.

**Adjourn**

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Melvin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried on a Roll Call vote with 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 absent.