

LAW & LEGAL

September 12, 2022

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201. Committee Members present included Committee Chair Joe Erlandson, Vice Chair Ken Durkin, Lee Calvert, Eric Chapman, Travis Hiel, Michael Kirby, Terra Litchfield, and Julie Melvin. Other persons in attendance were Patrick Stout, Ric Smart, Deborah Cousins, Marcia Twaddle, Mike Cox, Larry Butcher, Ted McGaughas, Clarke Kelso, Mary Brookhart, Jerry Brookhart, Theresa Frisbie, Marilyn Shelley, Tammy Shelley, Steve Hess, County Chair Scott Schwerer, and Committee Secretary Stacey Alexander.

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

Review & Approve August 1, 2022 Minutes

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

Waste Management Update

Report received and filed.

Tri-County Recycling

No report.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Ric Smart gave the report. Eight Veterans were given assistance in August. Total assistance amounted to \$1,683.15.

Sheriff's Report

Report received and filed.

Assessor's Office Update

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report. Cousin's informed the Committee that her office is on track with the assessment year, our mapping department has updated farmland values for 2022, and she is currently working on the equalization process for the Townships. A discussion was held regarding the County Board taking action with the Multi-Township redistricting, Cousin's explained what the process is.

Claims Review and Approval

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

CO2 Pipeline Discussion

Chairman Erlandson summarized the Navigator Heartland Greenway Pipeline project activity since the last meeting. He also reviewed the following actions that those opposed to the pipeline have requested the County Board to take:

- 1 - Create an emergency response plan
- 2 - Update the public utility permit crossing application to include CO2 pipelines
- 3 - Adopt zoning that regulates setbacks and addresses emergency response planning; repair of damaged field tiles, damage to farmland that results in yield loss, etc.
- 4 - Join other local units of government in intervening in the Illinois Commerce Commission's processing of Navigator's project

- 5 - Resolution
- 6 - Moratorium

After discussion by members of the Committee, the following items were decided:

- 1 - Recommend to the Full Board at the September 21st meeting that McDonough County file a petition to intervene in the Navigator case with the Illinois Commerce Commission
- 2 - Status of emergency planning will be pursued through the ESDA/Claims committee and McDonough County ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez
- 3 - Zoning, ordinance, and moratorium options will be considered at a later date after additional legal opinions are received

Other

None.

Executive Session

None

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

County Chair Schwerer informed the Committee that the budget meetings are on September 13th at 9:00 a.m., September 14th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Hiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.