

LAW & LEGAL

May 6, 2024

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 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, Eric Blakeley, Eric Chapman, Letha Clark, Travis Hiel, Michael Kirby, and Terra Litchfield. Other persons in attendance were Dana Walker, Dr. Julia Albarracin, Ric Smart, Deborah Cousins, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chair Scott Schwerer, and Deputy Clerk Stacey Alexander.

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

Review & Approve April 1, 2024 Minutes

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Blakeley 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. Ten Veterans were given assistance in April. Total assistance amounted to \$2,441.00.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Nick Petitgout gave the report. Petitgout informed the Committee that he will be hiring two more deputies to fill vacant spots.

Assessor's Office Update

Assessor Deborah Cousins gave the report. Cousins informed the Committee that she has filled her vacant position. Member Kirby asked if solar panels increase a property assessment, Cousins said that she doesn't believe so at this time as there is not enough data.

Migrant Location Issue

Chair Erlandson informed the Committee that several Board Members have expressed concerns regarding this issue. Member Kirby stated that he does not believe that the County Board needs to create a Resolution regarding this.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other

None.

Executive Session

None

Public Comment

Dr. Julia Albarracin from WIU, held a discussion regarding Migrants arriving in Chicago and the process that they go through at the border. She believes the chances that Migrants will come to Macomb are close to zero, she doesn't believe that they would be sent to a Republican Town or County.

County Board Chair Comments

None.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Blakeley to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.