

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, in Courtroom 201 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call resulted in 17 present, 3 absent, and 1 vacant. Members Dave Cortelyou, Craig Foster, and Larry Aurelio were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXHIBIT 1

Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025 with corrections. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of January, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in November, 2024 was received and filed. County Sales Tax, Public Safety Tax, Cannabis Tax, and Transportation Tax.

EXHIBIT 4

The report of Balances and Investments from County Treasurer Graves for the month of January, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of January, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of January, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee. Finance Chair Hiel reported the Finance Committee did not transfer any funds as **Exhibit 7A**

EXHIBIT 8

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Erlandson to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Murphy to dispense with the reading of the claims report and to approve it as approved by the Claims Committee. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 1 pass, 3 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Will Kolbuk with RWE, introduced himself to the Board, he informed them that he has 14 years of experience with wind power. He discussed the Camp Creek Project, it will have 45 turbines, and construction will start in 2026 and will be done by the end of the year as **Exhibit 10A**.

EXHIBIT 11

The retirement of County Treasurer, Angela Graves was announced, she has been the Treasurer for 27 years. County Chair Blakeley thanked Angela for her many years of service as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

A discussion was held regarding the process of appointing Dana Moon as County Treasurer.

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Cox to approve the Appointment of Dana Moon as County Treasurer to Replace Angela Graves Effective March 17, 2025. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 6 nays, 1 pass, 3 absent, and 1 vacant as **Exhibit 12A**.

EXHIBIT 13

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Raby to Appoint Seth Minter to the MDH Board to Replace Carol Steward. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 13A**.

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Erlandson to Appoint Michael Kirby to the County Board to Replace Dave Bartlett for a 2-Year Term. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 14A**.

EXHIBIT 15

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Hiel to Re-Appoint Randall Parks to the New Salem Fire Protection District for a 3-Year Term. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 15A**.

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Member Kipling to Re-Appoint Mike Moore to the Blandinsville-Hire Fire Protection District for a 3-Year Term. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 16A**.

EXHIBIT 17

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Berg to Approve the MAEDCO Membership Fee Increase. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 17A**.

EXHIBIT 18

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Chapman to Approve the Bid for Flock Cameras for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 1 nay, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 18A**.

EXHIBITS 19 - 20

Board Member Berg moved with a second by Board Member Raby to Approve the Budget Amendment to Move Salary Expense Line from Animal Control Pet Population Fund to the Assistant Animal Control Officer Line Item of Animal Control Fund and to Approve Transferring Funds from County General to the Animal Pet Population Control Fund. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibits 19-20A**.

EXHIBIT 21

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Raby to Approve the Resolution of McDonough County Board in Support of Agriculture. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 21A**.

EXHIBIT 22

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Erlandson to Approve the Resolution for Amendment to Predictable Fee Schedule for Recording Documents. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 22A**.

EXHIBIT 23

A discussion was held that this agreement is primarily for assistance with the Solar Ordinance.

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Member Chapman to Approve the Short Form Services Agreement. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 23A**.

EXHIBITS 24 - 25

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to Approve CAD Construction Change Order Pricing #11 – Repair Cast Iron Columns and Approve CAD Construction Change Order Pricing #12 – Add Outlets to Each Entry Door. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibits 24-25A**.

EXHIBIT 26

Board Member R. Litchfield held a discussion regarding the agreement. He did some research on the program and shared his findings with the Board. He believes this would be a good investment.

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Walker to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Macomb and the McDonough County Board for the Provision of Glass

Recycling Services. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 7 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibit 26A**.

EXHIBITS 27-31

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Raby to Approve the Resolution to Accept Material Quotations, Approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary, Approve Declaring the Blue Service Truck as Surplus Material, Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with IPWMAN, and Approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for Seal Coating North and South Townships. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 1 pass, 3 absent, and 1 Vacant as **Exhibits 27-31A**.

EXHIBIT 28

None.

EXHIBIT 29

Bill Murdock with MDH thanked the Board for appointing Seth Minter to the MDH Board. He agrees with Member T. Litchfield that they need more balance on the board between members regarding financial and medical experience.

Andy Skoog with RiverStone Group Inc. introduced himself to the Board. They recently purchased the rock quarry in Colchester from Central Stone Co., he just wanted to introduce himself and let the Board know that they look forward to working with the Community.

Leah Morman with the Farm Bureau introduced herself to the Board and informed them that she is the new manager. She thanked them for passing the Resolution supporting agriculture.

Member Durkin informed the Board that the annual Casino Night will be held on March 1st, this is a fundraiser for the Humane Society.

EXHIBIT 30

None.

EXHIBIT 31

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Chapman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, 3 absent, and 1 vacant. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.