

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 17, 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, and 4 absent. Members Larry Aurelio, Dustin Berg, Eric Chapman, and Ryan Litchfield 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 August, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXHIBIT 2

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

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in June, 2025 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 Moon for the month of August, 2025 was received and filed.

EXHIBIT 5

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

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of August, 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 Foster moved with a second by Board Member Durkin to approve the report of the Finance Committee as read. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 8A**.

EXHIBIT 9

Board Member Murphy moved with a second by Board Member Hiel 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, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 9A**.

EXHIBIT 10

Board Member Cox moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried with a voice vote as **Exhibit 10A**.

EXHIBIT 11

Board Member Erlandson moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the McDonough and Henderson Jail Housing Agreement. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 11A**.

EXHIBIT 12

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Cox to approve the Tax Deed Resolutions. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 12A**.

EXHIBIT 13

Board Member T. Litchfield moved with a second by Board Member Royer to approve Criminal Court Fund Resolution. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 13A**.

EXHIBIT 14

Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Hiel to approve the New Generator Project. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, 1 pass, and 4 absent as **Exhibit 14A**.

EXHIBIT 15

Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Raby to approve Section 27: Animal Control Registration Fees. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 4 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent.

EXHIBIT 16

Board Member Raby moved with a second by Board Member Kipling to approve the Treasurers Dog and Cat Registration Letter. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 yeas, 3 nays, 0 pass, and 4 absent.

EXHIBIT 17

None.

EXHIBIT 18

Justin Derry from WIU brought in logos for the 200th bicentennial celebration coming up. These logos will be added to various items. Several suggestions were made by Board members.

EXHIBIT 19

None.

EXHIBIT 20

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Kipling moved with a second by Board Member Foster to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was taken for days and miles and the motion to adjourn carried with a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.