

MINUTES OF THE MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

The monthly meeting of the McDonough County Board was held at the Zahren Building in the Special Education Co-op Room at 7:00 p.m. Roll call resulted in 18 present, and 3 absent. Members Jerry Raby, Larry Aurelio, and Riley Smith were absent. Sheriff Nick Petitgout made the opening declaration. Chair Blakeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

EXHIBIT 1

Minutes of August 19, 2026 Board Meeting.

EXHIBIT 2

The report from Public Defender, Scott Terry for the month of August, 2026.

EXHIBIT 3

The report of Sales Tax collected in June, 2026. 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, 2026.

EXHIBIT 5

The report of Circuit Clerk Fischer for the month of August, 2026.

EXHIBIT 6

The report from County Clerk Benson on Warrants Issued in Vacation for the month of August, 2026.

EXHIBIT 7

The Transfer of Appropriations of Monies was referred to the Finance Committee.

EXHIBIT 8

Report of the Finance Committee for August, 2026.

EXHIBIT 9

Report of General Claims for August, 2026.

EXHIBIT 10

County Aid to Bridge Resolution #2652-61 (Township District #1)

EXHIBIT 11

County Aid to Bridge Resolution #2646-43 (Emmet Township)

EXHIBIT 12

County Aid to Bridge Resolution Project #2646-44 (Emmet Township)

EXHIBIT 13

County Aid to Bridge Resolution Project #2651-47 (Chalmers Township)

EXHIBIT 14

Township Bridge Resolution Section #26-18126-00-BR (Walnut Grove Township)

Board Member Chapman moved with a second by Board Member Hiel to approve consent agenda items 1 through 14. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent.

ACTION AGENDA

EXHIBIT 15

No items removed from the consent agenda.

EXHIBIT 16

The application for the Colchester Sun solar site can not be approved by the Board until the public hearing is held. This will be pulled from the agenda and brought back next month.

EXHIBIT 17

Board Member Thompson moved with a second by Board Member Walker to approve September 2026 as workforce development month. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 17**.

EXHIBIT 18

Board Member Hiel moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve 2026 civil filing fee. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 18**.

EXHIBIT 19

Board Member Durkin moved with a second by Board Member Foster to approve the resolution to transfer all 2025 payable 2026 delinquent taxes to the County Trustee. Questions were asked and discussion was held. Dana Moon and Jeremy Benson feel this is the best option. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 3 absent as **Exhibit 19**.

EXHIBIT 20

None.

EXHIBIT 21

Eric Blakeley informed the committee that there will be a public hearing about the Colchester Sun solar site application on October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the SRC Outreach Center. Chad Sperry will also be coming to the next board meeting to do a brief presentation on the GIS aerial mapping.

EXHIBIT 22

None.

EXHIBIT 23

Chair Blakeley entertained a motion that Days and Miles are checked, roll be called, and the Board adjourn until Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board Member Foster moved with a second by Board Member Chapman 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 7:17 p.m. Sheriff Petitgout gave the closing declaration.