

# County Board (Dept. 12)

**Mission Statement:** *McHenry County Government is dedicated to providing the highest quality services for the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and communities. We foster representative and transparent government to ensure social, economic justice and environmental justice.*

**Department Created By:** *Illinois Compiled Statutes (55 ILCS 5/2) Counties Code.*

## **Classification – General Government**

**Background:** The County Board is the governing body of McHenry County. The County Government of McHenry County operates under an 18 member Board made up of two elected members from each of the nine County Board districts (one member serves a 2-year term, one member serves a 4-year term) within McHenry County. The business of the Board is divided into the following eight standing committees; Finance and Audit, Human Resources, Law & Government, Liquor & License; Internal Support and Facilities; Planning, Environment & Development; Public Health & Community Services; and Transportation.

## **Functions: MANDATED BY STATE STATUTE**

- **Budget** – It is the responsibility of the County Board to adopt an annual budget for the succeeding fiscal year. Such budget shall be prepared by some person or persons designated by the County Board and be made conveniently available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to final action thereon. After adoption, any adjustments to the budget requires a 2/3 vote of all members constituting such board for approval.
- **County Business/Operations** – The day-to-day operations of the County are guided by policies and procedures developed and set in motion by Resolutions (a formal statement of a decision or expression of opinion put before or adopted) or Proclamations (an act that formally declares to the general public that the government has acted in a particular way) as approved by simple majority of the County Board.
- **Public Safety and Welfare** – The County Board has authority to develop and implement ordinances (a law passed by a municipality/county government) designed to protect the citizens of McHenry County in regard to zoning issues, development, construction, public health, transportation, law & justice, mental health/social services, and natural resources.
- **Financial Stewardship** – The County Board is accountable for how all revenues generated and received into the County (property taxes, sales tax, fees for services, fines and penalties, etc.) are utilized. It is their statutory responsibility to acquire the services of an outside auditing firm to conduct an annual audit on the official financial book of record of the County and give an opinion on the financial reporting, its strengths and weaknesses, and the internal controls put in place to safeguard the assets. Additionally, it is the County Board's responsibility to decide what services the County should be providing; what services are competing with private business and if duplicate services should be eliminated; how the cost of long term capital projects will be funded; and the planning for capital replacement or repair to the fourteen buildings and properties owned by the County.

## **2024 Highlights**

- Adopted revised County Board Rules to promote efficiency and better reflect how the County Board operates.
- Put forth a successful referendum question to change the funding source for Mental Health Board services from property taxes to sales tax.
- Adopted a 2050 Comprehensive Plan to establish the long-term land use vision for unincorporated McHenry County.
- Worked collaboratively with the County Clerk to establish an election center to ensure efficient elections and reduce pressure on available space in the County Administration Building.
- Reduced the property tax levy for transportation funding by exercising the local option of the Motor Fuel Tax.
- Approved the recommendations of a compensation study to promote employee retention and attraction.

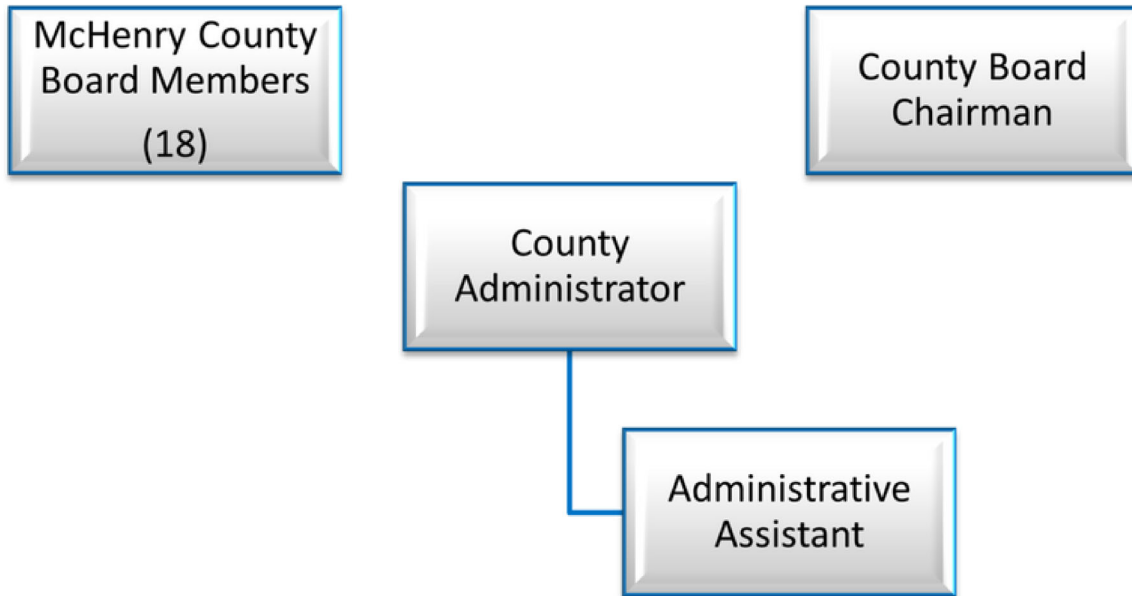
## **2025 Goals**

- Develop the 2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan.
- Further explore the County's role and opportunities to address workforce housing needs and challenges.
- Ensure ARPA funds are allocated and on track for appropriate disbursement.
- Explore options and opportunities to address the space and facility needs for county offices and operations.
- Review the County Board Member orientation program to focus more on the role of a County Board member and, legally, what they can and cannot do.
- Further promote the County's legislative program with the Illinois General Assembly to address implementation and unintended consequences of IL actions.

## Full Time Equivalents History

Job Title	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	FTE	FTE	FTE
Administrative Specialist III	1.00	1.00	1.00
County Board Members	24.00	18.00	18.00
<b>Total Dept 12 - County Board</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>

## Organizational Chart



**County of McHenry**  
**2025 Proposed Budget**  
**12 - County Board**

<b>Category</b>	<b>FY2022 Actual</b>	<b>FY2023 Actual</b>	<b>FY2024 Appropriated</b>	<b>FY2024 Actual (YTD)</b>	<b>FY2025 Budgeted</b>
<i>General Fund</i>					
75 - Licenses & Fees Total	89,490	81,975	106,000	77,145	106,000
80 - Fees & Charges for Service Total	668,180.17	623,609.67	655,000.00	288,486.74	650,000.00
96 - Misc. Income Total	15,596.00	15,665.00	15,000.00	17,285.66	15,000.00
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>773,266.17</b>	<b>721,249.67</b>	<b>776,000.00</b>	<b>382,917.40</b>	<b>771,000.00</b>
30 - Personnel Total	531,062.47	395,725.86	394,134.63	260,408.57	397,854.45
40 - Contractual Total	62,662.62	67,486.63	72,950.00	70,549.75	74,950.00
50 - Commodities Total	2,647.28	7,245.72	8,500.00	4,108.99	6,500.00
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>596,372.37</b>	<b>470,458.21</b>	<b>475,584.63</b>	<b>335,067.31</b>	<b>479,304.45</b>

**To View Interactive Budget (both Financial and Non Financial Information)**

<https://mchenrycountyil.openbook.questica.com/#/spotlight/efe8db06-7ac6-45bc-9f0f-845fa5d1f6d0>