

# County Board Chairman (Dept. 07)

**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:** *County Citizen approved referendum*

## Classification – General Government

**Background:** On August 20, 2013 the County Board of McHenry County, Illinois approved Resolution R-201308-12-177 requesting the submission of a question of public policy to the electors of McHenry County regarding the method of selection of the County Board Chair. The binding question was submitted to and approved by the qualified electors at the general primary election held on March 18, 2014. The County's first four year elected Chairman was sworn into office in December, 2016.

## Functions:

- To provide Policy Leadership and guide the direction of the County Board.
- Day to day liaison with County Administration
- Shall determine and establish the agenda for all regular meetings of the County Board after consulting with the Chairmen of the County Board's committees.
- May establish special committees and designate special assignments as deemed necessary.
- Serves as the Liquor Commissioner of the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Shall annually present the State of the County Address.
- As an elected at large Board Chairman, the Chairman is not considered a member of the County Board and is only allowed to vote in order to break a tie.

## 2024 Highlights

- Established the Workforce Housing Workgroup to study workforce housing issues in the County.
- Worked with McCOG on Workforce Housing next steps.
- Worked collaboratively with Cook and collar county partners to establish regional and international economic relations and give McHenry County a greater economic presence.
- Worked with the County Board and County Administration/Finance to balance County needs with funding streams to ensure the County's long-term sustainability, sound financial health and property tax control.
- Established strong working relationships with peers through various collaborative initiatives and involvement in NACo and ISACo.

## 2025 Goals

- Lead the County Board in an update of the McHenry County Strategic Plan.
- Advocate for the expansion of fiber/broadband service to underserved parts of the County once state and federal grant funding is released.
- Provide leadership and guidance to our partner organizations to ensure County-wide preparation and resiliency in the face of a disaster.
- Endeavor to give McHenry County a greater presence and role through active engagement in regional and statewide affairs/initiatives.
- Work with County Administration and our municipal partners to expand collaboration and shared service opportunities throughout the County.

## Full Time Equivalents History

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>2022-23 FTE</b>	<b>2023-24 FTE</b>	<b>2024-25 FTE</b>
Chairman - County Board	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>Total Dept 07 - County Board Chairman</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>

## Organizational Chart



**County of McHenry**  
**2025 Proposed Budget**  
**07 - McHenry County Board Chair**

<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>					
30 - Personnel Total	88,969	91,200	90,202	54,496	94,300
40 - Contractual Total	550	2,525	2,000	1,304	1,930
50 - Commodities Total	111	3,084	4,200	2,932	4,200
<b>General Fund Expense Total</b>	<b>89,630</b>	<b>96,809</b>	<b>96,402</b>	<b>58,732</b>	<b>100,430</b>

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

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