



McHenry County
County Board - Regular Meeting
MINUTES

June 17, 2025, 7:00 PM
County Board Room
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Pamela Althoff (D6), Carolyn Campbell (D3), John Collins (D2), Joseph Gottemoller (D4), Terri Greeno (D5), Eric Hendricks (D3), Carl Kamienski (D6), Jim Kearns (D9), Deena Krieger (D5), Matt Kunkle (D1), Brian Sager (D7), Mike Shorten (D4), Michael Skala (D9), Larry Smith (D8), Patrick Sullivan (D1), Paul Thomas (D7), Gloria Van Hof (D2), Tracie Von Bergen (D8), Chairman Mike Buehler

Full comments on all agenda items are included in the video recording of this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buehler at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Althoff led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

3.a Pastor Cary Hughes - Living Grace Community Church, Cary

There was no Invocation for the meeting.

4. INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

Ms. Althoff made a motion seconded by Mr. Skala to allow Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Kearns to attend the meeting remotely. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Mover: Skala

Seconder: Gottemoller

To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Approved by Voice

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mover: Skala
Second: Collins

To approve the Minutes as presented below.

Approved by Voice

6.a County Board- Committee of the Whole- May 15, 2025

6.b County Board- Regular Meeting- May 20, 2025

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS / REPORT

Chairman Buehler spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:04:25 of the audio.

8. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

The following member spoke: Ms. Greeno. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:06:40 of the audio.

9. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

9.a Proclamation Honoring McHenry County Division of Transportation Sign Shop Supervisor Andrew Rose (82)

Mr. Sager read the Proclamation into the record. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:09:31 of the audio.

10. ZONING PETITIONS

10.a Zoning Consent Agenda

Mover: Smith
Second: Gottemoller

To approve the Zoning Consent Agenda

Aye (18): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Approved (18 to 0)

10.a.2 Z25-0022 The Dorothy A. Hughes Living Trust, McHenry Twp, B3C-B3C (Requires majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Smith
Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0022 The Dorothy A. Hughes Living Trust, McHenry Twp, B3C-B3C

Approved

10.a.3 Z25-0031 Gaona, Burton Twp, B2 & B2V - R3 (Requires majority vote of all members).

Mover: Smith
Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0031 Gaona, Burton Twp, B2 & B2V - R3

Approved

- 10.a.4 z25-0036 Huemann, Alden Twp, A1 & A2 - E5 (Requires majority vote of all members.)

Mover: Smith

Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0036 Huemann, Alden Twp, A1 & A2 - E5

Approved

- 10.a.5 Z25-0038 FGLJ Properties, Nunda Twp, R1 -R1V (Requires majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Smith

Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0038 FGLJ Properties, Nunda Twp, R1-R1V

Approved

- 10.a.6 Z25-0039 Weidner, Chemung Twp, A1-A2 (Requires majority vote of all members.)

Mover: Smith

Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0039 Weidner, Chemung Twp, A1-A2

Approved

- 10.a.7 Z25-0043 Hoffmann, McHenry Twp, R1V-R1V (Requires majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Smith

Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0043 Hoffmann, McHenry Twp, R1V-R1V

Approved

- 10.a.8 Z25-0046 Pankonin, McHenry Twp, R1-R1V (Requires majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Smith

Second: Gottemoller

To approve Z25-0046 Pankonin, McHenry Twp, R1-R1V

Approved

- 10.a.1 Z25-0012 (formerly 2024-055) Olague, A1-A1C, Hartland Twp (Requires majority vote of members present.)

PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

The following members spoke: Mr. Skala, Mr. Kearns, Mr. Sager and Mr. Smith. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 18:10 of the audio.

Mover: Althoff
Second: Smith

To approve Z25-0012 Olague, A1-A1C, Hartland Twp

Aye (13): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Shorten, Thomas, and Von Bergen

Nay (5): Sager, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, and Van Hof

Approved (13 to 5)

Amendment:
Mover: Skala
Second: Smith

To amend 10.a.1

Defeated by Voice

10.b Zoning Regular Agenda

10.c Zoning Unfinished Business

11. PLATS

12. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

12.a Transportation & Specialty Courts

Presented by Scott Hennings, Assistant Director of Transportation and Kelly Scimeca, Director of Office of Special Projects. The following members also spoke: Chairman Buehler, Mr. Smith and Ms. Van Hof. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:24:50 of the audio.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke:

Babe Paukstys of Cook County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Brian Jones of Winnebago County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Dean Barker of Winnebago County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Jane Carrell of Winnebago County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Ken Zito of Kane County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Tom Kozik of Kane County, a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans read a section of a proposed resolution regarding election validity.

Nicole Bach, Regional Manager of Birth to Five Illinois spoke with about the services provided by the organization with regard to early childhood education and care.

14. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14.a Appointment to the McHenry County Conservation District as of June 17, 2025 (18)

Mover: Campbell
Second: Gottemoller

To approve the appointment to the McHenry County Conservation District as of June 17, 2025.

Aye (18): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Approved (18 to 0)

15. APPOINTMENTS

15.a Appointment to the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District as of June 17, 2025 (18)

Mover: Sager
Second: Shorten

To approve the appointments to the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District as of June 17, 2025.

Aye (18): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Approved (18 to 0)

16. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATES / LIAISON REPORTS

The following member spoke: Ms. Greeno. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:54:35 of the audio.

17. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Mover: Skala
Second: Kamienski

To approve the Routine Consent Agenda

Aye (18): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Approved (18 to 0)

17.a Receipt of Statutory Reports and Placed on File

17.a.1 County Clerk/Recorder

17.a.1.1 May 2025 Clerk And Recorder Board Report

17.a.2 Emergency Management Agency

17.a.2.1 EMA Monthly May 2025

17.a.3 Public Defender

17.a.3.1 Public Defenders May Monthly Report

17.a.4 Coroner Report

17.a.4.1 May Stats 2025

17.a.5 Sheriff's Report

17.a.5.1 Sheriff's Monthly Report: May 2025

17.a.6 Treasurer's Report

17.a.6.1 Treasurer Report April 2025

17.b Approve the Following Recommendations

17.b.1 Administrative Services

17.b.1.1 Resolution Authorizes the Renaming of Position #32013221 from Social Worker Program Director to Deputy Sheriff Sergeant (32)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

Authorizing a title change to position #32013221 from Social Worker Program Director to Deputy Sheriff Sergeant.

Approved

17.b.1.2 Resolution Approving Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County and the Village of Wonder Lake for GIS Services (65)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

Authorize County Board Chairman to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Village of Wonder Lake for GIS services.

Approved

17.b.2 Finance and Audit

17.b.2.1 Reclassification of the Zoning Enforcement Officer Grade 14E position to a Planner Grade 8E position (10)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

To approve the reclassification of the Zoning Enforcement Officer Grade 14E position to a Planner 8E position.

Approved

17.b.2.2 Resolution to Modify Hours and Grade to ARPA Internal Audit Program Manager Position on the Auditor's Office Roster (11)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

To approve a resolution modifying the Internal Audit Program Manager Position from 30 to 37.5 hours paid by the ARPA grant and request grade change from 10N to 12E per HR review.

17.b.2.3 Resolution Adopting the Fixed Asset Policy (18)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

To approve a resolution adopting the fixed asset policy.

Approved

17.b.2.4 Circuit Clerk Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation from Circuit Clerk Electronic Citation Fund for Purchase of eCitation Printers & Paper (41)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

The Circuit Clerk is requesting authorization to use existing fund balance in the Circuit Court Clerk Electronic Citation Fund, which is funded with court fees designated by statute (705 ILCS 135/10-5(d)(9)) to be used for “establishing and maintaining electronic citations,” to purchase 175 Zebra ZQ521 mobile squad car printers, along with the necessary accessories for installation, communication and printing, for McHenry County arresting agencies that require upgraded eCitation printers.

Approved

17.b.2.5 Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to use Available Fund Balance in the Circuit Clerk’s Document Storage Fund for Tyler Technologies Intellidact AI E-Filing Automation Annual Software Subscription FY 2024-2025 (41)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

The attached Resolution is for the use of existing Court Document Storage fund balance for the first year of an annual software subscription with Tyler Technologies for Intellidact AI (Artificial Intelligence) Process Automation software of \$321,241.00.

Approved

17.b.2.6 Approval of a Contract with IronWall by Incogni to Provide Proprietary Judicial Security and Privacy Protection Services for the 22nd Judicial Circuit and Authorization for an Expenditure in Excess of \$30,000 (42)

Mover: Skala

Second: Kamienski

Approval of a Resolution authorizing a five-year contract with IronWall by Incogni to provide proprietary digital privacy and personal security services to judicial officers and essential court personnel within the 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County.

Approved

- 17.b.2.7 Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of Positions 051-0953-07 and 051-0973-19 to one Full-time Administrative Specialist Position within the Department of Health's FY25 Departmental Roster (51)
- Mover:** Skala
Second: Kamienski
- Request that the County Board authorize the reclassification of two part-time positions into one full-time position within the existing MCDH roster.
- Approved**
- 17.b.2.8 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Associated Electric and Presidio for the Wireless Network Refresh at Valley Hi Nursing Home (61)
- Mover:** Skala
Second: Kamienski
- Valley Hi is seeking authorization to engage Associated Electric and Presidio to complete a wireless network refresh at Valley Hi Nursing Home.
- Approved**
- 17.b.2.9 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois and Appropriating Funds for the Township Owned Bunker Hill Road Bridges Project (82)
- Mover:** Skala
Second: Kamienski
- To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County and the State of Illinois for the Dunham Township Road District owned Bunker Hill Road Bridges Project and Appropriating Funds.
- Approved**
- 17.b.2.10 Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the Township Owned Bunker Hill Road Bridge(s) Project (82)
- Mover:** Skala
Second: Kamienski
- To approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. (Strand) for Phase II Design Engineering for the Dunham Township owned Bunker Hill Road over a Drainage Ditch (056-3107) and Bunker Hill Road over Rush Creek (056-3070) Bridge(s) Project.
- Approved**
- 17.b.2.11 Resolution Approving an Agreement for Purchasing Wetland Mitigation Credits and Appropriating Funds (82)
- Mover:** Skala
Second: Kamienski

To approve an agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District and appropriate funds to purchase wetland mitigation credits for McHenry County road and bridge projects.

Approved

- 17.b.2.12 Resolution Approving an Agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District and Naturally McHenry County for the Prairie Trail Wayfinding Plan and Appropriating Funds (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kamienski

To approve an agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District and Naturally McHenry County for a Prairie Trail Wayfinding Plan and appropriating funds.

Approved

- 17.b.3 Law & Government/Liquor
17.b.4 Planning, Environment & Development
17.b.5 Public Health & Community Services

- 17.b.5.1 Resolution Adopting Amended Bylaws for the McHenry County Senior Services Grant Commission (10)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kamienski

To approve a resolution adding amendments to the Senior Service Grant Commission Bylaws and policies manual.

Approved

- 17.b.6 Transportation
17.b.7 Valley Hi Operating

18. ORDINANCES

18.a For Review

- 18.a.1 Revision to Article II of the Public Health Ordinance (51)

To approve the revision to Article II of the Public Health Ordinance.

18.b For Action

- 18.b.1 Ordinance Designating Local Landmark Status of Prescott Whittemore Homestead (10)

Mover: Skala
Second: Althoff

Recommend that the McHenry County Board designate the Prescott Whittemore Homestead in Grafton Township as a local historic landmark.

Aye (18): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Approved (18 to 0)

18.b.2 Ordinance Amending the Wetland Restoration Fund (10)

Mover: Skala

Seconded: Collins

To approve an update to the Wetland Restoration Fund ordinance

Aye (17): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Nay (1): Kunkle

Approved (17 to 1)

19. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Peter Austin spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:58:20 of the audio.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skala made a motion seconded by Ms. Greeno to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Chairman Buehler declared the motion passed by unanimous voice votes.

Michael Buehler, Chairman

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk