



McHenry County  
County Board - Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

March 18, 2026, 7:00 PM  
County Board Conference 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), Paul Thomas (D7), Gloria Van Hof (D2), Tracie Von Bergen (D8), Chairman Mike Buehler

Members Absent: Patrick Sullivan (D1)  
**Full comments on all agenda items are included in the video recording of this meeting.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Collins led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INVOCATION**

3.a Pastor Jon Gains of Grace Fellowship Church in Woodstock gave the Invocation.

**4. INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL**

Ms. Althoff made a motion seconded by Mr. Kamienski to allow Ms. Greeno to attend the meeting remotely. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**5. ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**Mover:** Skala

**Second:** Shorten

To adopt the Agenda as presented.

**Approved by Voice**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Mover:** Skala  
**Secunder:** Smith

To approve the Minutes as presented below.

**Approved by Voice**

6.a County Board- Committee of the Whole- February 12, 2026

6.b County Board- Regular Meeting- February 17, 2026

**7. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS / REPORT**

Chairman Buehler gave the floor to County Clerk Joseph Tirio who spoke of the passing of Election Judge Petter Culver. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:6:30 and concluding at 0:09:47 of the audio. Chairman Buehler spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:09:50 of the audio.

**8. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

The following members spoke: Mr. Kamienski, Ms. Althoff, and Mr. Shorten. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:13:04 of the audio.

**9. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

9.a Honoring Janiah Slaughter for Winning the IHSA State Wrestling Championship

Mr. Skala read the Proclamation Honoring Janiah Slaughter for Winning the IHSA State Wrestling Championship into the record. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:23:53 of the audio.

**10. ZONING PETITIONS**

10.a Zoning Consent Agenda

10.a.1 Z25-0112 Perkins Road Solar 1 LLC, A1-A1C (Requires majority vote of members present.)

**Mover:** Smith  
**Secunder:** Skala

To approve Z25-0112 Perkins Road Solar 1 LLC, A1-A1C

Aye (12): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Kamienski, Kearns, Krieger, Sager, Skala, Smith, and Van Hof

Nay (4): Hendricks, Kunkle, Shorten, and Thomas

Abstain (1): Von Bergen

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (12 to 4)**

10.b Zoning Regular Agenda

10.c Zoning Unfinished Business

**11. PLATS**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals spoke against the solar farm proposed for the Johnsbury area: Renee Weigert, Jim Rollins, Emily Grant, Robert Turetsky, Justin Wagner, and Joan Brumm.

The following individuals associated with SHARK (SHowing Animals Respect and Kindness) spoke against the issuance of permits for the rodeo sport of steer tailing: Jodie Wiederkehr, Heather Friedli, and Helen Wiederkehr.

Justin Zarr spoke on behalf of the Algonquin Hills Subdivision about a "historic disconnect" between MCDOT and the Algonquin Township Road District in relation to the governance and maintenance of certain roads in the subdivision.

Full comments be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:27:33 of the audio.

**13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13.a Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute a Vacant Land Sales Contract to Sell 2.421 Acres of County Owned Property on Banford Road, Woodstock, IL (18)

Mr. Skala spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 0:53:54 of the audio.

**Mover:** Skala  
**Seconder:** Althoff

Approve the County Administrator to work with the State's Attorney to sell County-owned real estate on Banford Road, Woodstock, IL

**Amendment:**  
**Mover:** Skala  
**Seconder:** Campbell

To send back to committee

**Approved by Voice**

**14. APPOINTMENTS**

14.a Appointment to the Sheriff's Merit Commission as of March 18, 2026 (12)

**Mover:** Von Bergen  
**Seconder:** Gottemoller

To approve the appointment to the Sheriff's Merit Commission as of March 18, 2026.

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

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (17 to 0)**

**15. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATES / LIAISON REPORTS**

Ms. Greeno spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:54:41 of the audio.

**16. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve the Routine Consent Agenda

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

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (17 to 0)**

16.a Receipt of Statutory Reports and Placed on File

16.a.1 County Clerk/Recorder

16.a.1.1 February 2026 Clerk And Recorder Board Report.pdf

16.a.2 Emergency Management Agency

16.a.2.1 EMA Monthly February 2026

16.a.3 Public Defender

16.a.3.1 February Public Defender Monthly Report

16.a.4 Coroner Report

16.a.4.1 Coroners Monthly Reports February 2026

16.a.5 Sheriff's Report

16.a.5.1 Sheriff's Monthly Report February 2026

16.a.6 Treasurer's Report

16.a.6.1 Treasurer Report January 2026

16.b Approve the Following Recommendations

16.b.1 Administrative Services

16.b.2 Finance and Audit

16.b.2.1 Resolution Rescinding Prior Notice Requirements Established by Resolution R94081750155 and Discontinue Equalization-Only Assessment Notices (5)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve a resolution rescinding prior notice requirements established and discontinue equalization-only assessment notices.

**Approved**

16.b.2.2 Resolution Authorizing the Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Program Funding Award to Consumer Credit Counseling Services (10)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve the award of Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Program Funding to Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

**Approved**

16.b.2.3 Elimination of the Senior Community Development Specialist and restructuring of the Community Development Specialist Position (10)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

That the County Board approves the reclassification of one CD Specialist position from 8E to 10E and eliminate one Full Time Equivalent from the Community Development Division roster.

**Approved**

16.b.2.4 Resolution Authorizing Ordinance No. 26-1068 of the McHenry County Conservation Districts 2027 Fiscal Year Budget as Provided for in Public Act 91-629 (18)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve the resolution authorizing Ordinance No. 26-1068 of the McHenry County Conservation Districts 2027 Fiscal Year Budget as Provided for in Public Act 91-629.

**Approved**

16.b.2.5 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with ClearGov Inc. for the Licenses, Hosting and Implementation of a New Financial Planning and Reporting Integration System for FY2026 (18)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To authorize a contract with ClearGov Inc. for implementation of a new financial planning and reporting integration system for the County.

**Approved**

16.b.2.6 Authorizing a Modification to R-202407-51-156 for the Approval of Community Health Grants Awarded from ARPA for Veteran's Path to Hope and a Modification to R-202303-18-078 for the Approval of Grants Awarded from ARPA for Options & Advocacy for McHenry Co

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To reduce the project budget of Veterans Path to Hope by \$79,600 and increase the project budget of Options & Advocacy by \$79,600.

**Approved**

16.b.2.8 Resolution Accepting the FY26 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB) Grant in the Amount of \$195,534.30 for the FY26/27 Purchase of Sheriff's Office Body Cameras (32)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

Acceptance of an ILET SB Grant for the purchase of body worn cameras in the Sheriff's Office in FY26/27.

**Approved**

- 16.b.3 Law & Government/Liquor
- 16.b.4 Planning, Environment & Development
- 16.b.5 Public Health & Community Services
- 16.b.6 Transportation

16.b.6.1 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with EcoInteractive LLC for Transportation Programming Software for the Division of Transportation and Appropriating Funds (82)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve an agreement with EcoInteractive LLC for Transportation Programming Software for the Division of Transportation.

**Approved**

16.b.6.2 Resolution Appropriating Funds for FY2026 Street Sweeping (82)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

**Board / Committee Action Requested:** For consideration is a resolution approving bids and appropriating funds for FY2026 street sweeping services.

**Approved**

16.b.6.3 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Algonquin for Construction and Maintenance regarding a Remote Salt Storage Facility and Appropriating Funds (82)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Algonquin for construction and maintenance of a remote salt storage facility and appropriating funds.

**Approved**

16.b.6.4 Resolution to Approve Adopt-A-Highway Group Agreement (V32-04, A19-01, A48-05) (82)

**Mover:** Skala  
**Second:** Gottemoller

To approve the inclusion of the identified group(s) into the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program:

Crosspoint Lutheran Church – Pyott Rd. from Rakow Rd. to Virginia Rd.

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Dominic Muhlbach We Love & Miss U – Algonquin Rd. from Randall Rd. to Talaga Dr.

**Approved**

16.b.7 Valley Hi Operating

**16. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA**

16.b Approve the Following Recommendations

16.b.2.7 Resolution Authorizing a New Full Time Veterans Outreach Coordinator Position in the Veteran’s Assistance Commission Departmental Roster and a Budget Line-Item Transfer in The VAC FY26 Budget (22)

**Mover:** Kamienski  
**Second:** Skala

To approve a resolution authorizing a new full-time Veterans Outreach Coordinator Position in the Veterans Assistance Commission Departmental roster and a budget line item transfer in the VAC FY26 budget.

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

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (17 to 0)**

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**Secunder:** Gottemoller
- Acceptance of an ILETSB Grant for the purchase of body worn cameras in the Sheriff's Office in FY26/27.
- Approved**
- 16.b.2.9 Resolution Establishing Remuneration and Authorizing a Monthly Stipend for McHenry County Board of Health Members (51)
- The following members spoke: Ms. Greeno, Ms. Althoff and Mr. Sager. County Administrator Scott Hartman and Director of Public Health Melissa Adamson also spoke. Full comments can be heard beginning at 0:58:51 of the audio.

**Mover:** Althoff  
**Seconded:** Skala

Approve and authorize monthly remuneration for Board of Health members for each regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting attended.

Aye (13): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Hendricks, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Nay (4): Greeno, Kamienski, Kearns, and Thomas

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (13 to 4)**

## 17. ORDINANCES

### 17.a For Review

#### 17.a.1 Ordinance Creating a Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy (18)

To enact an Ordinance establishing a Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy.

### 17.b For Action

#### 17.b.1 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance O-202310-06-062 and the County Purchasing Ordinance Table of Contents and Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 16

**Mover:** Skala  
**Seconded:** Collins

To approve the Ordinance updating and amending the County Purchasing Ordinance.

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

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (17 to 0)**

#### 17.b.2 Ordinance Authorizing A Solid Waste Removal Franchise Agreement Renewal

**Mover:** Skala  
**Seconded:** Smith

To approve Ordinance authorizing an exclusive municipal solid waste hauler to serve the Fox Lake Vista area as delineated on the attached map.

Aye (16): Althoff, Campbell, Collins, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Krieger, Kunkle, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Thomas, Van Hof, and Von Bergen

Nay (1): Kearns

Absent (1): Sullivan

**Approved (16 to 1)**

## 18. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

**19. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Scott Hartman spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website beginning at 1:08:49 of the audio.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Skala made a motion seconded by Ms. Althoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Chairman Buehler declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk