



Annual Report

2019-2020

McHenry County Council of Governments

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Mayor, Village of Huntley

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President, Village of Algonquin

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MCCG Finance Committee Chair
Supervisor, McHenry Township

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Mayor, City of Woodstock

Wayne Jett
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Mayor, City of McHenry

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McHenry County Council of Governments 2019-2020 Membership

Algonquin • Barrington Hills • Bull Valley • Cary • Crystal Lake •
Fox River Grove • Greenwood • Harvard • Hebron • Huntley • Island Lake • Johnsburg
• Lake in the Hills • Lakemoor • Lakewood • Marengo • McCullom Lake • McHenry •
McHenry County • McHenry Twp. • Prairie Grove • Richmond • Ringwood •
Spring Grove • Trout Valley • Union • Woodstock

Local Government Members:

McHenry County College • McHenry County Conservation District • Northern Moraine Water
Reclamation District

Supporting Members:

Aqua Illinois • AT & T • Aurora University Woodstock Center • Azavar Government Solutions • Baxter
& Woodman, Inc. • Call One • Chastain & Associates • Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. •
Commonwealth Edison • Comcast • Civiltech, Inc. • Fox Waterway Agency • George Roach &
Associates • HR Green Company • Lamp Incorporated • Matuszewich & Kelly • Metra • Metro Strategies
• Nicor Gas • Robinson Engineering, Ltd. • SmithAmundsen LLC • Trotter & Associates • Visit McHenry
County • Wight & Company • Wold Architects and Engineers • Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle



A Message from MCCG President Richard E. Mack:

As we look back on 2019 and into 2020, I want to thank all of the MCCG members. We truly appreciate the support each and every one of you have given this fine organization.

Looking back, the MCCG spent the summer and early fall of 2019 celebrating the recent passage of a Capital Bill which brought several million dollars to much needed transportation projects in the McHenry County. We applaud our legislative leaders for working together and acknowledging the need for transportation infrastructure in McHenry County.

We worked together through the fall to better understand how recreational cannabis would impact local governments. What the regulations would be, how to handle zoning and what it meant for our communities were all discussed at length during various meetings and presentations.

In the spring we turned our attention to our continued efforts to protect the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). With the help of our Government Relations Team of Joyce and Jessica Nardulli we closely monitored legislation through their spring recess. However, none of us could imagine what March would bring and the impact of COVID-19 on our communities, state, nation and world. I am proud of the way the MCCG members banded together and released Emergency Declarations together and shared information, ordinances and plans. Seeing the McHenry County communities work together is what the MCCG is all about.

It was also with great sadness that the MCCG lost a influential mayor when Crystal Lake Mayor Aaron Shepley passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2020. It was a shock to the MCCG and we are so thankful for everything he did for the City of Crystal Lake and the MCCG. He will be missed.

Lastly, I'd like to touch on how the MCCG continues to work together and speak with a united voice. Although our upcoming membership meetings and annual trip to Springfield have been put on hold, we are still working together, sharing information and collaborating. Just in a way we never could have imagined. I hope this collaboration and working together continues.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support of this great organization. Without our municipal, township, county and supporting members support, none of this would be possible. Thank you and I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

2019-2020 MCCG Programs and Membership Meetings

May Annual Meeting – hosted by President Russ Ruzanski and the Village of Lake in the Hills

June Membership Meeting – hosted by Mayor Chuck Sass and the Village of Huntley – Congresswoman Lauren Underwood’s office.

July Membership Meeting – hosted by President Ed Hettermann and the Village of Johnsburg

September Membership Meeting – hosted by President Rick Mack and the Village of Ringwood and Supervisor Craig Adams and McHenry Township

October Membership Meeting – hosted by Mayor Michael Kelly and the City of Harvard – Brad Zerman presented about cannabis locations and zoning.

November Membership Meeting – hosted by Mayor Mark Kownick and the Village of Cary – Jim McConoughey from the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation presented about economic development in McHenry County

December Holiday Dinner – hosted by Mayor Wayne Jett and the City of McHenry

January Legislative Dinner – hosted by Mayor Aaron Shepley and the City of Crystal Lake – the membership approved the 2020 Legislative and Transportation Priorities and Illinois Municipal League Executive Director Brad Cole

February Membership Meeting – hosted by President Craig Kunz and the Village of Richmond – Call One talked about changing telecommunications technology.

March Membership Meeting – hosted by President John Schmitt and the Village of Algonquin – This meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.

April Membership Meeting – This meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.





MCCG and Springfield

Although the MCCG annual trip to Springfield was canceled due to COVID-19, the MCCG worked very hard in 2019-2020 on legislative issues. We are appreciative of Governor JB Pritzker and the General Assembly for passing a Capital Bill that included funding for IL 47 in the City of Woodstock and wastewater treatment facility funding in the City of Marengo. The MCCG is thankful for the additional revenue acquired through the state gas tax and online sales tax formula.

Looking to 2020-2021, the MCCG will work hard to advocate for federal and state dollars to be directly allocated to local governments for COVID-19 related expenses and assist with all opportunities to help the McHenry County economy bounce back. When the General Assembly returns to Springfield, we will continue to support the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) and oppose bills that place unfunded mandates on local governments. Additionally, the MCCG will work with social services agencies to ensure funding and services are available for the most vulnerable.

2020 Legislative Priorities

Preserve the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) – The MCCG continues to support LGDF dollars being returned to local governments. These dollars are critical, especially to non-home rule communities that rely on property taxes and LGDF funding. The MCCG will continue to inform legislators and leaders on the importance of the LGDF to municipal budgets.

Uphold Principles of Self Determination – The MCCG strongly encourages the legislature to respect self-determination in regards to property tax, zoning, unfunded mandates and other areas that pertain to local oversight.

Support Public Safety Pension Reform – The MCCG applauds the Illinois Pension Consolidation Feasibility Task Force and Governor Pritzker's successful efforts to consolidate the police and fire pensions and lessen the pension burden on municipalities. We look forward to expeditiously working with the Governor's office and partner agencies to implement this legislation and identify other opportunities for positive pension reform.

Support Funding for Social Service Agencies – Social service agencies are essential to McHenry County and its residents. The MCCG will work aggressively with legislators to preserve and enhance the work of social service agencies through responsible funding levels.

Thank You Committee Members

Legislative Committee

Mayor Brian Sager, City of Woodstock (Committee Chairman)
Peter Austin, McHenry County Administrator
Emily Berendt, President, Village of Bull Valley
Cathy Ferguson, Council Member, City of Crystal Lake
James Kelly, Attorney, Matuszewich & Kelly
Claudett Peters, Village Administrator, Village of Johnsburg
Scott Shamberg, Azavar Government Solutions
Michael Smoron, Attorney, Zukowski, Rogers, Flood and McArdle

Transportation Committee

President John Schmitt, Village of Algonquin (Committee Chairman)
John Ambrose, Baxter and Woodman
Steve Cieslica, Trotter and Associates
James Condon, Highway Commissioner, McHenry Township
Mary Donner, Pace
Rick Mack, Metra
Lewis Matuszewich, Attorney, Matuszewich & Kelly
Amy McSwane, Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick
John Piwko, Trustee, Village of Huntley
Debby Sosine, Trustee, Village of Algonquin

Finance Committee

Supervisor Craig Adams, McHenry Township (Committee Chairman)
Greg Klemstein, Trustee, Village of Johnsburg
Dave Nelson, City Manager, City of Harvard
George Roach, George Roach & Associates
Roscoe Stelford, City Manager, City of Woodstock

FY 2020 Budget

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Dues	\$108,346	\$106,302
Monthly Meetings	\$28,000	\$24,000
Golf Outing	\$21,000	\$22,965
Call One Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,091
<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>\$51</u>	<u>\$63</u>
Total	\$157,397	\$154,421
Expenses		
Personnel Services	\$70,681	\$70,681
Rent and Utilities	\$4,401	\$4,479
Travel and Training	\$5,200	\$200
Meetings and Meals	\$30,500	\$26,170
Dues and Fees	\$1,215	\$1,215
Professional Services	\$25,625	\$31,345
Printing and Copying	\$1100	\$1,500
Technology Services	\$120	\$0
Supplies	\$1,500	\$2,016
<u>Golf Outing</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$8,985</u>
Total	\$150,342	\$146,594
Total FY 20 (Under)/ Over	\$7,055	\$7,827
Fund Balance		<u>\$69,993</u>