

# Montgomery County Board

## Minutes

For Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 in the County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

**The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.**

**Roll call was taken - 18 members present, 3 members absent.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Sharon Kuchar, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Mike Plunkett, David Ronen, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel

**Members Absent:** Earlene Robinson, Jim Moore and Heather Hampton+Knodle

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Dave Strowmatt.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Bathurst second by Bishop to approve the mileage and per diem.**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**Nikki Bishop submitted her Per Diem report after others were read: Motion by Bathurst and second by Ronen to approve Bishop's miles and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:**

**Motion by Gasparich, second by Beeler to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Chief Assessment Officer's Report ----** Chief Assessment Officer Ray Durston gave a brief explanation of the township factors he must use to achieve equalization at the county level, which resulted in a 1.0306% factor for property taxpayers in Hillsboro Township. Durston stated that the State of Illinois requires that the level of assessments be set statutorily at 33-1/3%, and the Department of Revenue does a Sales ratio study as part of this process. Durston said as a result of this Sales ratio study, if a township has higher sales and lower assessment, it will result in a positive factor that will increase the assessment and the opposite occurs when a township has lower sales and a higher assessment, which will result in a negative factor. He said that Hillsboro Township had a higher sales ratio study which resulted in a township factor of 1.0306% this year so basically parcels in that township had a 3% tax increase. Durston stated that all the other townships were below zero, and encouraged those with questions, to call his office.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** was submitted.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 4. County Treasurer's Report ----** was submitted.
- 5. G.I.S. Coordinator's Report ----** Mary Purcell was present for questions. She stated that the press release about the new GIS website was placed in the newspapers which have created more hits to the web site.
- 6. Health Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 7. Probation Office Report ----** was submitted.
- 8. Public Defender's Report ----** was submitted.
- 9. Sheriff's Report ----** was submitted.
- 10. T.B. Department Report ----** Becky Durbin was present for questions.
- 11. V.A.C. Report ----** Dave Strowmatt reported that the April numbers and the quarterly and year to date totals are all included on the report.

**APPROVAL OF 11 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gasparich, second by Graden to approve the 11 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **911 Board –** Webb stated that they did not have a meeting.

- **CEFS Board** - Robinson was absent.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle was absent.
- **Health Department** – Martin has nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Kuchar stated that they did not meet.
- **MCEDC** – Ronen reported that the MCEDC participated in a tour of the Eagle Zinc Site with other county and state officials and U.S. Congressman Rodney Davis on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He said that there have been seven EDGE visits & on May 19<sup>th</sup> MCEDC visited the Junior Achievement Facility in Chesterfield, Missouri with ROE Superintendent Marchelle Kassebaum, Hampton+Knodle, Chris Casey and Rex Brown to learn about educational opportunities regarding entrepreneurship that Junior Achievement offers students. Ronen also announced that the MCEDC will be participating in a Starting Your Business in Illinois Workshop on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Lincoln Land Community College. Ronen also reported that they are waiting to hear from DCEO as to whether or not the program will be funded for another year. He said that MCEDC has assisted 17 businesses throughout the County this year, and also stated that Wagahoff contacted the USDA to see how their grant program could be used to connect Hillsboro to Litchfield water lines. Ronen reported that she also plans to attend the Hazard Mitigation planning meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to learn how those grants could be used to help fund the project. Ronen stated that there has been very little response from the communities about what to put in the CEDS report so an additional email reminder was sent out. Chairman Hertel stated that IL EPA representative Clarence Smith provided very valuable information on the tour of the Eagle Zinc and ASARCO facilities.
- **MCWC** – Branum reported that there was no meeting last month.
- **Planning Commission** – Beeler stated that they had a visit from the Grainbelt Transmission Line at their meeting and learned that they will announce a route for Illinois sometime this year which will come in through Pike County and will go out through Clark or Crawford County. Beeler stated that there are about 4 to 7 transmission line poles per mile and that they will require a lot of concrete to fill in the holes that will be 25 to 50 feet deep.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Bishop had nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported stated that there was extensive discussion on the 911 surcharge problem as well as recent Illinois General Assembly legislation.
- **U of I** – Graden reported that they will meet in July in Jerseyville.
- **VAC** – Sneed nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that they will meet June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst reported there will be a meeting tomorrow.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:**

1. **CEFS Central Illinois Public Transit Monthly Progress Report -Update:** Hertel stated this report is in Board packets.
2. **Adopt a Board Member Program –Farm Bureau -Update:** Hertel reported that members Sharon Kuchar, Ron Deabenderfer, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Earlene Robinson and Gene Miles have committed to participate in the Adopt a Board Member Program with the Farm Bureau. Hertel said that Farm Bureau manager Bob Lentz reported that he met with Farm Bureau Director Evan Young and said the program will be similar to what member Mike Plunkett did last month when he rode a tractor with a local farmer last month. Hertel said that Lentz will have more information next month about the program.
3. **Rules of Order Committee -Update:** Bathurst reported that the Rules Committee met and went over all the rules and a few revisions were made with the input from Assistant State’s Attorney Betsy Wilson. Bathurst explained that the roll call vote topic was listed a few times and these items were combined into the same rule. She said that Rule #33 addresses the per diem and accompanying mileage allowed to charge for one meeting per day, and if members attend more than one meeting in a day, they may charge mileage for the other meetings at the discretion of the County Board Chairman. Bathurst asked the board members to review these Rules changes for one month so the revised Rules of Order can be approved at next month’s meeting. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 39-40).

4. **911 System – HB2453 -Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that HB 2453 regarding the 911 surcharge was passed, and it doesn't look like it will change how much money we are going to get by very much, therefore it will not help the County. The bill changes will be reviewed further and discussed at a later time.

**Chairman Hertel announced that former county board members Terry Bone and Bob Durbin were in the audience today and he thanked them for coming to the meeting.**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:**

Before Sneed gave his report, Chairman Hertel stated that he temporarily appointed member Plunkett to the Building and Grounds Committee last Friday because a few members were absent and there would not have been a quorum to conduct business without him. Chairman Hertel checked and received approval from Assistant State's Attorney Wilson who was in attendance before making the temporary appointment.

1. **HVAC at Courts Complex -Update:** Sneed reported that Hurst-Rosche Engineer Dale Cover was present at the committee meeting and stated that everything for the HVAC system at the Courts Complex has been installed and the system is up and running. Sneed said there are still a few bugs in the system and Cover is working on the issues, and said there was a problem regarding the temperature changes over the weekend and for Monday mornings, so they are not going to shut the system down anymore. Sneed said that instead they are going to run the system 24 hours so that it will keep up. Sneed stated that modifications were made on the system last Wednesday and that there are some items on the punch list that the contractor still needs to address. Sneed also reported that all the grant paperwork has not been sent in; however it will be submitted for the new cycle.
2. **Cleaning at the Complex -Update:** Sneed reported that the committee heard some concerns that there are some cleaning issues at the Courts Complex. Sneed asked everyone if there are any problems to let him or Chairman Hertel know so they can be addressed with the Sheriff.
3. **Purchase of Four Wheeler for the Sheriff -Approval:** Chairman Sneed reported that Sheriff's Department representative Greg Nimmo presented a proposal to the committee to purchase a four wheeler for drug task force enforcement use. Sneed said that the Sheriff's Department received a few proposals for the same piece of equipment, and the State bid of \$15,918 was higher than the Action Cycle bid which was \$15,546. Sneed said that this purchase will not come from the General Fund and instead come from a grant fund. Chairman Hertel stated that some of the money from the sale of Sheriff's vehicles will also pay for this. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to purchase the four wheeler from Action Cycle in the amount of \$ 15,546. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Communications Tower -Update:** Sneed reported that they are still researching the different revenue streams for the new communications tower located on the Cervi property near Hillsboro, which will cost \$127,000 for its purchase and upgrades. Sneed said that there is \$86,000 allocated in this year's budget, and negotiations will take place for its purchase along with three acres it sits on. He said that Sheriff's Department representative Greg Nimmo will work with the grant writer to see if there is a possibility to apply for a grant in the County Hazard Mitigation Plan for this purchase. Sneed stated that the Coordinating Committee approved the negotiation process can proceed and Assistant State's Attorney Wilson is currently assisting in negotiations with the family for the purchase of the property.
5. **Historic Courthouse Sign during Old Settlers -Approval:** Sneed reported that member Plunkett and Jeff Dunn attended the committee meeting, and informed the board that Jeff Dunn is associated the Historical Society and owns the Neon Sign shop in Hillsboro. Sneed stated that Dunn has offered to reconstruct the Old Settlers sign that would consist of two 8 foot sections with 2 foot letters to be put on the porch roof. The Old Settlers Sign will say: "Welcome to Old Settlers" in blue letters. He said that Dunn can build the sign for free and he also offered to make a sign for the holidays that will either say "Seasons Greetings" or "Happy Holidays". Dunn told committee members that he will give the signs to the County and the signs' storage will be discussed later. **Motion by Sneed and second by Plunkett to approve the offer by Jeff Dunn to make the Welcome to Old Settlers sign and have it installed for one week during the festivities. All in favor, motion carried.**

6. **List for Vendor Insurance Certificates Policy & Vendor Waivers -Approval:** Chairman Sneed reported that the committee reviewed the Hold Harmless waiver agreement form that has been approved by Assistant State's Attorney Wilson. The forms will be made available to go out to the vendors, and the committee will assign a tier to the businesses at their next meeting. **Motion by Sneed and second by Webb to approve the Vendor Insurance Certificates Policy and Vendor Waivers to the full board. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Other Business –Pave Parking Lot - Approval:** Chairman Sneed reported that Farm Bureau Director Bob Lentz informed the committee that they will be paving their parking lot this summer and it will be closed for a couple of days. Sneed stated there is a small section on the north east corner of our lot that they also need to repair and replace for better drainage. Lentz will check the Court schedule with Circuit Clerk Lemons to coordinate the repairs to the parking lot. **Motion by Sneed and second by Miles to approve that the Farm Bureau be allowed to pave a small portion of the parking lot on our property for better drainage. All in favor, motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Joe Gasparich as follows:**

1. **GIS Report -Update:** Gasparich stated that there were two specific flyover resolutions-a six inch and a nine inch resolution. The flyover for our municipalities is the six inch resolution and it was completed. The rural areas are the nine inch resolution and we will need to negotiate with the company to complete the flyover in the fall. Beeler stated that we hope to have the six inch resolution flyover updated to the County web site by the Mayors meeting in July. There were some concerns about how the GIS will look with the two different flyovers done at different times. Beeler stated that the company will blend the colors of the flyovers when they add the rural areas. Beeler also reported that they are working with advertisers for the GIS website also.
2. **Add Fusion to Prepaid Vendor List -Approval:** Gasparich stated that we need to add Fusion to the prepaid vendor list. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Ronen to add Fusion to the prepaid vendor list. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 41-42).**
3. **County Trustee parcels- Policy/Procedure -Update:** Gasparich reported that the County Trustee went to deed on some properties with buildings in disrepair and now the County is now responsible for getting the buildings torn down. There will be a meeting with Treasurer Jenkins, Assistant State's Attorney Wilson and County Trustee Joe Meyer's attorney this Thursday to address the issue of going to deed on properties with buildings in disrepair.
4. **Tear Down of House in Butler -Approval:** Gasparich reported that the County owns a couple of dilapidated properties that need torn down and disposed of, and the Highway Department doesn't have a track hoe to tear them down however they could use the county trucks to haul off the material. Gasparich explained that we want to get rid of these buildings, and we have the capability to haul off the debris but we will have to hire someone to demolish them. He said the County now owns the old Bank Building in Ohlman and a home in Butler and has to tear them down and dispose of them. Miles stated that we should bid the projects out two ways, one for the demolition only and the other for the demolition and the removal of the debris. Deabenderfer asked about setting a precedent if we start tearing down buildings and Gasparich replied that we don't want to get in this business, however we own these properties because the Trustee went to deed on them. Chairman Hertel stated that we received a letter from the Village of Butler informing us that the house has been condemned; therefore we need to tear it down. Miles stated that we don't have a choice and in the future we need to handle these properties differently. Chairman Hertel stated that we wish it didn't happen but it did and we need to be good stewards because we own the properties. Beeler stated that this issue could come up with other properties in the future and Chairman Hertel replied that this is the first round and there may be more. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Graden to get bids to demolish the county owned buildings in Ohlman and Butler, with the bids also including the cost to demolish and haul the debris to the landfill. All in favor, motion carried.**

**5. Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report -Approval:**

Gasparich explained a report to members that included three funds for Coal Revenues received each month as was suggested by member Plunkett- the Reserve Fund, Operating/Maintenance fund and the Capital Improvement fund. It was decided in committee that we would put \$100,000 in the operating fund each month. If we make sure that \$3.5 million will be in the Reserve (Rainy day fund) per the Auditor's recommendation and then put \$100,000 in the operating fund, what is left would be split and go into the other two funds; the Reserve and Capital Improvement Funds. Plunkett stated that we want to be good stewards and set aside the minimum of \$3.1 million as a minimum in the Reserve Fund and that we don't want to be hoarders so we would want to put a maximum amount equal to the legal limit allowable by court ruling in the Reserve Fund. Chairman Hertel stated that we need to make clear that we are changing what we decided to do by County Board approval in the January, 2014 meeting, which was to divide the coal revenue equally into the three funds, each getting one third. Hertel stated that this helps solve the problem and we will have money in the reserve fund, so if the coal revenues end it will help keep the County running. Hertel asked if there has to be a motion by the full board to take money out of the Reserve Account, and Gasparich stated that we gave Treasurer Jenkins the ability to take money out of the Reserve Account to pay the County bills, however he would like for Treasurer Jenkins to make the board aware when he has to take money out of the Reserve account. Hertel stated that he asked this question for clarification. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Bathurst to retain a minimum of \$3.5 million balance in the Reserve Account and the maximum balance would be the legal limit allowable by court ruling. Coal revenues received after attaining the \$3.5 million shall be deposited as follows: (a) \$100,000 (minimum) deposited to the Operating and Maintenance Account with the remainder divided equally to the Reserve Account and Capital Improvement Account and (b) If the payment received is less than \$100,000 then the entire amount will be deposited to the Operating and Maintenance Account. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 43).**

**6. FY 2015 Budget Hearings -Update:** Hearings are scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. with Committee and 8:30 a.m. with Office Holders.

**7. Priorities for Long-Term Improvement Fund -Update:** Gasparich stated that Hampton+Knodle attended their committee meeting and shared the survey results for the Long-Term Improvement Priority Fund submitted by board members. He said she stated some ideas on how that money should be spent and will have the Economic Development Committee work on getting information out to the communities, business and bankers etc.

**8. ROE Quarterly Report -Approval:** Gasparich reported that the R.O.E. quarterly report was submitted by Marchelle Kassebaum and needs to be approved. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Beck to approve the ROE Quarterly report. All in favor, motion carried.**

**9. Other Business -Update:** Gasparich stated that we need to take a hard look at the purchase of the Cervi communications tower to make sure we are making the right decision based on what technology needs we will have in the next few years as we compare a digital system to the analog system we have now. Gasparich further explained that he doesn't think we want to own a tower when in a few years we may be going digital and then we will not need that tower.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice-Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:**

**1. Tour of Schram City Home -Update:** Beeler reported that Schram City residents Jean and Jerry Mehochko invited the committee to tour of the outside area of their home so committee members could see the coal dust problems about six weeks ago. The committee members met and toured the Mehochko home and some neighbors were also there to discuss the coal dust in and around their home and pool. Beeler stated that the committee discussed the need to increase the air monitoring for the area and made a motion to that effect, however decided to table the motion until Chairman Hertel could meet with Coal Mine representatives. The committee was encouraged to learn that the Coal Mine was working with the family by telling them that they are looking at spraying the coal and possibly installing wind fences. The coal

mine also acknowledged complaints about noise from the fans, conveyor belt and beeping equipment and they would also try to address that issue. Chairman Hertel stated that he and Deabenderfer met with the Coal Mine Manager Mark Cornell who was very responsive to them. Hertel explained that we don't have any jurisdiction over the coal mine, but the mine admits there is a problem and they will invest some money to build a wind fence on the southern end of the coal piles and that according to the Engineering report, the dust will be reduced by about 70%. Hertel stated that Mr. Cornell is very responsive, and told them that they want to be good neighbors and that they are currently spraying the coal with a corn starch mixture to keep the dust down. He said they also have plans to run some piping around the coal mine. Hertel stated that they were also told in the meeting that they have an ongoing problem of not getting enough trains in there to get the coal moved, and they have sold the coal that they are going to mine this year so the coal will disappear and they are going to do everything they can to get rid of the coal dust.

2. **State of Industry Report -Update:** MCEDC Executive Director Lindsay Wagahoff presented the State of Industry Report which gave a snapshot of activity from 2011 to 2013. The MCEDC has met and interviewed 57 businesses from 2011-2013. **(For a complete power point presentation, see Resolution Book 14, pages 44-55.)**
3. **MCEDC -Update:** MCEDC Board meeting dates are: July 17<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, & Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. in the Conference room.
4. **Planning Commission -Update:** Beeler gave the report during the Liaison reports.
5. **Planning Commission New Appointment –Approval at End of Meeting:** Beeler reported that Hillsboro engineer Toni McDonough has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission Board and the approval will take place at the end of this meeting. They are also looking for another appointee as Ed Banovic gave his resignation.
6. **Revolving Loan Fund Report -Update:** Beeler stated that the RLF report was submitted and payments have been made to the one outstanding loan.
7. **Economic Development Fund/Developing Guidelines for Long-Term Improvement Fund -Update:** Beeler reported that the committee had a special meeting to discuss the surveys that were turned in by board members and that Hampton+Knodle took the information and used it for discussion at the Finance Committee meeting. Beeler said that some of the issues of concern include funding for loans to help communities tear down buildings and workforce development.
8. **12” Water Main Between Litchfield and Hillsboro -Update:** Beeler stated that Hampton+Knodle will contact EMA Director Holmes to discuss the Litchfield to Hillsboro water line for the Hazard Mitigation meeting in June.
9. **EZ Update and Quarterly Meeting for July -Update:** Beeler reported that an Enterprise Zone Mayor's meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm before the Economic Development Meeting.
10. **Other Business -Update:**
  - Beeler reported that the Committee discussed medical marijuana cultivation businesses. There have been six inquiries about this type of business in Montgomery County to date.
  - Webb asked if we could include the municipalities when discussing properties prior to going to deed. Chairman Hertel stated that if towns are willing to take the property, we may help with tearing down the structure. Webb stated that he thinks conversation should take place with the municipality before we refuse taking the deed to the property. Hertel stated that the redemption for the property in the Village of Butler was \$810 but no one wanted to take it for the lot and have to take the house down, and said that we would contact the municipality before going to deed. Plunkett stated that we don't want to take something that has contamination on the property and that we should work with the municipalities to take the property in case they can get a grant to clean it up such as the old gas station in Raymond that had the underground storage tanks removed several years ago because the Village of Raymond applied for a Brownfield grant.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:**

1. **Clayton Acres Minor Subdivision -Approval:** Miles reported that the committee approved the plans for the Clayton Acres Minor Subdivision submitted by surveyor Carl Nail, and stated that all the paperwork meets the County subdivision ordinance. Engineer Smith stated that he is still waiting for paperwork to be signed off by the Health Department before recording the Plat. **Motion by Miles and second by Kuchar to approve the Clayton Acres Minor Subdivision in North Litchfield pending sign off from all the Departments. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Red Ball Trail -Update:** Miles reported that he will be meeting with the Bonding Company, Assistant State's Attorney Wilson and Engineer Smith on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 11:00 at the Historic Courthouse regarding the Red Ball Trail issue.
3. **Resolution #2014-02: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1113 B-CA, Niemanville Road, Montgomery County, 100% County Project -Approval:** Miles reported the estimated cost will be \$12,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Plunkett to approve Resolution #2014-02 to appropriate funds for 113 B-CA, Niemanville Road, Montgomery County, 100% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 56-57).**
4. **Resolution #2014-03: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1114 B-CA, Pine Tree Trail, Witt Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project -Approval:** Miles reported the estimated cost will be \$3,100. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve Resolution #2014-03 to appropriate funds for 114 B-CA, Pine Tree Trail, Witt Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 58-59).**
5. **Resolution #2014-04: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1115 B-CA, E 30<sup>th</sup> Road, Audubon Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project -Approval:** Miles reported the cost of this project is \$6,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2014-04 to appropriate funds for 115 B-CA, E 30<sup>th</sup> Road, Audubon Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 60-61).**
6. **Resolution #2014-05: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1116 B-CA, Audubon Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project -Approval:** Miles reported the cost of this project is \$6,600. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2014-05: Resolution to appropriate funds for 116 B-CA, Audubon Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 62-63).**
7. **Rocky Hollow Bridge Right-of-way Purchase -Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Smith is negotiating right of way with two land owners for this bridge by Rocky Hollow. We are asking for an additional 45' on one side of the road and 35' on the other side.
8. **Phase 1 Engineering Agreement for East Fork Township Bridge -Update:** Miles reported that there is a 16 ton weight limit due to the deterioration of the deck beams and the committee approved entering into an agreement with Hurst-Rosche Engineers to do a study on this bridge to see which of the three options would be the most cost effective in the long run. The agreement cost would not exceed \$3,000.
9. **Sale of Used Equipment -Approval:** Miles reported that the committee approved some surplus property at the Highway Department be sold. The items include a 1998 International single-axle dump truck with 198,000 miles, a 2000 International Tandem-axle dump truck with 140,400 miles, a 2001 Ford F-250 pickup truck with 191,116 miles, quantity two fifteen foot bush hog bat wing mowers and an eleven foot snow plow. **Motion by Miles and second by Ronen to approve the list of the surplus items and to advertise by sealed bids. All in favor, motion carried.**
10. **County Board Highway Department Tour -Update:** The County Board will tour the Highway Department after the today's meeting.

**E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

**AMBULANCE REPORT:**

1. **Ambulance Budgets and Agreements -Approval:** Savage reported that all the ambulance districts have turned in their signed agreements for the 2014 ambulance billing services and all have attached their insurance liability certificates. **Motion by Savage and second by Beeler to approve the five ambulance districts agreements and Budgets for 2014. Webb abstains from voting due to his affiliation with Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**EMA:**

1. **Generators and Cots -Update:** Savage reported that Holmes will purchase a few generators, some cots and blankets for the Coffeen, Donnellson and Schram City shelters for a total cost of \$4,097 in September.
2. **Mitigation Plan -Update:** Savage reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Health Department. He said the point of the meeting is to get on record with the State and to work on adding the installation of a water line between Hillsboro and Litchfield.
3. **School Emergency Planning Class -Update:** Savage reported that Holmes tentatively set up a meeting with R.O.E. Superintendent Kassebaum on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to have a school emergency planning training.
4. **Panic Alarms -Update:** Savage reported that Holmes has tested all the panic alarms in the Historic Courthouse and we received a report from Wareham's Security. One of the objectives is so that everyone in the department knows where the buttons are located. Testing was successful and will be done on a monthly basis.
5. **Other Business -Update:** Savage reported that he, Gasparich and Holmes will attend a Hillsboro City Council meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> to present information on Emergency Preparedness. Savage stated that local municipalities and local governments need to have memorandums of understandings in place in order to qualify for grant monies should there be a disaster.

**H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Elections -Update:** Beck stated that County Clerk Leitheiser reported that the commissioning of election judges will be presented to the full board at their July meeting and she plans to receive Election Judge names from the Democratic and Republican Party Precinct Committee Representatives by the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 deadline.
2. **Recycling Program and Events -Approval:** Beck reported that Recycling Center Coordinator Dawn Lutz submitted her letter of resignation and her last day will be Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Beck stated that the committee had a special meeting this morning and approved to recommend the promotion of Ben Bishop to the supervisor of the Recycling Department. Bishop has been employed for over nine years at the recycling facility and is very capable of performing the job duties. **Motion by Beck and second by Graden to promote Ben Bishop as the Recycling Supervisor. Nikki Bishop abstains from the vote, due to her family relationship with Ben Bishop. All in favor, motion carried.** Chairman Hertel thanked Lutz for her service to the County.
3. **EPA Report -Update:** Beck reported that the committee discussed replacing the EPA vehicle because it has had some problems and the purchase of a new truck with four wheel drive was added to the FY 2015 budget. County Board Administrator Daniels reported that the EPA program receives about \$39,000 per year from the State and that the truck purchase can be amortized or depreciated over a five year period on the grant.
4. **Other Business -Update:** Beck reported that she was working on budgets with the departments and all will keep expenses in line.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:**

1. **ICRMT Mandatory Employee and Board Member Sexual Harassment/Sensitivity Training -Update:** Bathurst reported that the committee discussed that the training sessions were well attended with 177 employees and board members that participated. She said a training tape is now available to review for employees and board members that were unable to attend, and three sessions have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of this week.
2. **Personnel Manual -Update:** Bathurst said the committee is reviewing the first draft of changes to the Personnel Manual's part two and will continue working on other sections next month.
3. **Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-4 Approval:** Bathurst stated that it is time of the year to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Branum to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-4. Beeler abstained and Ronen voted no. Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 14, pages 64-71).**
4. **Local 773 in the Sheriff's Department -Update:** Bathurst reported that the Committee discussed correspondence they received from Local 773 in the Sheriff's Department and they want to start negotiations in July because the contract expires on November 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Chairman Hertel stated that there will be no separate meetings for Local 773 that has now separated into two units and that the Sheriff has informed the Union Representative that we will negotiate both groups at the same time.

**APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Beeler, second by Kuchar to approve the 8 Committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Hertel announced the following:

1. Tour of Highway Department is today after the Full Board meeting.
2. ICRMT Video training sessions will take place on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
3. U of I County Board Youth Shadowing Program is on July 8<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting ----T-shirt sizes from Board members are needed if you plan to attend and a sign-up sheet is on front table.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. **Motion by Martin and second by Miles to appoint Toni McDonough of McDonough Engineering in Taylor Springs to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for a 3-year term to expire March 2017. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** County resident Bill Schroeder turned in a public comment card and stated that he would like to reference the coal dust monitoring that was reported on earlier. Mr. Schroeder stated he wanted to know why the City of Hillsboro was not involved in the tour of the Mehochko's home and stated that there have been petitions for the City to put in air monitoring systems over a year ago. Mr. Schroeder stated he also would like to know why the Board is asking the EPA to monitor and regulate the air quality and said that there was no mention made about the dust made by the impoundments. He stated that the new impoundment which is three time larger is much closer to the Schram City community. Schroeder thanked those board members who came to the Coal Mine Public Hearing last week.

Chairman Hertel then asked if anyone else had any comment or announcement, and Director Holmes first spoke and invited everyone to the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee next week on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Health Department. East Fork Township resident Allen Kasten then addressed the board regarding a letter he received from the Deer Run Coal Mine giving him a 6 month notice informing him they will be mining under his property. Kasten stated that he will lose money from his antique tractor restoration shop when they mine under it and that when he talked with the coal mine he was told that it wasn't their problem. Kasten stated he wants to

know whose problem it is when they mine under his business building and he won't have income. Chairman Hertel encouraged Kasten to contact an attorney and Kasten asked why he should have to hire and pay for an attorney. Hertel replied that that he doesn't know the mining laws and he thought it was in Kasten's best interest to have legal representation. Kasten stated that the coal mine told him that he will have to leave his house and that the mining should happen about a year from now. He stated that he pays taxes and doesn't know how they can force him off his land. Hertel stated that the coal mine has cooperated with a lot of landowners and also bought land as mining activity has occurred. Kasten stated that he has talked with Hillsboro Energy representatives but has not been given answers to his questions. Kasten also voiced a concern regarding his grain structures for which the coal mine told him that they will pay for grain storage at other grain bins, which would require him to haul grain farther and hire more drivers which will be a bigger issue and expense. Plunkett asked Chairman Hertel if he would be willing to meet with mine representative Cornell again to address this issue and stated that he would like to be included in the meeting since the Kasten property is in his district. Schroeder stated that this is one of the examples of the negative consequences attributed to the coal mine that we are cashing in on each time when we get coal money. Schroeder also stated that he heard the same kind of comments made by the Grainbelt Transmission representatives at the Planning Commission meeting this past month and he wants the board members to keep these problems in mind. Hertel reported that when he spoke with mine representative Cornell, Cornell stated that he doesn't know why they set the coal mine so close to the city and communities and that he is now stuck with some of these issues because of this location. Hertel added that he hopes that things can be worked out.

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to A&D Electrical Supply:** Motion by Bathurst, second by Martin to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to A&D Electrical Supply. Voice Vote: Majority in favor, one Abstain (Ronen). Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Wendel, second by Bishop to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2014.**

**ADJOURN:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Branum, second by Ronen to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.