

# Montgomery County Board

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Time:** 8:15 AM – County Board Room

**Members Present:** Chairman Joe Gasparich, Mike Plunkett, Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bonnie Branum and Board Chairman Roy Hertel

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Sandy Leitheiser, Ron Jenkins, Betsy Wilson, Ray Durston, Hugh Satterlee, Jodi Perkins, Jim Vazzi and Holly Lemons.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval SOA Report:** Ray Durston submitted report for Committee review. The final multiplier should be received today.
2. **Update/Approval GIS Report:** Mary Purcell submitted report for Committee review.
  - Training with Schneider and Pictometry will be held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in the County Board room.
  - Flyover was started Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Purcell reported that John Stoya called and stated that the winter drug on and they did not get the flyover done. He was going to give a report on what they had done and asked Mary Purcell if they could finish in the fall. Megan Beeler stated that she reviewed the contract and will talk with the committee on how to proceed. The committee discussed asking them for what they did flyover this spring and then re-fly the entire county this fall. The committee would rather not accept anything at this time and just have the flyover next February or March. Megan Beeler will call them and discuss the issue with them and ask what their fall dates are for flyovers.
  - Advertising: Purcell handed out some information regarding subscriptions/fees for advertising on the County GIS web site. Ogle County does have a subscription for their on-line web site an charge \$500 per year and have 22 subscribers.
  - Flyover –Mary Purcell shared a sample press release provided by Schneider to notify county residents that the web based GIS system is now on-line as of Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Committee felt that the press release needed some revisions and asked County Clerk Leitheiser to review and revise it.
3. **Update/Approval Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report:** Committee reviewed two reports prepared by Treasurer Jenkins. Chairman Hertel explained the new report called disposition of funds for the coal mine royalty money. Chairman Hertel asked Treasurer Jenkins to prepare a report showing the monthly revenues with \$100,000 going into the Operating/Maintenance account and then the balance would be split between the Rainey Day fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. This way the \$100,000 for operating would be there each month and the balance would be split evenly. This is a modification of the original motion from January 2014 that stated 33% of the coal royalty revenue would be to the County Improvement Fund. Gasparich asked Betsy Wilson to come up with some language to make a motion for next month.
4. **Update/Approval FY 2013 Audit Report:** Need to approve the report at the May board meeting.  
**Update/Approval Discuss Funding of New PSR Building:** Hugh Satterlee reported that they will do phase one of the building. The outside shell will be done for \$81,442 and the inside will not be done at this time. The second phase will be doing the inside work of the building. Satterlee reported that they probably will not have to borrow money. Satterlee stated that he could defer a health insurance bill until their funding is available. Satterlee also stated that there health insurance costs are going up about \$130,000 and asked if the committee would look at a reduction in benefits or only covering the employee in order to cut costs. No new revenues are coming in and he urges the committee to look at other options to get health insurance costs down and offered to help out if the committee would like.
5. **Update/Approval Structural Improvement Notification Permit Process:** Ray Durston stated that he will be working with Mike Plunkett to get a press release out on the Structural Improvement Notification Permit process.
6. **Update/Approval FY 2015 Budget Hearings:**
  - **Information:** Budgets will be due June 6<sup>th</sup> and will be available for the committee at the end of June.

- **Setting salaries:** Megan Beeler reported that she looked at some numbers and feels \$.28 per hour would be suggested salary increase for non-union, non-supervisory employees. This would be \$510.00 per year. Bathurst stated that unions are negotiated on a case by case basis and the salary job study was used to help bring employees up if needed. Bathurst also explained that we always try to get to a point where everyone is on the same playing field which would be to get everyone to the \$.34 per hour salary increase for the next fiscal year. Chairman Hertel stated that he feels that the raises should be \$.34 per hour. The committee then discussed a \$984.00 annual increase for the exempt salaried positions. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Beck to recommend a \$613.00 for non-union, non-supervisory employees and \$984.00 per year increase for supervisory employees in the Treasurer, County Clerk, SOA, and Circuit Clerk's offices and appointed department heads. Megan Beeler opposes. All others in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Update/Approval Setting Salaries for Elected Officials:** The committee had a lengthy discussion on the setting of the salaries for the Elected Officials. This needs to be approved at May Full Board meeting. The motion on the table from last month needs to be amended and then voted on it. The motion last month was for 3.1% for each of the four years for the elected officials. This motion would need to be amended to a percentage that would be recommended. The committee will leave the 3.1% on the table for the board meeting to bring it up in discussion. Beeler stated it would be about \$200.00 difference per year between the 3% and 3.1% salary increase. Chairman Hertel then stated that the board could consider giving a new elected official a 10% salary reduction. This could be reviewed every four years by the board to make any adjustments. Bathurst stated that unintended consequences there might not be a scenario of a long term elected official. Chairman Hertel stated that he had Betsy Wilson prepare a motion for this issue. This would then be in line with asking the union employees start out employees at a lower starting salary. **Motion by Gasparich and second Beck to recommend Betsy's motion. Those against are Plunkett, Branum, Bathurst and Beeler. Motion failed.**
  8. **Update/Approval Priorities for Long-Term Improvement Fund:** Committee will discuss further at next month's meeting.
  9. **Update/Approval Raymond Fire District – Trustee Building in Harvel:** The committee is waiting to see if Raymond Fire District will accept the parcel.
  10. **Update/Approval Intergovernmental Agreement City of Litchfield For Police Radio & Telephone Services:** Chairman Hertel stated that he is waiting for Litchfield to finish their budget for May 1<sup>st</sup> to see if they were going to stay with the County 911 dispatching services. The City of Litchfield has put in their budget enough to reimburse the County for 6 months or \$60,000 for dispatching services. If the City of Litchfield stays with the County for a whole year, they would have the money in another part of the budget. It has to do with service, not money. Bathurst stated that the mayor stated that we should be prepared to not get money from Litchfield for dispatching and that they are looking into taking it back for service issues on their end. Gasparich will talk with Rick Robbins for budget purposes.
  11. **Update/Approval Electric Rates RFP 2014:** Special Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. before Full Board to review and approve the Electric rates for 2014.
  12. **Update/Approval Other Business:**  
 Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by Bonnie Branum to pay bills and approve payroll with the correction noted on payroll. All in favor, motion carried.  
 Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by Bonnie Branum to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.  
*Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Chris Daniels, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.*