

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 in the County Board Room, 2nd 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 - 20 members present, 1 member absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Mike Webb

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Undersheriff Rick Robbins, Jim Moore, Joe Gasparich, Bill Bergen, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper and Bob Sneed in honor of September 11th.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Miles to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Bathurst and second by Bishop to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

Hampton+Knodle introduced local business owner Tyler Downs of Care Otter who gave an update about his new medical software company. Downs stated that Care Otter started with two employees in May 2015 and they just hired their 20th employee. Downs reported that they chose the Hillsboro area for their business because of its close proximity to both Springfield and St. Louis and stated that they are outgrowing their current office located in the renovated former ambulance bay at Hillsboro Hospital. Downs also reported that four employees have bought homes in the area and that Hillsboro residents make up 30 percent of their workforce. He said they expect to have 22 employees hired by the end of this year and they estimate that they will hire three to four new employees every month next year. Chairman Hertel thanked Downs for bringing Care Otter to Montgomery County and stated that it will be nice to have more technology jobs here. Hampton+Knodle stated that the County needs to work on better infrastructure here including broadband accessibility which would give other technology based companies' opportunities as well.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions.
- 2. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 3. Health Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and encouraged everyone to get their flu shots which are now available the Health Department.
- 4. Highway Department Report ---** Kevin Smith was present for questions.
- 5. Probation Office Report ----** Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
- 6. Public Defender's Report ----** Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
- 7. Recycling Report ----** Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
- 8. Sheriff's Report ----** Jim Vazzi- report was submitted. Robbins stated that the Sheriff recently had a hip replacement, and Hertel said that Sheriff Vazzi is mending well.
- 9. SOA Report ----** Ray Durston was present for questions.
- 10. TB Department Report –** Becky Durbin was present for questions.
- 11. Treasurer's Report ----** Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
- 12. VAC Report ----** Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Strowmatt thanked Supervisor of Assessments Ray Durston for coordinating with him on the new veteran's real estate tax exemption.

APPROVAL OF 12 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gasparich and second by Hopper to approve the 12 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb was absent.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that CIPT Transit Program Director Dennis Shiley will resign October 1st and that Kim Adair of Louisville, KY was hired to replace him and she begins employment today. Robinson also reported that LIHEAP program changes will start on October 1st and that senior citizens and families with children under age 6 may now apply for low income home energy assistance. She said that the RA benefit limit amount has been reduced to 750 to re-connect their services. Robinson also reported that because of cut backs the Litchfield office will close within 90 days but the Taylor Springs office will remain open.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is no new information.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – nothing to report.
- **MCEDC** – Tim Hopper referred to MCEDC Director Will Shalter for the report. Shalter stated that the MCEDC has acquired grants for Coffeen and Nokomis for police cars and they are currently helping Panama get a grant for a generator. Shalter provided information regarding the medical marijuana dispensaries and stated that a Marion medical marijuana site was recently approved and there is still a possibility of another site being approved in Litchfield.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that Phase five will be completed in the eastern part of the county and since the project came in under bid, they will use the remaining funds to help connect some other lines. He also stated that the MCWC may modify their meter reading system. Chairman Hertel asked Deabenderfer if he could check at their next meeting about how close the water lines are to each community for the purpose of looking at the possibility of a county water system.
- **Planning Commission** – Beeler stated that there is nothing to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop reported that board meets next month.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported that no meeting was held this month, but there will be a three day meeting in October.
- **U of I Extension**–Evan Young deferred to Shalter who reported that they are concluding their summer programs and getting ready for the fall programs. Shalter said that the U of I Office just received a new 3D printer and they are hoping to teach this kind of technology to county residents.
- **VAC** – Sneed reported that the meeting will be held next month.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that their meeting was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst reported that they did not have a meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Congressman Rodney Davis Met with the Coordinating Committee on Sept. 29 Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that Congressman Davis met with the Coordinating Committee and thanked him for helping to secure the funding for the second phase of the Eagle Zinc clean-up project.
2. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has been contacting Legislators regarding the Coal Mine to ask why we have a different standard than other Coal Mines for carbon monoxide levels.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that the committee dealt with routine maintenance issues.

2. **Proposal for Engineering Services to Review the Annex Building Issues Update:** Sneed reported that he and McDonough-Whitlow representative Ken McDonough went through the Annex Building to assess what work will need to be completed to keep water from coming in the building. Sneed said they hope to have a full report at next month's meeting.
3. **Communications Tower Update:** Sneed reported that Undersheriff Robbins and Sheriff's representative Nimmo addressed the committee regarding the work being done on the Communications Tower by Cress Hill outside of Hillsboro. He said that all the old metal antennas were sent for scrap metal and the tower is now ready to be painted and the project is expected to come in under budget. Sneed thanked the Highway Department for the road work done for the entrance and for installing a gate.
4. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

Motion to recess the meeting for 5 minutes by Bathurst and second by Savage. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting reconvened after 5 minutes.

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

1. **Simpson Bridge Construction Update:** Miles reported that construction started today for the Simpson Bridge in Walshville area and that the Walshville Trail road will be closed for the next nine months.
2. **Pine Street in Irving project Update:** Miles reported that the repairs to Pine Street in Irving also start today and that the Highway Department crews are going to keep part of Pine Street open during the work.
3. **North Road Damage Update:** Miles stated that repairs to the one mile area on the North Road have been completed and that the cost was \$8,108.82. The State's Attorney's Office will send a letter and a copy of the invoice to the individual who is responsible for the damages. Graden asked if the North road will be striped soon and Miles replied that we do not have the funding at this time for the road to be striped.
4. **Crude Oil Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that the final route for this project has not been chosen yet.
5. **Nokomis-Fillmore Road Update:** Miles stated that the committee is discussing funding options for this project and they hope to start next year.
6. **Other Business Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the schedule of bridge work to be completed and said they would like to add the bridge at the bottom of the hill on Walshville Trail to the list for 2017.

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

Ambulance Call Reports:

Savage reported that collections are routine.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Nokomis Ambulance Budget/Levy Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that the Nokomis Ambulance Budget has agreed to lower their levy for 2016 by \$15,000 and that it is OK to pass all five ambulance budgets at the county board meeting.
2. **5 Area Ambulance Budgets/Levies Approval:** Savage reported that the committee approved all the budgets and levies from the five ambulance districts. **Motion by Savage and second by Hopper to approve the Five Area Ambulance Budgets and Levies. All in favor, motion carried. Gasparich abstained from voting. (For copies, See Resolution Book 14, pages 280-286).**

EMA:

1. **Call List 911 Update:** Savage reported that the committee discussed and approved a procedure to be used by Department heads to notify their staff in case of an emergency such as excessive snow or flooding etc.

2. **MOU letter of Explanation Update:** Savage stated that a letter and Memorandum Of Understanding agreement has been sent out to all the taxing authorities. He said that Gasparich wrote the letter and Clerk Leitheiser supplied the letters and mailing labels for the taxing authorities. Gasparich stated that we need to validate that we have a MOU agreement with each taxing authority so information may be compiled for the costs in a disaster. Savage stated that this MOU makes us eligible for better funding if there is a disaster. Chairman Hertel thanked Assistant State's Attorney Wilson for her help with the MOU.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Broadband-Internet Fees and Providers Update:** Beeler reported that Information Systems Manager Bill Purcell addressed the committee with information regarding changing internet and phone service from Consolidated Communications to New Wave Communications. Beeler stated that locally the Health Department and Hillsboro School District have already changed over to New Wave for these services and they are happy with the faster internet for a lower cost. Health Department Director Hugh Satterlee stated that they now have free long distance with New Wave as their provider and that their internet is so much faster at a lower cost. Gasparich stated that the New Wave internet service in Nokomis is slow. Beeler reported that Purcell gave the New Wave contract to Assistant State's Attorney Wilson for her review and that the committee has recommended that we change providers which will save about \$2,000 per month. Beeler stated that the phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same after the transition has been completed.
2. **Communications Tower - Leasing Out Space Update:** Beeler stated that the County is about ready to lease available space on the tower.
3. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that new layers will be added this week to the Beacon Web Site including a layer for the four county school districts. Beeler stated that the web site is very popular and the site is growing. Chairman Hertel asked that some training on the website features be scheduled at the request of some County employees and Beeler added that it may be good training for board members to attend as well.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the coal revenue reports are in the packets for board members to review. Beeler added that we have been in contact with Senator Kirk's Office and that Chairman Hertel will talk to Senator Durbin's office today regarding the federal regulations that were imposed on the carbon monoxide levels for the Deer Run Mine site.
5. **Frequency for Bidding Our Professional Services Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed the frequency policy of bidding out our professional services and how it was handled in the past.
6. **KEB Auditing Services Letter to Revise Price Approval:** Beeler reported that she received a letter from KEB stating that they were not aware that we were in a software transition before they placed their proposal for services. She said there will be five months of data from the Harris software and seven months from the Zobrio software to audit, which will create a double audit. Beeler reported that KEB stated that there would also be an additional fee for preparing the journal entries and doing the adjustments. She said that last year there were 53 journal entries. Beeler stated that she called KEB and negotiated a onetime fee of \$5,000 for the additional work to do the double audit due to the new accounting software and a \$5,000 per year additional fee to do the journal entries and adjustments to comply with the new GASBY 68 requirements. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the revision to the KEB contract to include an additional \$5,000 per year to complete the journal entry adjustments and a onetime fee of \$5,000 for the additional work to complete a double audit due to the new accounting software.**
Discussion: Deabenderfer asked if KEB misread the proposal and Beeler replied that she doesn't know,

however the information regarding the two softwares was not in the bid specifications. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 17 YES and 3 NO, 1 Absent. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Those voting No: Connie Beck, Joe Gasparich, Roy Hertel. Those Absent: Mike Webb. Motion carried.**

7. **FY 2016 Budget:** Committee reviewed revised copies of the FY 2016 budget.

- **County Board Member Per Diem Approval:** Beeler reported that the Committee voted last month to decrease the per diem by 20% but not the full board because she wanted to present the Chairman reimbursements as well. Beeler stated that she is asking everyone to take a bite of the elephant and by decreasing the per diem to \$60 would equate to \$15 per hour for a four hour meeting and added that that is not a bad pay. Chairman Hertel stated that due to legal requirements, this will only affect the eleven seats that are up in 2016 and then the ten seats open in 2018 unless something changes. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to change the meeting per diem to \$60 per day effective 2016 for 11 board members in 2016 and for 10 board members in 2018.** Deabenderfer stated that he took an oath of office to support the Illinois Constitution which states that pay can't be cut for elected officials. Deabenderfer added that this law was upheld last year with Governor Quinn regarding the state employees. He also thanked those who willingly work for less and that as a former teacher and union member, he struggles with undercutting wages. He said that if you are willing to work for less and write it quietly on your per diem sheet it is okay, but to tell everyone that you are charging less could make it sound like you are pandering for votes. Deabenderfer also stated that to avoid a possible lawsuit he will vote no. Moore stated that he has a problem setting a salary for future board members and doesn't like the fact that the county is still purchasing bottled water for its employees. Chairman Hertel stated to Moore that this issue should be put on the Building and Grounds committee agenda. Beeler stated that the concern with voluntarily putting the \$60 down on the per diem agenda creates a problem with budgeting. Deabenderfer replied that the County could budget for \$75 and it would be good for the board if there is a surplus. Gene Miles stated that we need to be fair and all employees need to be cut 20% as well or it is not fair. Sneed said that many County Board members quietly donate their time already, and if we lower our pay, people may not be apt to lower their pay voluntarily. Plunkett stated that when he was first elected the per diem was \$40, and will do it again. He said there is nothing wrong with a hard day's work for a hard day's pay. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 11 YES and 9 NO, 1 Absent. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Earlene Robinson, Evan Young. Those voting No: Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ron Deabenderfer, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel. Those Absent: Mike Webb. Motion carried.**
- **County Board Chairman Update:** Beeler reported that there was a motion at the Finance Committee meeting to decrease the County Board Chairman reimbursement from \$7,500 to \$6,000 per year but it failed.
- **Committee Chairman Reimbursements Approval:** **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to decrease the Committee Chairman Stipend Reimbursements from \$750 to \$600 per year.** Deabenderfer stated that some committee chairman may be up for election and asked if some will get \$600 and some will get \$750? Chairman Hertel referred to Assistant States Attorney Wilson and replied that this is just a stipend for an expense reimbursement and this is not pay. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 13 YES and 7 NO, 1 Absent. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Earlene Robinson, Bob Sneed, Evan Young. Those voting**

No: Bill Bergen, Ron Deabenderfer, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Richard Wendel. Those Absent: Mike Webb. Motion carried.

- **County Board Structure Update:** Beeler stated that Gasparich and Plunkett are reviewing information from other counties regarding the County Board structure and the committee will research this further.
 - **Mileage Reimbursement Disapproval:** Beeler reported that the committee voted last month to lower the county mileage reimbursement to \$.44 but not the full board. **Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to change the County Mileage reimbursement rate from \$.55 to \$.44 per mile effective December 1st, 2015.** Plunkett stated concerns that the impact to this action is uncertain at this time since we can't predict gas prices and we have always used the IRS mileage rate. Beeler stated that the federal rate is \$.57 and we reimburse \$.55 and people can claim the \$.02 difference on their income tax. Bathurst stated that she is not in favor of this and doesn't want to impose this on the other employees of the County. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 YES and 15 NO, 1 Present, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Those voting Yes: Megan Beeler, Earlene Robinson, Evan Young. Those voting No: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel. Those voting Present: Ron Deabenderfer. Those Abstaining: Roy Hertel. Those Absent: Mike Webb. Motion failed.**
 - **Utilities at Recycling and Animal Control Update:** Beeler stated that the utilities expenses for the Recycling Center and Animal Control facility will now come out of office 005, Building and Grounds and that the copier maintenance fees for the general fund offices will come out of office 047 per Chairman Hertel.
 - **Two Used copiers for SOA & County Board Offices Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee approved a proposal from Tom Day Business Machines for two refurbished color copiers for the SOA and County Board Admin Offices. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to purchase two refurbished color copiers for the SOA and County Board Offices in the amount of \$4,995 each pending contract review from the State's Attorney's Office. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Estimated Tax Levy Approval:** Beeler reported that the Real Estate Tax Levy/Extension Summary was submitted by Treasurer Jenkins and the estimated extension is \$5,396,558 which is a 4.9983% increase. **Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the estimated tax levy in the amount of \$5,396,558 which is a 4.9983% increase. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Truth and Taxation Update:** Beeler stated that we are under the 5% increase so we will not need to hold a truth and taxation hearing before passing the levy.
10. **Zobrio Accounting Software Implementation & Access for Supervisors-Security Level Update:** Beeler reported that Zobrio is addressing the problems with the accounting software issues and Purcell is working on getting the supervisors access for the accounts payable information. She said that if any board members want access, they can ask Coordinator Daniels for more information.
11. **Payroll Function Update:** Beeler stated that it has come to her attention that the Payroll function statutorily is a duty to be done in the County Clerk's Office. She said that in the 1980's the prior County Clerk Clinton Kimbro gave approval allowing the Treasurer's Office to do the payroll function. Beeler added that the State's Attorney's office was asked to write an opinion on this matter which will be reviewed by the Committee.
12. **DevNet Contract Renewal Approval:** Beeler reported that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed the DevNet property tax software contract and the SOA, Treasurer and County Clerk office holders have also approved it. Beeler said that this is a 1.5% increase and is a five year contract. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve the DevNet five year Contract at a cost of \$39,527.50 per year. ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 YES and 0 NO, 1 Absent. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie**

Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Those Absent: Mike Webb. Motion carried.

13. **Resolution to Convey Deed Parcel # 08-27-134-004 to the Village of Coalton Approval:** Beeler reported that the Finance Committee approved and recommended to convey this parcel to the Village of Coalton. **Motion by Miles and second by Gasparich to approve conveying the deed on parcel #08-27-134-004 to the Village of Coalton. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 287).**
14. **Resolution to Convey Deed Parcel # 08-27-341-002 to the Village of Coalton Approval:** Beeler reported that the Finance Committee approved and recommended to convey this parcel to the Village of Coalton. **Motion by Graden and second by Miles to approve conveying the deed on parcel #08-27-341-002 to the Village of Coalton. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 288).**
15. **Other Business Update:** Beeler thanked Circuit Clerk Lemons for working on the Illinois Comptrollers debt collection program where we can recover the debt owed for fines. Beeler stated that our outstanding portion is \$3,532,045.31 and the Circuit Clerk Lemons' office is working on getting the information to the State to start the collection process.

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

1. **Elections Update:** The filing period is November 23rd to November 30th, 2015 for the General Primary Election scheduled for March 15th, 2016.
2. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that Animal Control Warden Amanda Daniels transported six dogs to a rescue this morning and there are others available for adoption. Young asked about the concrete ADA accessible parking lot at the facility and Beck replied that one bid was received and it was too expensive. Chairman Hertel stated that they Highway Department will hopefully do the work later this fall once some of their projects are completed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the MCEDC held a planning exercise on August 25th and that they are contacting an electronics recycling business for possible relocation in the County.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Report Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that payments are being made to the Revolving Loan Fund and the MCEDC has received questions regarding another loan and that Shalter will be setting up a RLF board meeting to review the information.
3. **Utilities Update:** Hampton+Knodle reported:
 - Dakota Access – No new information to report at this time.
 - Grain Belt and other – Hampton+Knodle reported that there was a meeting in Springfield last week and they are expecting in a ruling in November from the Illinois Commerce Commission. Hampton+Knodle also reported that the project was still alive and that Clean Line Energy will likely seek an appeal or new ruling in Missouri.
4. **Business Sites and Development Update:**
 - a. Eagle Zinc Operable Unit 2 – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Federal Government has awarded an additional \$9 million in funding for Phase II of the Eagle Zinc cleanup which will cover about half of the cost. The remainder of the funding is expected to be approved by the EPA and Federal Government next fiscal year.

- b. CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the CEO Program will hold a networking event in Litchfield from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Monday, November 16th at the new Holiday Inn in Litchfield and she encouraged board members and investors to attend. Hampton+Knodle reported that eleven or twelve people have volunteered to be a mentor when they signed up as an investor. Hampton+Knodle added that mentors have to fill out an application and go through a back ground check to participate in the program.

Tourism Update:

- c. Tourism South – Hampton+Knodle stated that we are waiting on information from the State of Illinois for the County’s cost to join the program. The deadline to advertise in next year’s brochures is approaching rapidly and Shalter is working with potential county advertisers.
- d. Farmersville Bike Trail – Hampton+Knodle stated that she will work on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Assistant State’s Attorney Wilson and thanked Deabenderfer for his assistance on getting the signage for the bike trail because the sign machine at the Highway Department was too expensive to operate.

5. Planning Update:

- a. Planning Commission Update: Hampton+Knodle stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 21st at 5:30 pm.
- b. West Central – Hampton+Knodle stated that she and Tim Hopper attended an Economic Development Administration meeting on August 12th at the West Central office in Carlinville. Hampton+Knodle stated that information for the CEDS document was submitted and there have not been any developments. Hopper stated the purpose of the meeting was misleading because they thought the meeting was held to discuss projects but it ended up being an evaluation for West Central’s services.

6. Infrastructure Update:

- a. Broadband Opportunity – Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee continues to discuss Broadband and they are looking forward to Shalter working with the committee.
- b. Central Illinois Public Transit- CEFS Update/Approval – Hampton+Knodle stated that she discussed some issues with Earlene Robinson regarding the CIPT and the committee will continue discussion at their next meeting.

- 7. IACBM Memo regarding Lt. Governor’s Unfunded Mandates Survey Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that we are reaching out to board members and department heads regarding a survey from Illinois Association of County Board Members that is seeking information regarding unfunded mandates from the State.

8. Incentives – EZ, abatements Update:

- a. Enterprise Zone Legal Description – Hampton+Knodle stated that the legal description is close to being completed
- b. Enterprise Zone New Application – Hampton+Knodle stated that a contract was signed with consultant Craig Coil and will be reviewed on Friday.

Plunkett asked if the first batch of Enterprise Zone applications were approved but not certified and still being held by the Governor. Hampton+Knodle said she had a conversation with the DCEO Chief of Staff recently and was told that all State programs are on hold and we are included in this holding process.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

- 1. **Zobrio Human Resources Module Update:** Bathurst stated that she will contact Dave Penrod with Zobrio regarding this Module.
- 2. **Union Negotiations Local 397 (EMA, SOA & State’s Attorney Offices) Update:** Bathurst reported that the Committee is moving along with Union Negotiations with Local 397 which represents the SOA, States Attorney and EMA Offices.

3. **EEOC Recommendations in Policies per ICRMT Update:** Bathurst reported that she will start reviewing a packet of information that the committee received from ICRMT with “samples” of updated employee manual issues.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel asked Assistant State’s Attorney Wilson if there was anything else to add from the meeting and she replied that she didn’t have any other input. Shannon Hall of Scheller Insurance was present and stated that procedures are smoothing out with the new Blue Cross Blue Shield County Employee Health Insurance and that everything looks good for the rest of the year. Tom Franzen of Scheller Insurance was also present and stated that everything with the County Property Casualty Insurance is going well.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Appointment of Lyle R. James to the Board of Review for the 2015 and 2016 sessions. Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Bathurst to approve this appointment. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Appointment of Mike Rappe to the Board of Review for the 2015 and 2016 sessions. Motion by Plunkett and second by Moore to approve this appointment. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: As a member of the public, Savage stated that he contacted Norfolk and Southern Railroad regarding the acre of land that is flooding by the rail bed on frontage I-55 area near the Niemann farm. He hasn’t heard anything back from them and will take this issue back to the EMA committee.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Martin and second by Young to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 18, Against – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Bishop and second by Miles to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2015.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bathurst and second by Martin to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.