

# Montgomery County Board

## Minutes

**For Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Before calling the meeting to order, Chairman Hertel introduced State Senator Andy Manar and State Senator Tom Cullerton of DuPage County who has been adopted by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Senator Manar stated that as the past County Board Chairman of Macoupin County, he understands the importance of protecting local government distributive funds. Senator Manar also stated that some of the big issues and daily discussions in Springfield now involve dealing with how to address the school funding problems. Plunkett thanked Senator Manar for his work and legislation regarding school funding reform. Senators Manar and Cullerton thanked the Farm Bureau for the breakfast meeting earlier this morning. Senator Cullerton shared some of the issues that are facing his district and he stated that Senator Manar has been in his district to visit many of the school districts there to explain the proposed school funding legislation. Senator Cullerton also stated that he supports legislation to make motor fuel tax appropriations to be funded on a regular basis so it is not held as hostage while people vote for other issues. Chairman Hertel also thanked the Farm Bureau for breakfast meeting and stated it was enjoyable.

**The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:50 AM.**

**Roll call was taken - 21 members present, 0 members 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, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

**Members Absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by General William Cobetto** – Chairman Hertel invited Retired General William Cobetto to share some of his experiences while serving in the Illinois National Guard. Cobetto stated that he joined in the National Guard in the 1980's and prior to that he served as one of the youngest members on the County Board. Cobetto reported that there are about 13,000 soldiers serving in the National Guard and the Air National Guard in the State of Illinois. Cobetto stated that through his National Guard service he has enjoyed working with programs such as Illinois Lincoln's Challenge which works with students who have dropped out of high school and the Partnership for Peace program. Chairman Hertel presented Cobetto with a plaque in appreciation of his 31 years of service to the State of Illinois and to the citizens of Montgomery County.

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

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

Motion by Wendel and second by Marten to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions and she stated that she is working with the Sheriff's department on getting the e-citation program going in the near future. Lemons also reported that we have received a total of \$9,800.10 from the State Comptroller's Office for unpaid fines and fees to date.

3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that there have been about 800 early and absentee voters so far, with the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Primary Election one week away.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted. Marchelle Kassebaum was present for questions.
10. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin's report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkin - **report** was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt - report was submitted.

**APPROVAL OF 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Webb and second by Beeler to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried. Beeler questioned that the Consent Agenda is lengthy to read, and requested that it be provided in a more readable and concise format. Coordinator Daniels said that she will look into this request.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that they will meet on the third Tuesday next month.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that the Golden Circle Program held a recent fundraiser at the Litchfield bowling alley and reported that about \$5,000 was raised, so Golden Circle lunches will continue five days a week rather than be cut back.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the annual dinner meeting has been scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and all members are invited.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that he couldn't attend the last meeting.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they are scheduled to meet on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a short meeting and will meet again next week.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that they met last night and that Strowmatt was recently able to recover life insurance benefits for a World War II Veteran's widow, which is an example of his exemplary service.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that he couldn't attend the last meeting.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that she will give an update during the Personnel Committee report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has made a few phone calls and doesn't have anything new to report at this time.
2. **Letter sent regarding Jury Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel reported that he has sent a letter to Senator Manar and Representative Bourne regarding the Jury Fee legislation and other recent legislative changes that could be costly to the county.
3. **SB 2503 Judicial Facility Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that SB 2503 has been introduced to get funding from certain criminal cases that would be deposited into a fund and solely used for the renovation or upkeep of that building for expenses like a new roof. He said that this would also allow funds to upgrade court facilities to meet ADA compliance. Hertel stated that the replacement of the roof at the Courthouse Complex would cost about \$200,000 and that the windows and carpet also need to be replaced. He explained that if we do not get this Senate bill passed to pay for the funding, the repairs and updates to the Courthouse Complex would have to come from the general fund and property taxes to pay off bonds.
4. **Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day/Week in Montgomery County Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser read the Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day/Week in Montgomery County which is March 13 – 19. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Beeler to approve the Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day / Week in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of this Proclamation, see Resolution Book 15, page 86.)**
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **New Equipment Truck Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed the bids that were submitted for the new truck chassis and bed liner purchase. He said that the committee approved the low bid from Decatur Mack for the truck in the amount of \$35,975 with a trade in of \$55,000 and the bid from Koenig in the amount of \$43,864 for a total of \$79,839. Miles stated that both truck bids met the specs and would allow us to attach a plow. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to purchase the truck from Decatur Mack in the amount of \$35,975 and the dump body from Koenig in the amount of \$43,864 for a grand total of \$79,839.** Hampton+Knodle asked how this truck will be paid for and Smith replied that there is \$328,000 in the equipment fund, which is not general fund that will be used for payment. Hampton+Knodle asked where these funds are generated and Smith replied that they are from the motor fuel tax funds (MFT). Smith also stated that this is a bigger truck and the cost came in cheaper than the last truck purchased, and added that the purchase of the bed includes the installation and wiring. **Roll Call Vote. 21 Members voted yes, 0 Members no. Those voting yes were 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, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. All in favor, Motion carried.**
2. **Assisting Villages Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Smith was approached by the mayor of Taylor Springs regarding some help designing a bridge by the old smelter lake. Smith stated that municipalities ask him questions and he tries to assist them, however in this case he was asked for additional work that is not covered by the county. Miles said that the committee decided not to pursue assisting Taylor Springs in this manner and that Engineer Smith just gave his informal opinion about the structure.
3. **CH-17, West of Farmersville Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed an area in Farmersville where they did some tile work in a ditch so that it can be mowed easier. Miles stated that the area has been checked and there are no drainage issues at this time, however the Village of Farmersville will be asked to sign an intergovernmental agreement for them to take responsibility of this road. Miles stated that we need to work out a compromise and that the

mayor of Farmersville will attend the next Road and Bridge committee meeting. Chairman Hertel asked that the State's Attorney also attend the next meeting.

4. **P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for Taylorville Road, CH-7 Update/Approval:** Engineer Smith stated that the committee discussed doing this project in phases and said that we are now at the third and final phase. He said that the committee reviewed the PE Agreement from McDonough-Whitlow for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to recommend the P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for the Taylorville Road, CH-7 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Roll Call Vote: 21 Voting Yes, 0 Voting No. Voting yes was 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, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Oil Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Smith has drafted some amended verbiage to be included in the oil letting specifications. The new guidelines will include a minimum load for 1,500 gallons of oil to be delivered.
6. **Resolution to re-hire the County Engineer Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the Committee discussed the procedure for renewing the County Engineer position as Engineer Smith's six year contract will expire on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He said that the committee went into closed session to discuss the Resolution to re-appoint the county highway engineer, and the outcome is to re-appoint Smith to that position. Miles said that Health Insurance and Salary Increases will be the same as it was for the past six years. **Motion by Miles second by Webb to recommend the Resolution to Re-Appoint the County Engineer for 6 years with salary increases to coincide with union employees and paid health insurance for the single plan. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 87).**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles stated that he looked at some drainage issues in Rountree Township where corn stalks were wedged in between two culverts and said his results were that the culverts are in good shape and he confirmed that it is a Township road.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that we are trying to fix everything whenever possible so that new things will not have to be purchased.
2. **Annex Building Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the paperwork has been signed for the project to proceed on the Annex Building and for the Chimney repairs on the Historic Courthouse. He said that work should start on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 if weather permits.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee cut out \$42,000 or 13 percent of the FY 2016 budget which does not leave much funding if something breaks down. Chairman Hertel asked Sneed to look at a grant for replacing the outside lights at the Courthouse Complex area.

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

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that board members received a document from MCEDC representative Will Shalter outlining the projects and programs that the MCEDC has worked on in the past ten plus years.
2. Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a call about the smell of burning coal at the coal mine and forwarded the information to the IL EPA.

### **3. Incentives Update/Approval:**

- Revolving Loan Fund: Hampton+Knodle stated that the fund balance is \$220,000 and the committee is discussing what to do with that balance as there is not a lot of demand for the RLF right now.
- Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Enterprise Zone Mayors met and held a public hearing on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm regarding the EZ amendments. She said that the resolution to abate taxes has been revised to reflect the changes and needs board action. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Hopper to recommend the approval of the amendments to the Resolution to Abate Real Estate Taxes. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution #03-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 88-89).**
- Amend the Enterprise Zone Ordinance to add two units of government, (Butler & Donnellson) and to add and delete territory. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to recommend the approval to amend the EZ Ordinance to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government, and to add and delete territory. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Amend the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government and to add and delete territory. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Robinson to recommend the approval to amend the EZ Intergovernmental Agreement to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government and to add and delete territory. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution #04-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 90-153).**

### **4. Planning Update/Approval:**

- Planning Commission: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning commission has scheduled a meeting for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 where they will be electing officers.

### **5. Infrastructure Update/Approval:**

- Incumbent Provider Updates: Hampton+Knodle stated that she does not have any new information.
- Fiber RFP: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Imagine Hillsboro group met last week with Consolidated Communications regarding new technology on their existing fiber. Hampton+Knodle stated that there are still some issues with Consolidated and said that there wasn't a direct answer from them regarding fees to customers. She said that the deadline to submit a request for proposal for Fiber project to MCEDC is next week.
- Eagle Zinc: Hampton+Knodle stated that there is a meeting scheduled on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the process for the Phase II cleanup project at the site.

### **6. Illinois Tourism South Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the Committee discussed renewing the membership with the Illinois Tourism South Bureau. She said that the Hotel/Motel Tax will pay for the membership and any advertising in the magazine. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Bishop to renew the membership with Illinois Tourism South in an amount not to exceed \$1,875. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **7. Workforce Update/Approval:**

- West Central Development: Hampton+Knodle stated that we can be a member in other regions and she is researching other possibilities for the committee to discuss.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that they had a net profit of \$9,200 from the concert that was held at the high school which will be used for the student business set up. Hampton+Knodle stated that the Trade show will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the LLCC Auditorium and said that students' applications were due last week for the 2017 CEO program, and 17 applications were turned in.

8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated the committee approved the \$30,000 invoice for MCEDC and pointed out that the CEO program will be paying the \$5,000 for bookkeeping services. Beeler stated that the MCEDC was told that the county funding will be different next year. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Hopper to approve the MCEDC Invoice for \$30,000. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

**Ambulance Call Reports:**

Collections: Savage stated the collections proceed in routine fashion. \$142,155.57 new system.

**AMBULANCE REPORT:**

1. **Ambulance Agreements Update/Approval:** Savage reported that all the ambulance agreements have been submitted.  
**Motion by Savage and second by Graden to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried. Gasparich abstained.**  
**Motion by Savage and second by Beck to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried. Webb abstained.**  
**Motion by Savage and second by Hopper to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Savage and second by Bathurst to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Savage and second by Webb to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**

**EMA:**

1. **Weather Spotter Class March 10<sup>th</sup> Update/Approval:** Savage stated that a free weather spotter class to be taught by the National Weather Service will be held at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He said that a light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Statewide Tornado Exercise Update/Approval:** Savage stated that the exercise was held and was successful.
3. **Panic Alarm Testing Update/Approval:** Savage stated the panic alarm testing is now complete and working.
4. **New Panic alarm panel installed Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the new monitor at the security desk in the Courthouse Complex is now in place and said that the IT department helped set this up. He said that Court Security can now hear and watch cameras in and around county buildings and parking lots. Savage also reported that if panic alarms are pulled the security desk is now notified.
5. **Mitigation Planning Johnson, Depp, & Quisenberry Update/Approval:** Savage stated that Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry was bought out by American Environmental. He said that the new company has sent a new contract to sign for the Hazard Mitigation Plan at no added cost and that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed and approved the contract.

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

1. **Open Bids for Sheriff Vehicle Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the Sheriff's Department decided to go back out for bids on the two vehicles that were approved last month. She said that the committee received and opened two new bids for 2016 Ford Police Interceptors SUV's and is recommending the low bid from Wright Automotive in the amount of \$44,500 which includes three vehicle trade-ins. **Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the bid from Write Automotive for \$44,500 to purchase two 2016 Ford Police Interceptors SUV's.** Beeler said that the Sheriff's Office will provide \$10,000 from one of his funds to pay for the equipment transfer, and the total will be about \$54,000 with the equipment changeover and will save the General Fund about \$26,000. **Motion vote, voting yes were Bathurst, Beck,**

Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb and Wendel. Voting No were Moore and Young. Motion carried.

2. **Circuit Clerk Audit Report Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed and recommends the approval of the audit report for the Circuit Clerk's Office that was prepared by Kerber, Eck and Braeckel. Beeler commended Lemons on an excellent job as there were fewer exceptions in this audit than in years past. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to recommend the approval of the FY 2015 Circuit Clerk's Audit Report. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Durston met with Chairman Hertel, Hillsboro Superintendent David Powell and Dynegy representatives Randy O'Keefe and Bob Kipp to discuss the Coffeen Power plant assessment. Beeler stated that Durston will invite a consultant to come to the next Finance committee meeting to discuss Dynegy's assessment.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the coal revenue and expense reports are in everyone's packet for review.
5. **County Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance #05-2016 Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the full board received a draft of the Hotel Ordinance at last month's meeting and that action needs to be taken today. Hampton+Knodle stated that she contacted the hotels in the unincorporated areas of the County and their response was positive and they welcomed the help this could provide by getting some funding to invest in the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau. Beeler said it is estimated that there will be about \$27,000 per year revenue generated from this ordinance and it could help pay for the membership and advertising in IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Discussion:** Savage stated that he is not in favor of this new tax, and a future board would need to follow up with what we are going to use the money for and he is unsure that the businesses that pay the tax will get the benefit of the tax. Beeler stated that the revenue has to be spent on tourism and promotion of tourism. Savage asked if this is specific enough. Bathurst stated that the funds will come from those who travel and stay at the Hotel/Motel, not the business themselves and will be added on to those who stay there. Sneed asked who will be in charge of spending the additional revenue received through the Hotel/Motel Tax, and Chairman Hertel said the Economic Development Committee will be in charge of properly spending the funds under the County Board authority. **Voting No – Savage, Abstaining – Graden. All others voted yes, motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance #-05-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 154-156).**
6. **FY 2016-2017 Budget Amendment –Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed and discussed the revised budgets that were submitted by the Office Holders and thanked them for once again for making cuts to their budgets. She said that the office holders' cuts were \$163,696 to the general fund expenses and other non-general fund accounts were increased to remove some expenses from the general fund. Beeler also explained that the coal royalty fund #375 was reduced by \$525,696 and reported that at the end of FY 2016 the short fall in the general fund will be \$934,365 and that we have already transferred \$1 million out of the coal money. Beeler added that even with making cuts, the money will go very quickly and that we will spend \$1.9 million of the reserve. Deabenderfer stated that he doesn't think that the coal royalties should be included in this number. Gasparich stated that we need to look at reducing insurance costs and offering early severance to county employees. Plunkett stated that these are cuts in budgets and not cuts in spending and that we will know from the audit what we need to cut. Chairman Hertel stated that \$1 million in the budget is coal money and there is not any other source of income so we are still a million dollars in the red. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to amend the FY 2016 budget to reflect the changes on the revenue and expense change sheets as presented on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Roll Call Vote: 21 Members**

- voted yes, none no. Motion carried. (For copy of Amendments to FY 2016 Budget, see Resolution Book 15, pages 157-163).
7. **Schedule FY 2017 Budget Hearing Dates Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the FY 2017 budget hearings have been scheduled for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:30 am each day. She said that the meetings will again be held in the county board room.
  8. **FKG Oil added to the Pre-Paid Vendor List Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the revised Pre-Paid Vendor List that includes FKG Oil Invoices for fuel purchases at Moto Mart. She said that since fuel prices have been cheaper, it is more cost effective for the Sheriff's Department to get fuel at Moto Mart than at the Highway Department. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve adding FKG Oil to the Pre-Paid Vendor List. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 15, pages 164-165).**
  9. **County Board Structure Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that there are no further updates at this time.
  10. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that we have not received any money from the State of Illinois on the EPA grant that pays for county EPA inspector Bill Gonet's salary.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that an Electronics Recycling Drive has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Hillsboro Facility from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
3. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck stated that there are several dogs and cats at the facility that are available for adoption and reminded county residents to get their pets rabies vaccinated. Chairman Hertel stated that he and Amanda Daniels were on WSMI radio recently talking about pet owners getting rabies shots for their pets as it helps fund the animal control program and these fees also help to spay and neuter animals for low income pet owners.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee heard a presentation from Snedeker Risk Management regarding their employee health insurance program and said that we are waiting on a renewal quote from our current provider Blue Cross Blue Shield.
2. **Wellness Committee Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that with budget issues going on, the committee made some decisions regarding the funding of the wellness program that costs the county about \$12,000 to subsidize. Bathurst explained that the County will no longer subsidize the memberships after this fiscal year, however will still take out the monthly payroll deductions for the employees. Bathurst stated that the Fusion Fitness contract timeframe is from April 1 to March 30 each year and that they are on board with the changes. Bathurst reported that the minimum requirements to participate in the program will go away and she hopes that employees will still continue in the wellness program after November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She said that there are currently about 45 to 50 employees participating in the program. Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative Shannon Hall was in attendance and stated that there is a program with BCBS where the employee can pay \$25 per month to join Fusion which is a better deal for the single employee health insurance plan.
3. **Local 773 Pension Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that a letter has been sent to the Pension Fund and that we are waiting on the reimbursement from them.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Motion by Miles and second by Savage to appoint Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to expire April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Bill Schroeder asked about the status of the Animal Control ordinance and HWE Committee Chairperson Beck replied that the committee is still working on it. Chairman Hertel stated that it might be ready for review in May or June. Schroeder also inquired about funds that are held by different county offices and Hertel replied that they are audited. Beeler stated that these funds will be given more attention in the audit because they grew over the years and they will be watched by the County Board.

Citizen Mary McKenzie addressed the county board regarding an issue with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the state salt trucks on her Montgomery County property.

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Plunkett and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Webb and 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 2016.

**Adjourn:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Moore and second by Miles to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.