

## Montgomery County Board

### Minutes

**For Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, 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 Evan Young at 8:30 AM.**

**Roll call was taken - 21 members present, 0 members absent.**

**Members Present:** Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

**Members Absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag** was led by County Board Member Mike Plunkett.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young.

21 Members Yes, 0 Members No. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:** Motion by Furness and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Minutes of the previous county board meeting held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Jodi Perkins was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici was present for questions.
8. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
9. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
10. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
11. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report not submitted, will be two reports next month.  
Undersheriff Robbins was present.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – Report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 13 REPORTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Wendel and second by Savage to approve the 13 reports that are available on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they plan to replace resigning board member Ed Shumacher with Dan Hough. Robinson said that Pam Lentz is the new 708 Board secretary since Shumacher formerly held that post, and Bruce Sanford is still the 708 Board Chairman. Robinson also reported that they voted to change their fiscal year to coincide with the county's fiscal year, and she said that the Health Department has hired a Psychologist and Nurse. She also said that the S.A.A.D. group came again last night and informed members they found a place in Nokomis to rent. She said this group originally asked for \$150,000 in funding and later asked for \$65,000. Robinson said that the 708 board gave them partial funding of \$18,050 and also told them to get insurance and training in HIPPA laws in order to be funded for an additional three months.
- **CEFS** – Robinson reported that the CEFS LIHEAP program will start on October 1<sup>st</sup> with seniors and then will work with families with young children. She said that she has the CEFS annual report and invited members to view it. Awards were recently given to Patricia McHenry, Lyn Knopp, and Hearts United; and Jeremy Tuetken was awarded a \$2,300 scholarship.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported that the board met last night and passed a budget. He said that the Illinois State Police took over 911 funding for the state and collections are going well. Bergen also said that 911 equipment is getting old and will need to be replaced in the near future.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report this month.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett, Bergen nothing to report this month.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper said there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they have completed their work on the solar farm ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that they received a \$4,999 payment from CEFS for their part of the parking lot improvements.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they did not meet this month.
- **U of I** – Martin reported that they will be having a meeting tonight.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that Glenn Savage will give their report later in the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE:** Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Resignation Letter from Tim Hopper Approval:** Hopper provided Chairman Young a letter of Resignation from the County Board as he represents County Board District #6. He thanked the board members for their support and well wishes and stated that it has been a privilege to serve the citizens of his district. **Motion by Bishop and second by Moore to accept the resignation of Tim Hopper. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of resignation letter, see Resolution Book 16, page 229.)**

2. **Changes of Chairman and Vice Chairman for EMA and Economic Development Committees Update:** Chairman Young announced that due to Tim Hopper's resignation, Bill Bergen will now be the Chairman of the EMA/Ambulance Committee and Chuck Graden will be the Vice Chairman. Young also stated that Glenn Savage will now be the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Megan Beeler will be the Vice Chairman.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Walshville Trail Bridge Alignment Options Approval:** Miles reported that the Committee discussed Walshville Trail Bridge Alignment Options and said that former County Board Chairman Hertel wanted the road straightened out for safety purposes. Miles explained that the engineering consultant told the committee that this additional work would cost an additional \$1 million to construct and that the current alignment isn't a safety problem. Miles reported that the committee agreed to change the radius of the curve at the bottom of the hill and make it a 55 mph curve. He said this change would add an additional \$150,000 to the estimated project cost of \$1.5 million with the county portion being 20% of the total project costs. Miles stated that the committee felt that the additional money could be used on other county roads and that it would take more time to apply for more money to straighten this road. Miles stated that we will not be doing the traffic study because it doesn't warrant the cost. **Motion by Miles and second by Bergen to recommend proceeding with option 3 to keep the Walshville Trail bridge in current alignment while changing the radius of the slope to 4:1 ratio and completing the ditch work.** Miles said this project will take place in 2021 and the bridge will be out of service for at least 6 months. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **IDOT Audit Reports Approval:** The committee received and reviewed the IDOT Audit reports. **Motion by Miles and second by Hughes to approve and put these IDOT Audit reports on file in the County Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **PE Agreement w/McDonough-Whitlow, Section 17-00140-00-GR, Systematic Guardrail Improvement/Upgrade Approval:** Miles reported on the HSIP grant for the guardrail updates. He said the committee reviewed a PE Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow in the amount of \$89,000 which is 10% of the project and is an industry standard for construction costs and stated that the project cost is \$800,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Johnson to approve the PE Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for the amount of \$89,000 to come from federal aid fund. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of agreement, see Resolution Book 16, pages 232-235).**
4. **Resolution #2017-15: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1160 B-CA, N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Zanesville Road District, 50% Road District – 50% County Approval:** Miles said that the committee reviewed and approved the Resolution for a 78 inch arch on North 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to approve Resolution #2017-15 to appropriate funds for 1160 B-CA, North 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Zanesville Road District for a 50% Road District and 50% county portion with \$9,000 as the county portion. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler asked if it was a different culvert than one that was replaced a few years ago, and Engineer Greenwood stated that the road commissioner

requested this work on this bridge. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 236-237).

5. **2018 R&B Committee Dates Update:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed and approved the Road & Bridge Committee meeting dates for 2018.
6. **New Truck Advertisement Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed and approved Engineer Greenwood starting the process of bidding for a new dump truck which would not be needed until spring of 2018 so it would come out of next year's budget.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Bishop stated that the Highway Department mowing crew has been doing a great job of mowing the ditches. Examples given were on Witt Road and Rocky Hollow Trail, and throughout the county.

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that SOA Ray Durston has scheduled a meeting with Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group to discuss the Power Plant assessment on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.
2. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that SOA Durston reported that his staff has begun entering the Assessor changes, and he said that the Board of Review has received 10 complaints so far. She said that approximately 129 Certificates of Error have been processed for the 2016 tax bills, and they have received about 1100 exemption renewals for the 2017 tax year. She stated that Durston also reported that legislation was signed by the Governor recently that would increase the Senior Citizen Freeze income limit from \$55,000 to \$65,000 for 2018 in counties with a population of less than 3,000,000.
3. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Fund reports. She said some coal funds were transferred in June to the General Fund for operating expenses, and then they were transferred back on July 1<sup>st</sup> when the first real estate tax distribution was made.
4. **FY 2018 Budget Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that landfill host fee revenue will no longer be part of the General Fund revenue because they will now be a revenue source for the recycling program along with the sale of recycling materials. She said that Animal Control services were also moved out the General Fund and will now rely on their own generated revenues and expenses with the short fall coming from the Vanek Estate donation. Beeler also stated that the Highway equipment fund # 222 will be merged into the Highway fund #225. Beeler explained that the Employee Health Insurance expense amount in the budget will stay the same until the insurance renewal numbers come in. She stated that EMA office expenses will come from the Sheriff's Department and be set up in their own line item. Beeler reported that our Regional Office of Education serving five counties is working with the counties on a 5% decrease to their budget. Beeler said that the SOA Office lost a full time employee due to the severance package; and moving forward, they anticipate another employee retirement in 2019. That resulted in a request to hire a full time employee mid-next year to start training. She reported that the Finance Committee added a line for legal services in anticipation of three upcoming union contracts to be negotiated.

Beeler reported that the GIS Flyover was moved from the General Fund to the Coal Royalty Fund with the amount changed from \$60,000 to \$38,000. Beeler also stated that the County Coordinator's Office was denied a request to replace a part-time clerical employee, and they also recommended that the State's Attorney's office not hire another secretary. She said that the State's Attorney's Office will hire an Assistant State's Attorney to replace retiree Betsy Wilson, and Beeler stated that former State's Attorney Matoush had a problem not getting someone hired because the salary was allocated at \$33,000.

Beeler explained that the Sheriff's Office represents 35% of the budget and the committee has discussed this budget at length for months. She said the original amount to cut from the Sheriff's Department was \$300,000 but the committee decided to reduce the cut their budget to \$221,000 this year to give them more time to change the fiscal management of that office. Beeler stated that even with that cut we will still have an \$80,000 deficit and will not balance the budget this year. Beeler explained that \$221,000 is a 10% cut of the amount the Sheriff's office requested in this budget, and a meeting will be scheduled with the Sheriff's office representatives to adjust the individual fund lines within the Office 80 budget. She said the Veterans Assistance Commission is requesting a lower levy and are spending some of their reserves this year as they did last year. Beeler stated that we don't know what to expect for revenues for 911.

Beeler reported that the Coal Royalty Fund #375 will be budgeting \$150,000 for Building and Grounds to replace the roof at the jail and the Economic Development budget was decreased from \$500,000 to \$100,000 to allocate funds for a fiber project. Beeler stated that they are using the Economic Development Infrastructure fund to invest in projects to increase the economy in this county. Beeler reported that coal funds were also set aside for road improvements, but they will take \$30,000 out of the special road and bridge fund for next year. She said the GIS flyover is coming out of coal funds, which was only budgeted for contingencies. Beeler stated that the Recycling program can't run independently so the deficit will be funded by coal funds to keep the program running. Beeler stated that this draft budget is given today for a one month's review and a change sheet or a new budget will be given out at the October County Board meeting when the meeting will be recessed and a vote on the budget will take place at the November county board meeting.

Jones asked how the Sheriff's Department will operate on such minimal margins, and Beeler responded that they will have to change the way they operate and pull money from other revenue sources. Jones asked if we can supplement with coal funds to help the Sheriff's Department, and Beeler stated that we already have used coal funds for Sheriff's use. Jones stated that he feels that we should use coal money to supplement the Sheriff's Department until we see what happens with the coal mine. Beeler stated that there are several reasons to keep coal funds in reserve and not use it for operating expenses.

Bishop inquired about these reasons, and Beeler responded that one anticipated use will be for the IMRF fund when retirements of elected officials take place. Beeler also stated that the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) the county receives from the State has been cut once and will be cut again next year. She said our auditors have recommended that we have enough reserve funds for six months operation of the county

in case of an emergency. Beeler stated that we are spending down the reserves, with \$450,000 allocated to be spent next year. Bishop stated that we will hurt public safety when we have funds that can be allocated there. Beeler said she wants to work with the operating funds we have and encouraged everyone to come to next month's Finance committee meeting for further discussion.

Jones stated that the Sheriff's office deficit is about \$173,000 and jobs there will be cut. Beeler stated that it doesn't change the fact that the Sheriff's budget is the largest county expense at 35% of the total budget, and this is a 33% cut of the deficit, which is proportional. She said that if this office is not cut, then the entire general fund will be disproportionately cut.

Martin asked if the budget can be amended if the coal mine starts up again, and Beeler responded that she doesn't know if we can amend the budget because of a substantial increase in revenue. Beeler stated that we can't keep running on a deficit and that this decision is not a knee jerk reaction. She said things are bad and getting worse and a hard decision needs to be made.

Hughes asked if we can get the county revenues up and Beeler responded that every department came up with a lower revenue projection this year which totaled \$5.8 million, which is the same revenue as 2010. Beeler said the problem is made worse when expenses have gone up at the same time. Beeler also stated that we can't control insurance increases and salaries continue to increase. She said she will not presume how to operate, and the County Board only allocates the money and the county offices will have to decide how to operate.

Under Sheriff Robbins stated that Montgomery County citizens will be looking for a good decision and that the Sheriff's door is open for the County Board members to see how the Sheriff's Department operates. He asked for everyone to please be informed. Beeler stated that any decision will have consequences; so at the end of the day, we have to weigh the consequences of the situation we are in.

Graden stated that he doesn't want to cut public safety services; we need to maintain it and not cut it. Beeler asked what we are going to do if we don't make cuts, and Graden replied we should take the difference out of coal money. Beeler wants to know what to do when coal money is gone and stated that there is a balance of \$5.4 million in that fund at the present time and 10% of it is budgeted to be spent next year. She said that if you spend 10% each year out of coal money that is not being replenished, it will be gone quickly.

Jones asked if we can cut less out of the Sheriff's Office and take the difference out of coal funds for now. Miles stated that as revenues decrease, services will also have to decrease and the Sheriff's Department will also have to decrease their budget. Miles said we have relied on coal money, but other taxing bodies like school districts have had to make changes, and now this board will have to make changes also.

Sheriff's Captain/EMA Director /911 Director Greg Nimmo stated that when it comes to 911 communications and his 20 plus years of EMA services in the County, he feels that these cuts will be detrimental to public safety. Nimmo stated that there is too much stress at the current staffing levels for dispatching services and the drug task force may also need to be cut. Nimmo explained that the jail is currently short staffed and tele communicators are helping with detainees. Nimmo stated that he has three job titles and not everything is getting done even though he is putting his heart and soul in it to get

things done. Nimmo stated that cutting their budget this severely is setting up the department for failure and fatigue. If someone makes a huge mistake, the county will be sued. Under Sheriff Robbins reported an example of being short staffed from a few weeks ago when there was one deputy on duty and he was responding to an accident in Donnellson when a call came in to Sheriff's dispatch that there were 20 members of a motorcycle gang at a house in Irving, with law enforcement services needed as soon as possible. Nimmo stated that he has extreme passion for the Sheriff's office and it is there to protect county residents.

Beeler stated that she has reached out to mayors of Nokomis and Litchfield and told them that there may be changes and impacts to their communities if the county no longer does their dispatching services. Beeler stated the "locals are in charge" and that both mayors will get this information to their city councils.

Furness stated in response to Hughes' question a public safety sales tax could help bring in needed revenues and if the public knows that public safety services will be cut, then the public will hopefully see the need to implement a public safety sales tax for those services. Clark stated that if there is about six years of coal reserves left, then we could feasibly have six years to work on the deficit.

5. **FY 2018 Levy Review Approval:** Beeler stated the committee discussed and approved recommending an FY 2018 estimated Levy to the County Board. **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to recommend the estimated levy in the amount of \$6,464,189 for a 4.6121% increase.** Bishop stated that he opposes tax increases and that he ran his campaign for county board on this issue. Bishop reported that he discussed the need for property tax relief with several people at a recent Litchfield area event, and the consensus was with over \$5 million in the bank, we shouldn't raise property taxes and that we have taxed people out of this county. Bishop stated that when the coal mine was set up, it was to help bring relief to people with their property taxes. Beeler stated that this tax levy is also for other taxing units who levy along with the county's General fund (Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Ambulance Districts, Senior Services, Cooperative Extension Service) and that the county's portion is very small. **Roll Call Vote of 20 Members Present (Hopper resigned earlier in meeting): Yes Votes = 13, No Votes = 7. Voting Yes were Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Voting No were Beck, Bishop, Clark, Graden, Hughes, Jones and Robinson. Motion carried.** Beeler stated that since we are increasing the levy by less than 5% as compared to last year's extension, there will be no need for a Truth and Taxation Hearing. **(For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 238).**
6. **FY 2016 County Audit Approval:** Beeler reported that she received an email regarding a legislative change that could extend the cash basis of accounting and work with counties and municipalities to extend the time to transfer back over to the accrual basis of accounting. She said it is too difficult to make the change mid-year.  
Deabenderfer asked if we can send a letter to our legislators that we stay on the "cash basis". **Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Plunkett that the County Board send a letter to the State Legislators that we stay on the cash basis of accounting. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. **Coroner's Travel Voucher Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee discussed the Travel Voucher submitted by the Coroner and per the County Board Travel Voucher ordinance, a roll call vote is needed to approve the expenses. She asked the Personnel Committee to address changing the county ordinance. **Motion by Beeler and second by Savage to approve the Coroner's Travel Voucher. Roll call vote of 20 members present: Yes votes = 20, No Votes = 0. Voting Yes were Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. None voted no. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Voucher and attachments, see Resolution Book 16, pages 239-242).**
8. **Village of Ohlman Old School Building Demolition Update:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed which fund would pay this expense, and she said a contract will be prepared for the Village of Ohlman to sign and then a Resolution will need to be approved at the next full board meeting to convey the property's deed to Ohlman. She said the Village of Ohlman is in the process of bidding the demolition services. Furness stated that we should wait until we know what the demolition amount will be before approving any money.
9. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 08-23-114-008 to Steve A. & Janice L. Locke in Nokomis Township Approval:** The committee reviewed the resolution to convey deed for parcel ID # 08-23-114-008. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve conveying the deed for parcel ID #08-23-114-008 to Steve A. & Janice L. Locke in Nokomis Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 243).**
10. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that candidate packets are now available in her office for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 General Primary Election.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that everything is going OK with EPA.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that there is an Electronics Recycling Drive scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that Animal Control will host an open house on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. A rabies clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 by appointment.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Update:** Sneed commended Clerk Sandy Leitheiser's Office for gathering all the utility invoices together to submit to the consultant so they can complete their analysis for the utility usage reports which will hopefully save county funds.
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that everything seems to be working at this time and he has nothing else to report.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation County Board Recommendation Approval:** Savage read the state statute from the Illinois Department of Agriculture regarding the proposed Livestock facility, and he reported that a public hearing was held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Savage stated that the Economic Development Committee voted 5 to 1 to recommend approval of the Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility to the Illinois Department of Agriculture because they meet the eight criteria cited in the statute. Jones stated that he represents the people of Farmersville who do not want this project, and he shared concerns about water and mine subsidence issues. Jones said he doesn't think that it meets the requirements, and he believes the county board members' job is to be the voice of the people they represent. Deabenderfer stated that he doesn't think we can control the land use since there is no zoning in our county and we have to go by the Department of Ag's eight criteria. Beeler stated that she also represents the people and in this case we can't just represent some of the people and not all of them. She said the total farmland assessment in our county makes up 25 % of the total county EAV. Beeler reported that this one project is projected to bring in about \$34,000 in property taxes annually when completed. Jones stated that he doesn't dispute the farm's importance but wants the concerns of 200 people addressed by the board. Johnson asked about the frequency the site will be monitored for assurance they are in compliance with Department of Agriculture standards. Chairman Young asked Dereke Farms, Inc. owner Dunkirk to respond, and he stated that someone will be at the facility to monitor it and they have alarm systems also. **Motion by Savage and second by Deabenderfer to recommend Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility to the Department of Agriculture based on the eight criteria. ROLL CALL Vote: Yes Votes = 14, NO Votes = 6. Voting Yes = Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hughes, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Voting NO = Beck, Bergen, Graden, Johnson, Jones and Robinson. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 230-231).**
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage stated that the Planning Commission helped with the final draft of the Solar Energy Ordinance and that it is being reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office.
3. **MCEDC Update:** Savage asked Belusko to report, and she stated that she continues to work with IllinoisSouth and is adding pictures to the web site to highlight the County. Belusko also reported that the CEO Class is touring local businesses. She stated that the City of Nokomis has reached their goal of 20 percent sign ups with CTI fiber to home technology and that it will be scheduled for the build-out after Hillsboro. Belusko stated that she is working on getting facts and figures showing the positive economic development impact fiber technology brings rural communities, and she plans to schedule a meeting with Highland representatives soon.
4. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Savage reported that they were shut down for three weeks to dig a larger hole at the facility and they have now resumed work.
5. **Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Savage reported that the committee reviewed a memo from the Governor's Office regarding the Illinois Bicentennial.

6. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Savage reported the last mayors' meeting was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:00 pm and was very well attended. Good information was shared regarding emergency management, law enforcement, the upcoming census, fiber internet and the enterprise zone. Chairman Young stated that the next mayor's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018.
7. **West Central Development Update:** Savage reported that he attended a West Central Development Committee meeting recently and informed members that county board member Richard Wendel is now the Chairman of their board. Jones reported that they had a meeting with Republic regarding grant funding for recycling and the potential for additional grant money for the Job Center in Litchfield.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

**E.M.A Report: Glenn Savage, Chairman - Given by Bill Bergen as follows:**

1. **LEPC TTX on 10/21/17 Update:** Bergen reported this exercise will be held at the Grand Magnuson Hotel from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. He said that registration is at 7:30 am and invitations will be going out next week. He said that MABAS & ILEAS Assets will also be present to show our communities to what is available if needed.
2. **County building In-service Training Update:** Bergen stated this training was held at the Historic Courthouse on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm; and the building was closed for two hours during the training which was well received. The committee discussed that there are no cameras in the county board room or the front customer counter of the County Clerk's Office, which are needs for security purposes. Bergen said this same training for Courthouse Complex employees is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and then Health Department, Highway, Animal Control and Recycling training dates will be scheduled.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

**AMBULANCE REPORT:**

1. **Ambulance Contracts for the Five Districts Update:** Chairman Bergen had nothing new to report.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:**

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Martin reported that Tony Johnston with CIBC gave an update to the committee regarding the transfer of the Broker of Record for county employee health insurance and said there is a projected 12.83% increase for the current health insurance plan with BCBS at this time.
2. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with Highway Department Union Local 1084 to start union negotiations. That the second meeting that was scheduled for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 needs to be rescheduled.
3. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation Issues Update/Approval:** Not needed at this time.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Young was asked when Member Hopper will be replaced, and he said he plans to appoint a new member to County Board District #6's seat at next month's meeting.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** The special Personnel Committee meeting and Rules of Order Committee meeting needs to be rescheduled.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Young stated that Daniel Tester needs to be re-appointed by the County Board for a three year term to the Mutual Drainage District #1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. **Motion by Graden and second by Furness to re-appoint Daniel Tester for a three year term to the Mutual Drainage District #1 of the townships of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman Young stated that Terry Toberman needs to be re-appointed as a trustee for a three year term to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. **Motion by Robinson and second by Moore to re-appoint Terry Toberman for a three year term to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Young called on citizen Bill Schroeder who stated that he commends Finance Committee Chairperson Beeler for her work on the budget and said that he is for public safety but at some point we need to cut services. Schroeder stated that the county can't keep spending money from the coal funds.

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Martin and second by Bishop to pay any invoices for Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 18; Against – 0, Absent – none (Hopper resigned earlier in the meeting), Abstain – 2 (Moore and Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bishop and second by Beck to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.