

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd 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 with 19 members present, 2 members absent.

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandy Johnson, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Robert Mulch, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Jeremy Jones and Bob Sneed

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mark Hughes.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel and Young. Two absent, Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Hughes and second by Robinson to approve the Minutes of the previous County Board Meeting held Tuesday, October 10th, 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 was present for questions.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser stated her office will soon offer a new service called Property Fraud Alert which will allow customers to sign up to be notified by email or phone when a land record is recorded in their name.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bance Ulrici -- report was submitted.
8. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson -- report was submitted.
9. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop -- report was submitted.
10. **ROE - Monthly and Quarterly Reports** -- Julie Wollerman -- reports were submitted.
11. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report not submitted. Under Sheriff Robbins was present and reported there are 20 detainees in jail at this time and eight of them are females.
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 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Martin and second by Miles to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated the current officers were re-elected for the new fiscal year and there will not be a meeting in December. She said they approved the dates to meet quarterly next year and the applications will be reviewed in January 2018 with the deadline set for March 31st, 2017. Robinson reported there will most likely be three new applicants for 708 funds and also stated the January meeting will be held at the Health Department. She reported the S.A.A.D. group from Nokomis will have an open house on Dec. 9th, 2017.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported a Meals on Wheels fundraiser will be held this Saturday at the Litchfield Community Center. She said C.E.F.S. offers many various programs and she will be highlighting a program each month. This month, Robinson shared information regarding the services of the Litchfield Head Start program.
- **911 Board** – Bergen reported the last meeting was cancelled, and they will re-schedule it after the county budget is passed.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated there is nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett and Bergen reported there is an annual meeting scheduled for November 30th, 2017.
- **MCEDC** – Mulch reported there will be a county wide community foundation formed soon so our organizations can fundraise for Economic Development purposes.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated there is nothing to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported the annual Senior Citizens Christmas party is scheduled for December 9th, 2017, at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church. He stated the new parking lot at the Senior Citizens Center in Taylor Springs provides the CEFS vans better parking.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated a seminar was held on Saturday, October 28th, 2017, in Springfield; and discussions were held on recent Supreme Court decisions.
- **U of I** – Martin stated there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated the West Central Development Council website is having issues that are being addressed at this time. He said that WCDC is currently working on CDAP grants for Taylor Springs and Schram City. Wendel also reported the policy board met on November 8th to resolve a personnel issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Young as follows:

1. **Committee Meeting Dates and Times for 2018 Approval:** Young stated the committees reviewed their meeting dates and times which are now ready for approval. **Motion by Furness and second by Johnson to approve the full board and committee meeting dates and times for 2018.** (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 261).
2. **County Board Rules of Order Update:** Young reported he will set up another meeting to further review the County Board Rules of Order.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Young stated there is no other business at this time.

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

1. **IDOT Reduction in FY 2018 Program Update:** Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood shared a memo with the committee regarding the IDOT Reduction in the FY 2018 Statewide Funding Program. Miles reported our funding was cut in half, and this cut will also affect the township funding since IDOT has decided to take \$50 million of the \$303 million allotted for local agencies. He said seven programs will be cut, and the impact to Montgomery County will be a \$71,282 cut this next fiscal year and 14 townships will lose \$86,325 from their township funds. Greenwood stated this is about a 27% cut to materials for our in-house chip seal program which will affect about 8 miles of county roadways that will not be improved next year due to this cut by the state.
2. **Resolution #2018-01, 2018 MFT Resolution Approval:** Miles presented the Resolution for approval. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve Resolution #2018-01, 2018 MFT Resolution in the amount of \$982,000. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.** (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 262).
3. **BLR 09220 – Agreement for County Engineer’s Salary Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed and approved the recommendation for the County Engineer’s Salary Agreement with IDOT. Miles stated that if the State of Illinois eliminates this reimbursement program, the Engineer’s salary will revert back. Beeler reported this salary funding comes from motor fuel funds, not the general fund, which is helpful. **Motion by Miles and second by Bergen to approve signing the County Engineer’s Salary Agreement with IDOT. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.** (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 263).
4. **Resolution #2018-02, BLR 09221 – Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer’s Salary Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed IDOT’s recommendation of the Engineer’s Salary for Montgomery County in the amount of \$105,700. Greenwood’s current salary is \$85,500, and the committee discussed setting it at \$100,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve Resolution #2018-02, BLR 09221 appropriating funds for the payment of the County Highway Engineer’s Salary in the amount of \$100,500. ROLL CALL**

VOTE: 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 264-266).**

5. **Estimate of Cost to Repair Black Diamond Trail Update:** Miles reported the committee reviewed cost estimates to repair 6.7 miles of the Black Diamond Trail from Illinois Route 48 to Morrisonville Avenue in the amount of \$239,643. Miles stated the committee discussed and recommended allocating some coal funds for this project.
6. **CH 7 (Nokomis Road Extension) Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Approval:** Miles reported this preliminary agreement is with Hurst-Rosche, Inc of Hillsboro in the amount of \$97,773.11 for engineering work to be completed on County Highway #7 (the Nokomis Road Extension). He stated Hurst-Rosche has already done some preliminary work on this project and said after the project is complete, the City of Nokomis will maintain that section of the road. **Motion by Miles and second by Beeler to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Hurst-Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$97,773.11 for engineering services on County Highway #7, (Nokomis Road extension).** **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, See Resolution Book 16, pages 267-274).**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles stated there is no other business at this time.

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

1. **Health Department 2016 Maximum Levy Rate Update:** Beeler reported there is a question about the maximum levy rate for the Health Department's 2016 tax levy extension. She stated that the State's Attorney's Office is looking into this matter and will advise the committee about how to proceed.
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler stated the next negotiation meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8th, 2017. She also informed members Dynegy has recently merged with Vistra Energy and the Dynegy attorney told our appraiser this merger should not affect the current negotiations regarding the power plant assessment.
3. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler reported GIS Technician Cassidy Weller has resigned recently, and SOA Durston will be advertising for her replacement. Durston will be covering the mapping needs during this transition.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler referred members to the report, and stated there will be another property tax distribution from the Treasurer's office this week, which will transfer \$25,000 in funds back to the General Fund. Deabenderfer asked who approves the spending in the Coal fund (375), and Beeler replied all requests for coal funds must come to the Finance Committee for approval.
5. **Village of Ohlman Old School Building Demolition Update:** Beeler reported the building has been demolished and the invoice has been vouchered.
6. **CEFS Senior Trips Update:** Beeler reported the committee will address the request from CEFS transportation director Susan Love for additional funding recently requested

for Senior Trips from 2016 and 2017. Beeler will call Love and explain this funding was removed from the budget a few years ago.

7. **708 Board Quarterly Payments Approval:** Beeler reported the following funds will come from the 708 Board 2016 tax levy:

- Montgomery County Health Department - \$62,875.00
- Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 - \$16,029.00
- FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. - \$53,500.00

Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the quarterly payment to the Montgomery County Health Department in the amount of \$62,875.00. ROLL CALL VOTE:

19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed.

Motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the quarterly payment to the Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 in the amount of \$16,029.00. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the quarterly payment to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: 17 Yes, 1 No, 1 abstention and 2 Absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Graden voted No. Plunkett abstained. Jones and Sneed are absent. **Motion carried.**

8. **Travel Vouchers for the Sheriff's Department Update:** Beeler reported a memo will go out to all the offices regarding the need to attach conference, meal and lodging documentation to travel vouchers.
9. **FY 2018 Budget Changes and Recommendations Approval:** Beeler went through the Revenue and Expense reports page by page and referred to each of the highlighted changes that have taken place in the County Budget since last month's County Board meeting. She stated the General Fund Revenue is \$5,832,483 and expenses are \$5,713,109 for a difference of \$119,374 in the black. Beeler stated \$100,000 of that balance includes a transfer of coal funds, and if we don't need to transfer coal funds, we will be \$19,374 in the black. (For copy of revised budget, see Resolution Book 16, pages 275-308).
10. **Adopt the Aggregate Levy Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to recommend the adoption of the Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$6,487,888 at 4.9999% for FY 2018. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 17 Yes, 2 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two voting No were Bishop and Clark. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 309).**
11. **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Approval:** Clark stated he has been noticing how other counties have fewer board members, and he thinks we should cut the amount of county board members down to two members per district instead of the current three members per district. Beeler replied she and Plunkett researched that option, and the results were no savings because fewer members would do the same amount of work and attend more meetings. She also stated that many rural districts could lose representation because district lines are drawn based on population. Clark stated he thinks this will save some money in the long run. Beeler stated County Board re-districting can only be done after the 2020 census. **Motion by Beeler, second by Moore to Approve the Fiscal Year**

2018 Budget. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes – 19, Nays – 0 and absent 2. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.**

12. **FY 2017 Budget Appropriation, Levies and Resolutions Approval:** The following Resolutions were read by State's Attorney Bryant Hitchings and approved:

Resolution #17-08: Motion by Beeler and second by Hughes to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$ 21,050,285.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-09: Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution to pass the General Corporate Fund levy for the current taxable year in the amount of \$898,949.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-10: Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to pass the County Health Department levy in the amount of \$516,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-11: Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to approve the Resolution to pass the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund levy in the amount of \$1,291,789.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-12: Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the Resolution to pass the Social Security Fund levy in the amount of \$803,775.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-13: Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to pass the levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums in the amount of \$535,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-14: Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to pass Community Mental Health Board Tax levy in the amount of \$644,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-15: Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Fund levy in the amount of \$430,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution: #17-16: Motion by Beeler and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund levy in the amount of \$215,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-17: Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to pass the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund levy in the amount of \$215,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-18: Motion by Beeler and second by Bergen to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Litchfield Special Service Area in the amount of \$181,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-19: Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area in the amount of \$93,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-20: Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Nokomis/Witt Special Service Area in the amount of \$230,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-21: Motion by Beeler and second by Hughes to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Raymond/Harvel Special Service Area in the amount of \$54,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-22: Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area in the amount of \$72,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-23: Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the County Extension Service in the amount of \$154,925.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-24: Motion by Beeler and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Senior Citizen Social Services in the amount of \$111,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-25: Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance in the amount of \$41,950.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-26: Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments in the amount of \$62,519.00, Probation Officer in the amount of \$65,887.00, and the Assistant Probation Officers in the amount of \$188,920.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-27: Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Authorize State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of money not to exceed \$12,000.00. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of all Levy Resolutions, see Resolution Book 16, pages 310-330).

- 1. Other Business Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee will discuss IMRF pension obligations next month.

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

- 8. Property Casualty Insurance Renewal Presentation Approval:** Beck deferred to Illinois County Risk Management Trust Insurance Representative Tom Franzen, who shared the property casualty and workers compensation renewal costs for FY 2018. Franzen stated the workers compensation premium will decrease from \$65,036 to \$63,288 and reported the IMPG safety grant for 2018 will be \$6,474 and property casualty premiums decreased from \$244,672 to \$240,871 for 2018. Plunkett asked if the ICRMT fund balances are in good shape and Franzen stated they are stable and costs are trending down. Franzen stated he had inquiries about the possibility of earthquakes in our area and said he can provide more earthquake insurance coverage if requested. Beeler asked why the building coverage cost is less, and Franzen said all county buildings are appraised at a total of \$23,576,493 which is evaluated every five years by ICRMT. He said the next building appraisal will be completed in three years. Furness asked about flood insurance and Franzen stated we have up to \$5 million in flood coverage that can't be removed because of our location in flood plains. Franzen said personal property coverage is based on replacement cost except for construction and inland marine equipment. Young asked if leased and rented equipment is covered and Franzen replied affirmatively, and he said their company must be informed if we are leasing anything. Bishop asked about cyber liability needs, and Franzen reported cyber security exposure should be examined. He informed members of IPMG support and pre-loss training

services. Motion by Beck and second by Beeler to approve the ICRMT Property Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance for a total premium of \$304,159 for FY 2018. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. Motion carried. (For copy of ICRMT Renewal Overview, see Resolution Book 16, pages 331-334).

1. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser stated election preparation is going well and candidate petitions for county offices will be filed between November 27th and December 4th, 2017, at the County Clerk's office.
2. **Ohlman – Old School Property Update:** Graden stated that Ohlman Old school has been demolished and thanked everyone involved for helping resolve this issue.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beck reported there is no other business.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Chuck Graden as follows:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Graden reported the committee approved the purchase of a 2.5 gallon hot water for the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, and the walls of the jail have been painted. Graden stated the cleaning services at the Courthouse Complex have improved.
2. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Graden stated the jail roof is not currently leaking and the committee selected roof shingles with a 30 year warranty that are similar in color to those there already.
3. **Other Business Update:** Graden said there is no other business at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Savage stated the committee reviewed and discussed a summary of the maintenance that has been performed on the Green Diamond Bike Trail and will discuss this further with representatives of the Village of Waggoner. Beeler asked funds from the tourism revenue can be used on this need because it brings people here from other areas. Savage stated he asked Engineer Greenwood to take a look at the trail and bridges to see if work needs to be done. (For copy of Bike Trail Maintenance History, see Resolution Book 16, page 335).
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage stated the State's Attorney has reviewed the ordinance and it is ready to present to the full board for a 30 day review. Savage said the committee discussed the need to have an office administer the application process, and Savage will speak with Supervisor of Assessments Durston about this task.
3. **Planning Commission Update:** Savage said there is no update at this time.
4. **MCEDC Update:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Savage said the client is current with payments and communication has taken place with the bank regarding the pending sale of the business and the county will be paid off when the sale closes in December.
 - **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Savage stated the CEO Program is moving along well.

- Broadband/Fiber Project Update/Approval: Savage stated CTI is looking for an office in Hillsboro, and the first 300,000 feet of casing will be ordered.
- 5. IllinoisSouth Tourism Update: Savage deferred to MCEDC representative Valerie Belusko, who stated she doesn't have an update at this time.
- 6. Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update: Savage stated crews continue working on the clean up efforts at the Eagle Zinc Site.
- 7. Enterprise Zone Update: Savage deferred to Coordinator Chris Daniels, who gave an update on the Fall Enterprise Zone Conference and stated she will contact Consultant Craig Coil to start the new application in February, 2018.
- 8. West Central Development Update: Savage stated there was a special meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, in Carlinville to discuss a personnel issue, which has been addressed and management adjustments will be made.
- 9. Other Business Update: Savage reported Belusko will work on a support letter for the Dynege Power plant legislation.

E.M.A Report: - Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen as follows:

1. LEPC TTX 10/21/17: Bergen reported there were 93 participants who attended the LEPC training at the Magnuson Hotel at the Carlinville exit on October 21st, 2017. Graden stated he attended the meeting and reported it was very good.
2. IPWMAN – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network: Bergen stated this is a great program for local governments that offers disaster assistance of five days of road equipment and crews to help clean up debris for an annual fee of \$100 per year. He said EMA Director Nimmo is encouraging participation, and Donnellson, Hillsboro, Litchfield, Panama and Montgomery County are enrolled to date.
3. EOC Grant: Bergen reported EMA recently received a grant to upgrade some technology in the EMA Office.
4. Dakota Access Pipeline Energy Transfer Grant: Bergen reported we received a \$20,000 grant awarded by Dakota Access to the county recently, and first responders are planning to purchase a drone with the funds.
5. EOC Committee: Bergen reported supplies for Emergency Buckets were purchased, and buckets have been provided for each county office.
6. Other Business Update/Approval: Bergen reported there is no other business.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. Ambulance Billing Office Update: Bergen stated ambulance billing staff started the process of inventorying all the old ambulance billing records and are working with the State Archives for proper disposal procedures. He reported that letters were recently sent out to all the EMS districts to see if they want to keep their old files or have the county dispose of them.

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

1. Employee Health, Vision, Dental, Life Insurance Approval: Martin reported the committee reviewed the proposed dental, vision and life insurance as presented by Tony Johnston of CIBC. He stated that the renewal with the present carrier (Guardian) is going to increase by 19%, so Johnston found a similar plan with lower premiums from Lincoln Financial Group. This new plan costs 10% less than the current premiums employees are paying. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to approve the**

proposal from CIBC for the employee dental, vision and life insurance with Lincoln Financial Group. All in favor, motion carried. Martin reported Treasurer payroll employee Liz Holcomb informed him there are 23 employees who participate in the current Flex spending plan from TASC that offers pre-tax payroll deductions for medical and dependent care expenses. He stated the proposal from CIBC is for a new company called BPC to be the third party administrator at a cost of \$3.90 per month per employee, which would be a savings of \$1.74 per month per employee. **Motion by Martin and second by Beeler to approve the change from TASC to BPC as the third party administrator for the flex spending account. All in favor, motion carried.** Martin also reported that the committee reviewed a proposal from BPC to serve as the COBRA program administrator at \$.85 per eligible employee per month. We currently have one employee on the COBRA program. **Motion by Martin and second by Johnson to recommend BPC as the COBRA program administrator at \$.85 per participant per month. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:

- a. Local 1048 – Martin reported the Highway Department Mediation was held last night. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th, at 6:00 pm in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse.
- b. Local 773 – Jailers & Dispatchers – Waiting for dates to re-schedule.
- c. Local 773 – Recycling Center: Wage Opener – Martin reported business agent Bill Troutt has emailed a proposed wage increase, and the committee agreed to send a counter offer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Young expressed his sympathy to member Glenn Bishop for the recent passing of his father, Walter “Chick” Bishop.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder voiced his concern regarding the lack of communication between the County Board and the Deer Run Coal Mine officials and stated he feels the coal mine doesn’t care about the environmental impact of the combustion fire under ground. He thinks they are more concerned instead with their equipment that is still under ground and their insurance coverage. Schroeder would like to know what is going on with the fires, and Chairman Young pledged to provide an update in this matter.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore:** Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Books & Moore. Voice Vote: 18 members in favor, Moore abstained, 2 members absent (Jones and Sneed). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to ADJOURN the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.