

# Montgomery County Board

## Minutes

**For Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 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 - 19 members present, 2 members absent.

**Members Present:** Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Robert Mulch, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Donna Yeske, and Evan Young.

**Members Absent:** Kirby Furness and Megan Beeler

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag** was led by U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Captain John Rossi who was in attendance with the EPA inspection team.

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:** Motion by Hughes and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. **Roll Call Vote:** Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske and Young. Absent were Beeler and Furness. 19 members yes, 0 members no, two absent. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Wendel and second by Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018. 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 ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. Highway Department Report --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. Probation Office Report ---- Banee 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 – report was submitted.
11. Sheriff's Report ---- Undersheriff Rick Robbins was present and reported two employees have recently resigned to take positions with the Illinois State Police. He said a Correctional Officer position and Sheriff's Deputy position was advertised recently and an orientation for applicants will take place this Friday at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.
12. SOA Report ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
13. Treasurer's Report ---- Jay Martin – Martin stated the Coal Report is in members' packets and real estate taxes are now being collected routinely. Martin reported about \$7.4 million has been collected in real estate taxes so far and they will do a tax distribution to the taxing bodies either this Friday or next Monday.
14. V.A.C. Report ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Miles and second by Yeske to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

## LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** –Earlene Robinson reported the 708 board met last night to review and approve this year's applications for a total award distribution of \$595,200. She provided the total monetary award for each approved organization, as follows: FAYCO requested and was awarded \$194,000 after receiving \$214,000 last year; Montgomery County Health Department requested \$304,280, but was awarded \$244,280; they received \$240,000 last year; Continuing Recovery Center requested and received a one-time award of \$3,000 for this year after receiving \$27,000 last year; TASC requested and received a one-time award of \$6,500 for this year; they received \$8,000 last year; UCAN requested \$30,000 but will receive a one-time award of \$15,000, and they received \$35,000 last year; SAAD requested \$50,000, but was awarded \$35,000 after receiving \$46,050 last year. Robinson also said first time requestors Panhandle School District and Litchfield School District requested and received 708 board funds, and stated the Litchfield District requested \$58,468 and was awarded \$55,000, and the Panhandle School District requested \$51,835 and was awarded \$42,420. Robinson concluded her report by stating each recipient will need to submit a semiannual report with the first report due at the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 708 Board meeting.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported they will meet tonight.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen stated he will give his report during the EMA report.
- **Health Department** – Mulch stated they will meet later this month.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – no meetings.
- **MCEDC** –Mulch stated MCEDC grant writer Dan Rogers resigned recently, so they hired Nancy Slepicka for that position. He said they are currently planning the MCEDC Summit in October which will include a meal and motivational speakers, with the focus on technology and problem-solving. Mulch reported MCEDC Director Belusko is drafting grant paperwork so organizations will have an opportunity to apply for tourism funds generated from the hotels located in the county. Mulch reported the City of Nokomis requested and received \$500 for fireworks.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated they met last Wednesday and are working on different ideas for the county and also looking at updating membership on the Planning Commission.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported they met in June and reviewed the budget requests to be presented at the Finance Committee budget hearings.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated they will have a three day meeting and seminar in Galena, Illinois, starting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- **U of I** – Beck reported they will meet again in October and there are currently two seats open on the U of I Extension board.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated there is nothing new to report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Evan Young:

1. **Opioid Litigation Class Action Suit Update:** Chairman Young stated Undersheriff Robbins and State's Attorney Hitchings will provide statistics about opioid abuse in the county. Thus better information will be available before a decision is made about joining this litigation.

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

1. **Resolution #2018-18 to appropriate funds for 1179 B-CA, North 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 50% Nokomis Township/50% County Project Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed and approved replacing a 72" pipe in Nokomis Township for a total of \$12,000 which is a 50% county project in the amount of \$6,000. Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2018-18 to appropriate funds for 1179 B-CA on North 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Nokomis Township for a 50% county project for \$6,000. All in Favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 17, pages 109-110).

2. **Dakota Access Pipeline Project Update:** Miles reported Engineer Greenwood and State's Attorney Hitchings met recently to complete and mail the forms to Liberty Mutual Bond Company regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. He said Dakota Access will be given another chance to pay the claims or negotiate a settlement, and we are waiting on a response from the bond company.
3. **Highway Department Building Improvements Update:** Miles reported the committee discussed options for making improvements to the current Highway Department buildings, or looking for another building, or building a new building.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Mike Plunkett:

1. **Montgomery County Predictable Recording Fee Ordinance Update:** Clerk Leitheiser shared a copy of the Montgomery County Predictable Recording Fee Ordinance for review. She stated state law has changed to require all Recorders have fees that are a flat rate and that will not require customers to count pages to determine the correct fee. She said if this ordinance is passed at next month's meeting, the standard recording fees will be increased from the current fee of \$75 for the first four pages with \$1 for each additional page to \$79.00 to record any amount of standard size pages. Leitheiser said this recording fee is still comparable to other counties in Illinois, and we shouldn't lose any revenue as a result of this change. If passed at the August, 2018, County Board meeting, this new fee will be implemented on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
2. **Pre-Paid Vendor List Revisions Update:** Plunkett reported the committee reviewed and approved the revised Pre-Paid Vendor List to delete Direct Energy, Homefield Energy, and United Office Systems and to add Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP, National Maintenance & Cleaning Incorporated and AEP Energy. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Miles to revise the Pre-Paid Vendor list as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 17, pages 111-112).**
3. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Plunkett stated the Capital Improvement Fund Report was explained earlier in the Treasurer's report.
4. **FY 2019 Budget Hearings Update:** Plunkett reported the first day of budget hearings was held on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>; and they worked through lunch to complete hearings by 2:30 pm. He said hearings will be held again at 8:30 am on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the County Board room. Plunkett stated the committee goes through the county \$20,000,000 budget line by line, and the budget will be voted on at the November, 2018 meeting. Plunkett also reported we don't have renewal numbers for employee health insurance yet so nothing has been budgeted for that expense.
5. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel # 18-23-460-001 in Fillmore Township to the Village of Fillmore Approval:** Plunkett reported the committee reviewed and approved conveying the Trustee Deed to the Village of Fillmore. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #18-23-460-001 in Fillmore Township to the Village of Fillmore. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 17, pages 113-114).**
5. **Lipe Construction Invoice for Replacement of Jail Roof Approval:** Plunkett reported the invoice for the replacement of the jail roof was not received in time to pay it at last month's meeting, so we need to pay it this month. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Graden to approve the invoice to Lipe Construction for the replacement of the Jail roof in the amount of \$75,792.50. ROLL CALL Vote: 19 Yes – 0, No -- 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, and Young. Absent: Beeler and Furness. Motion carried.**
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

**H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairwoman Connie Beck:

1. **Elections Update:** Leitheiser reported she recently attended a conference in Bloomington regarding election cybersecurity. She stated County Clerks are hopeful there will be grant funds to help pay for cybersecurity needs. She reported Early Voting for the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 election starts September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

2. **Election Judge Commission Approval:** Leitheiser shared a list of the Democrat and Republican Election Judges approved by the Democrat and Republican Central Committee Chairmen, which is done every two years. She asked the board to approve this list of Election Judges so they can then be commissioned by the Circuit Court to perform their official Election Judge duties. **Motion by Beck and second by Jones to approve the list of Elections Judges. Robinson abstained. All others present are in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported recycled cardboard prices are down due to the trade problems with China, but recycled office paper prices have increased. Beck also reported the committee is discussing different options to replace the current baler.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program Update:** Beck reported there are ten dogs and ten cats currently at the facility and she reminded everyone to make sure their pets are up to date on their rabies shots according to state law.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

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

1. **Smart Watt Energy Survey Audit Agreement Update:** Sneed reported Smart Watt will be installing logging instruments this week to be used to monitor energy usage in the county buildings. Smart Watt will bring the committee up to speed at the next committee meeting.
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported Jacky DeWitt sold the cleaning business to her grandson Tyler Ross.
3. **LED Lighting Preplacement Program Update:** Sneed reported they are ready to replace the lights in the Historic Courthouse next week.
4. **Attorney/Client Private Conference areas for New Courthouse Update:** Sneed reported the committee discussed the letter from Judge Jim Roberts explaining the standards now required per Illinois Law in the Courthouse Complex for every courtroom to have at least two rooms or adequately portioned areas in the adjacent public lobby for private attorney/client and litigant conferences. Sneed said Judge Roberts has been exploring and investigating some options to address and remedy these deficiencies with our existing facilities. Sneed stated he will contact Judge Roberts and set up a meeting to review these options to alleviate these issues cost effectively.
5. **Building Computer Security Issues Update/:** Sneed reported he had a meeting with Insurance representative Tom Franzen and Information Technology Director Curt Watkins regarding some security issues with the location of some of the computer servers. He said further discussions will take place to remedy the issues and costs will be researched for budgeting purposes.
6. **Invoice for Lipe Construction – Jail Roof and Landscaping Update:** Sneed reported Lipe Construction split the cost of landscaping with the county.
7. **Pictures from Roof of Historic Courthouse for Imagine Hillsboro Update:** Sneed reported he talked with GIS Coordinator Kevin Brink to have photos taken from the Historic Courthouse roof for the Imagine Hillsboro group.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given By Committee Chairman Glenn Savage:

1. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Savage introduced the following guest speakers to give an update on cleanup efforts at the Eagle Zinc Site: Margaret Gielniewski with US EPA, Nicole Wilson with IL EPA and Captain John Rossie with the Army Corp of Engineers. They each shared information, maps and photos of cleanup work started last April. Gielniewski explained the cleanup efforts have taken longer because they found underground tunnels about 15 feet below the surface where the concrete is about 24” thick. Rossi reported they have daily air monitoring located in six locations around the perimeter of the 132 acre site, and there has not been any detection of problems with air quality. Gielniewski said there are 25 to 30 employees working at the site, and a good portion of them are local workers. She said the contaminated debris will be moved to a 10 acre containment cell on the west side of the property lined with two feet of clay. She also said the City of Hillsboro is in talks to purchase the property from the current

owner once the cleanup is completed next spring. Gielniewski also said once the project is done, there will be a 5 to 8 acre wetland area with ditches and fencing around the cell to help with erosion, and there will be semiannual monitoring of the site.

2. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Savage reported the committee will spend about \$2,000 for repairs to the Green Diamond Bike trail this year and will put \$9,000 for oil and chip work for this site in the FY 2019 budget.
3. **Montgomery County School Study Approval:** Savage reported the Economic Development Committee recommends \$10,000 to fund the Montgomery County School Study. **Motion by Savage and second by Hughes to give \$10,000 to the MCEDC for the Montgomery County School Study from County Fund 375 (Coal Fund).** Savage asked Mulch to explain the project to members. Mulch stated several months ago, All Scripts representative Jim Hewitt spoke to the County Board about barriers keeping his employees from re-locating to Montgomery County. The issues cited were high property taxes, lack of housing and the need for improved ratings for our schools. Mulch stated he and a small group of concerned citizens from Hillsboro and Litchfield have formed a School Study Commission and have been meeting with school officials and they would now like to hire a consultant to evaluate the needs of the county schools. Mulch reported the study will cost \$18,000 to \$20,000 and the group has been fund raising to pay for the cost of the study. Mulch explained the group is fundraising through the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation's 501C3 status, so donated funds can be tax deductible. Mulch stated the primary goal of this project is to improve the education infrastructure of the schools, and once the study is completed the School Study Commission will present it to each of the school boards within the county. Jeremy Jones stated to locate a Vocational School in our county is very important, and asked if this would be part of the school study. Mulch replied we will have to wait and look at the results of the study. **All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

**E.M.A and AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen:

**Ambulance Billing Report:**

1. **Monthly Report Update:** Bergen said the committee reviewed the ambulance billing reports.
2. **Ambulance Contracts Update:** Bergen said the five ambulance district contracts have been received, and EMA Office representative Sherry Greenwood reported ambulance revenue has increased and a \$70,000 deposit was made on Friday since the Litchfield Medicare issue was resolved. He said Greenwood also reported there is a \$500 fee for getting information stored on the internet "Cloud" for the City of Litchfield and the City will pay the fee. Bergen reported the Ambulance Contracts were received, but not all the proof of insurance documents have been received as required by the contract, so Greenwood will follow up to get the needed documents.
3. **Five Ambulance District Contracts Approval:**  
**Motion by Bergen and second by Beck to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement pending getting proof of insurance. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Bergen and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Bergen and second by Wendel to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Agreement pending proof of insurance. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Bergen and second by Johnson to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement pending proof of insurance. All in favor, motion carried.**  
**Motion by Bergen and second by Jones to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**

**EMA Report:**

1. **ETSB – 911 Board Update:** Bergen reported the ETSB/911 board sent a letter to the County Board on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 giving a 90 day notification to the Sheriff stating they are terminating the current intergovernmental agreement for centralized dispatching services. Bergen stated EMA Director/911 Coordinator Greg Nimmo does not report to the Sheriff any longer and will instead report to the ETSB Board and the EMA Committee, effective immediately. Bergen stated the intergovernmental

agreement with the Sheriff's office was implemented in 2010 when 911 funding was decreasing due to dwindling funds received from the land line 911 surcharge. Bergen said legislation has changed to include 911 fees for cell phones so the funding has increased and the ETSB board feels they can now financially support the dispatching services.

2. **EMA Committee Meeting Time Change Update/Approval:** Bergen said the committee discussed and approved changing the monthly EMA Committee meeting time to 8:30 am on the first Monday of the month at the EMA Office in the Courthouse Complex.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Robert Mulch:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:**
  - HRA Report – The committee reviewed the Health Reimbursement Account report submitted by CIBC representative Amanda Mast and she said we are doing great.
  - LFPC and Health Alliance – Mulch reported Litchfield Family Practice gave an official notification to Health Alliance stating as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the contract will end unless they can negotiate better reimbursements. Mulch said CIBC has asked for quotes from other insurance carriers just in case the negotiations are not successful.
2. **Supreme Court's Janus Decision Regarding "Fair Share" Provisions Update/Approval:** Mulch reported the committee reviewed the correspondence from County Labor Attorney Guare regarding the Supreme Court's decision on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, that stated "fair share" union dues are unconstitutional and should stop immediately. Mulch stated this ruling affected four county employees and those deductions were stopped.
3. **Executive Session to Discuss Union Contract with Local 773 Correctional Officers Update/Approval:** Motion by Yeske and second by Wendel to enter into executive session to discuss the Local 773 Correction Officers' union contract. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:05 am  
Motion by Hughes and second by Bishop to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:15 am  
Motion by Mulch and second by Plunkett to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Sheriff's Department Correctional Officers in Local 773. All in favor, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Chairman Young stated the EMA committee changed their meeting time to 8:30 am on the first Monday of the month starting in August, 2018.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Motion by Clark and second by Hughes to re-appoint Bill Kinney as a Commissioner to the Litchfield Airport Authority Board for a five year term. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Bill Schroeder stated he was at a meeting with IDNR Officials in Carlinville recently and was told the Deer Run Coal mine was permanently closed. He asked why the remediation process hasn't started yet, and Chairman Young said he hadn't received information saying the Coal Mine was permanently closed. Schroeder stated he also wonders why there have not been any solutions or answers about the underground fire at the coal mine site, and said the county needs to be more proactive about checking what is going on with the coal mine. Chairman Young replied he will find out more information and report this back to the board. Citizen Karyl Dressen expressed her appreciation for the county recycling program and asked for continued County Board financial support for recycling, despite budget hardships.

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, and Point of Light**  
Motion by Wendel and second by Deabenderfer to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Book & Moore. and Point of Light. Voice Vote: In favor –17, Against – 0, Absent – 2 (Beeler and Furness), Abstain – 2 (Moore and Bishop). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Plunkett and second by Miles to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, August, 14th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Robinson and second by Graden to ADJOURN the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

