

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, April 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, April 10th, 2018 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 - 20 members present, 1 member absent.

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

Member Absent: Jay Martin

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag: was led by Glenn Bishop.

Jay Martin Resignation Letter Approval: Martin's letter was read by Chairman Young. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, page 32). **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to accept the letter of resignation from Jay Martin representing County Board District #3. All in favor, motion carried.**

County Board Member Appointment Approval: Chairman Young stated he appoints Donna Yeske to replace Jay Martin to fill the vacancy to represent County Board District #3. **Motion by Graden and second by Savage to approve the appointment of Donna Yeske to fill the vacancy in County Board District #3. All in favor, motion carried.**

County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser administered the Official Oath to Donna Yeske. After the Oath was administered, Yeske was seated as a member of the County Board.

Roll call was taken to include newly appointed County Board member - 21 members present, 0 members absent.

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

Jay Martin Appointment as County Treasurer Approval: **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to appoint Jay Martin as the Montgomery County Treasurer effective April 10th, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.**

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: **Motion by Moore and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. Roll call vote:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: **Motion by Sneed and second by Hughes to approve the Minutes of the previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report for February was submitted, no report for March.
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** ---- Bancee 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** ---- Jim Vazzi - was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Jay Martin – report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt – report was submitted.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated the 708 Board met last night and received seven applications for the new funding year. Robinson reported the 708 Board will meet next month and applicants were informed the first payout will be in November or December, 2018. Robinson reported the Health Department will not take their fourth quarter payment of \$62,875 because they don't need it, and the UCAN (United Child Advocacy Network) received an additional \$25,000 because there is a great need for this program in our area. Deabenderfer asked how many school districts applied for 708 funds, and Robinson stated two school districts had applied.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported the LIHEAP Program is going strong and as of 3/26/18 they took over 769 applications for heating assistance and helped 70 customers with utility reconnect assistance. Robinson stated CEFS is offering a soup and salad meal from 4 pm to 7 pm on Tuesday nights at the Litchfield Community Center for a \$3.00 donation.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported they will meet on April 17th, 2018.
- **Health Department** – No report this month.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett, Bergen – Nothing new to report.
- **MCEDC** – Mulch stated they will have their annual meeting at the Litchfield Country Club this Thursday at 6:00 pm.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated they met recently and are researching ideas to offer incentives to revitalize derelict homes.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported they will work on getting pot holes repaired in the parking lot of the Senior Citizens Center and were asking the Taylor Springs mayor for assistance.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated they had two speakers at their recent meeting- the topics included a review of the recent election and overview of State of Illinois agency services.

- U of I – Beck stated there is nothing new to report.
- WCDC – Wendel stated they will have a meeting on April 19th, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young:

1. **Resolution #5-2018 Designating April 2018 as “Autism Awareness Month” in Montgomery County Illinois Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser read the resolution designating April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month. **Motion by Mulch and second by Jones to approve Resolution 35-2018 Designating April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, page 33).** Lynn Sellers of the Autism Support Connections and TASC Chairman Bill Draper talked about the mission of the group and thanked board members for their support. They told how the 708 board funding is helping their organization by assisting children and young adults with autism function in our community.
2. **Review of Executive Session Minutes Approval:** Executive Session and action was taken at the end of the full board meeting.
3. **Other Business Update:** None

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

1. **Resolution #2018-11 to appropriate funds for 1172 B-CA, Donnellson Ave., 100% County Project Approval:** Miles reported this resolution is to replace the pipe with a 24 inch poly-coated pipe, which is a 100% county project for a cost of \$5,500 to be paid from the County Aid to Bridge fund. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve Resolution #2018-11 to appropriate funds for 1172 B-CA on Donnellson Avenue in the amount of \$5,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 34-35).**
2. **Resolution #2018-12 to appropriate funds for 1173 B-CA, Donnellson Ave., 100% County Project Approval:** Miles reported this resolution is to replace the pipe with a 42 inch pipe, which is a 100% county project for a cost of \$9,500 to be paid from the County Aid to Bridge fund. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve Resolution #2018-12 to appropriate funds for 1173 B-CA on Donnellson Avenue in the amount of \$9,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 36-37).**
3. **Resolution #2018-13 to appropriate funds for 1174 B-CA, Seeding Various Shoulders, 100% County Project Approval:** Miles reported this resolution is to seed various shoulders and ditches covering approximately 4.25 acres on areas reshaped last fall. The cost will be \$5,000 and will be paid from the Federal Aid Match Funds. **Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to approve Resolution #2018-13 to appropriate funds for 1174 B-CA, seeding various shoulders and ditches in the amount of \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 38-39).**
4. **Resolution #2018-14 to appropriate funds for 1175 B-CA, Niemanville Trail, 100% County Project Approval:** Miles reported this resolution is to replace the pipe with 54 inch pipe which is a 100% county project for a cost of \$10,000 to be paid from the County Aid to Bridge fund. **Motion by Miles and second by Wendel**

to approve Resolution #2018-14 to appropriate funds for 1175 B-CA on Niemanville Trail in the amount of \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 40-41).

5. **Resolution #2018-15 to appropriate funds for 1176 B-CA, North 17th Avenue, 50% Irving Township and 50% County Project Approval:** Miles reported this resolution is to replace the pipe with a 72 inch pipe, which is a 50% split between township and county with the county cost of \$6,000 to be paid from the County Aid to Bridge fund. **Motion by Miles and second by Johnson to approve Resolution #2018-15 to appropriate funds for 1176 B-CA on North 17th Avenue in the amount of \$6,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 42-43).**
6. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Miles reported Engineer Greenwood hasn't heard anything from the parent company Energy Transfer. He said State's Attorney Hitchings sent out a letter giving them a 90 day notice to respond by April 9th, 2018, and Hitchings stated he called them yesterday with no news yet.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairperson Megan Beeler:

1. **County Audit Report for FY 2017 Update:** Beeler deferred to Rick Gratza and Paul Osborne of Kerber Eck and Braeckel, who gave a presentation and explained the results of the FY 2017 county audit. Gratza stated they used three auditing standards and offered an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion they can provide for an audit. He reported they didn't find any complaints about internal controls regarding the county finances and stated they have a few recommendations for improvements. He suggested the county strengthen budget controls when funds are over their allotted amounts for the year; he suggested the creation of an accounting procedural manual for employees; he encouraged the timely filing of annual economic interest statements, and he informed members about utilizing "positive pay" banking procedures. He stated KEB can help by providing a template as a starting point for the accounting procedural manual and by giving more information about "positive pay" banking. Gratza stated they used the cash basis of accounting and there were no monthly changes and no disagreements with management. He said there was an increase in revenue of \$1,078,226 of which taxes were up \$744,644 due to 708 Board funding implementations as well as increases in other areas. Gratza stated the expenses were down \$1,101,414, mainly as a result of a reduction in county costs for employee health insurance. Gratza ended his report by stating county staff members were very cooperative while working on the audit. Beeler thanked KEB for their hard work and asked board members to review the audit findings for the next 30 days in anticipation of full board approval of the audit next month.
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Approval:** Beeler reported the county taxing district negotiating team has worked on the power plant assessment issue for months, and the agreement is now ready to present to the full board for an approval. Beeler explained this is a four year contract which was negotiated to a tax bill amount for Dynegy each year. She stated the assessment of the power plant is going from \$54 million to \$32 million this year, and Dynegy would only agree to a minimum tax to pay versus agreeing on an assessed amount. Beeler stated the Hillsboro School district superintendent has been involved with the negotiation process and will take the largest hit

with about a \$1 million loss in tax revenue. She said the state aid formula will pick up some of the loss next year, and Dynegy will help make up some of the deficit with additional "pilot" funds to make it easier for the school district to budget. Beeler stated county board members Plunkett and Young were part of the negotiating team and this was a favorable outcome, since they have heard about Jasper County who went to the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) and lost and had to pay money back. In another county the power plant didn't pay their taxes for two years.

Beeler stated the taxing districts with funds not at the top of their levy fund rate will get all their tax funds. She shared the 708 Board is at the maximum of their fund levy and won't get all their money. Beeler stated if the power plant shuts down, this agreement will revert to reflect the change in capacity because it is based on productivity. She said if they close the doors completely, the agreement will be null and void, and the power plant will be re-assessed. Beeler explained power plants and automobile manufacturers are the only parcel types where the law allows these types of agreements with taxing districts to negotiate real estate taxes. Beeler added our consultant felt we came out favorably, and she encourages members to approve this agreement so we can move forward with our tax cycle.

Yeske asked what will hold Dynegy accountable to this agreement and how would we know if they shut down a unit. Beeler responded this agreement is based on their present maximum capacity. **Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the power plant Assessment Agreement with Dynegy Energy. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler stated one of the reasons we have a four year agreement is to have the ability to re-negotiate at the five year mark. Beeler reported State's Attorney Hitchings was also included in the negotiating meetings along with all the taxing districts who helped pay a portion of the consultant bill. Beeler stated the initial offer of the power plant was to lower the assessed value to \$16 million, but it is assessed at \$32 million. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 44-59).**

3. **Health Department Maximum Levy Rate Update:** Beeler stated there is no additional information at this time.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated there is no report this month.
5. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel # 13-06-381-002 in Witt Township to Timothy J. Brumberlow Approval:** Committee reviewed and discussed the resolution. **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #13-06-381-002 in Witt Township to Timothy J. Brumberlow. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, page 60).**
6. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel # 08-14-361-001 in Nokomis Township to Daniel H. Francis Approval:** Committee reviewed and discussed the resolution. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #08-14-361-001 in Nokomis Township to Daniel H. Francis. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, page 61).**
7. **U of I Extension Agreement Approval:** Beeler called upon U of I Extension Director Amanda Cole to give a report. Cole introduced Starr Shooters 4 H member Erin Kistner and asked her to give a report on some of their programs, such as collecting plastic bottles for recycling, collecting items for the food pantries, preparing supply buckets for flood

victims and participating in angel tree collections. Kistner also gave an update on learning about careers in workshops. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to recommend the approval of the Agreement with the U of I Extension in the amount of \$154,925. All in favor, motion carried.**

8. **Information Systems Needs Update:** Beeler stated we approved expenses last month for additional IT training, and IT Manager Curt Watkins is checking into some free cybersecurity training for employees with ICRMT.
9. **Elected Officials' Salary Approval:** Beeler stated we are obligated by State Law to set the elected official salaries for Treasurer, Sheriff, County Clerk, and Coroner 180 days before they take office and the Finance Committee had a lengthy conversation at their meeting April 9th about this issue. Beeler reported in 2016 the salary for the Coroner was discussed when we were facing a \$1 million deficit and the motion failed to cut the salary by 10%, so the salary will stay the same for four years for our seated Coroner. She stated because of this circumstance, precedence was set and we have one of these Elected Officials with a salary freeze. She said that Finance Committee discussion also included the employee raises given in the past to union and non-union employees, and the need to set the non-union salaries next month in May prior to budget hearings. Beeler said the salary of the Circuit Clerk traditionally has been also set at this time even though State Law allows this salary to be set annually, but Circuit Clerk Lemons informed the Finance Committee she wants a two year pay freeze in return for consideration for Circuit Clerk staff salaries scheduled for union negotiations later this year. Plunkett stated that the Finance Committee approved a salary increase for the County Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer of \$520 per year, and that amount is based on a .25 cent per hour raise for working a 40 hour work week. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Furness to give a salary increase of \$520 per year for each of the four years for the County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff.**

Deabenderfer asked if this is comparable with other counties, and Beeler replied our elected officials are paid 6 to 7 percent higher than the state average according to the 2018 UCCI salary survey from which she compared counties with similar EAV and population. McDonough County was close in comparison for both. **Beeler stated she would like to amend the original motion by freezing the salaries for the Sheriff and Treasurer in years one and two and then give them a \$520 increase for years three and four, leaving the County Clerk to receive \$520 a year. No second to the amendment motion was given.** Beeler stated the amendment would not pertain to the County Clerk/Recorder since she is an incumbent returning to office.

Graden stated these positions are very important to this county and should be given an increase; Bergen stated he agrees with Graden.

Beeler stated we have an elected official right now who is not getting an increase, and that precedence was set with that position so it should continue now.

Moore stated whoever is elected as Sheriff or Treasurer will get a substantial raise from what they are currently making.

Clark stated as a candidate for Illinois State Representative, he is not running for elected office for the money; and doesn't believe that county elected officials should run for these offices for the money either, so he believes all of their salaries should be frozen for four years.

Beeler stated she recalls that the Information Systems Supervisor received a pay increase and it didn't come close to the person who retired and the Information Services (IS) Supervisor is not even in the 10% rank for IS Supervisors in the State.

Mulch stated he has a problem giving newly elected officials a salary increase. **Roll Call Vote on Beeler's amendment: 11 No, 10 Yes, Motion failed. Voting Yes to freeze newly elected official Treasurer and Sheriff salaries for the first two years of their terms were:** Beeler, Clark, Hughes, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, and Young. **Voting No were:** Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Plunkett, Robinson, and Savage.

Sneed said he would like to make an amendment to the motion to let the newly elected officials of Treasurer and Sheriff start with a freeze in their first year and then give them \$520 per year salary increase for the remainder of their term for three years and the County Clerk would receive \$520 per year for each of the four years. Beeler stated she would second this motion. **Roll Call Vote: 11 No, 10 Yes, Motion failed. Voting Yes to freeze newly elected officials salaries for the first year were:** Beeler, Hughes, Johnson, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, and Young. **Voting No were:** Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Jones, Plunkett, Robinson and Savage.

The failure of these amendments, meant a vote on the Original Motion, which was as follows: **Motion by Plunkett and second by Furness to give an annual salary increase of \$520 per year for each of the four years for the County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff. Roll Call Vote: 18 Yes and 3 No Votes. Voting Yes were:** Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, and Young. **Voting No were:** Beeler, Clark and Hughes. **Motion carried.**

10. **FY 2019 Budget Hearings Update:** Beeler stated the FY 2019 budget hearings are scheduled for Monday, July 9th and Monday July 16th, 2018 in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse starting at 8:00 am.
11. **Electric Rate Bids for May 2018 Update:** Beeler said the committee discussed and approved putting out a request for proposals for the electric rate bids and plan to open them before the full board meeting in May.
12. **IRS Mileage Reimbursement Approval:** Beeler reported the IRS mileage reimbursement went from 53.5 cents to 54.5 cents for 2018. **Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to increase the mileage reimbursement to \$.545 cents per mile. All in favor, motion carried.**
13. **Opioid Litigation Class Action Suit Update/Approval:** Beeler reported we need to address the opioid litigation class action suit, and Chairman Young stated this will be assigned to another committee.
14. **Weed Control Superintendent Update:** Beeler reported we were notified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture we are in non-compliance for not having a noxious weed enforcer, and Chairman Young stated this issue will be assigned to a committee.
15. **Mileage and Per Diem for Sara Batty Approval:** Beeler reported the mileage and per diem for this employee needs to be approved because it went over the state and county board ordinance allowance for lodging. **Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the mileage and per diem for Sara Batty's travel. All in favor, motion carried.**

16. **Executive Session for Litigation Update:** Beeler announced the State's Attorney will be asked to look into this issue.
17. **Other Business Update:** None

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

1. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser reported everything went well with the March Primary election, and she stated there was a successful re-tabulation of State Board of Elections' selected precinct and early voting ballots through their Election tabulators with identical results to those reported on Election Day.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported the small white box truck is currently down for repairs. Young stated the parts will cost about \$1,400 plus labor. Beck also reminded everyone the Electronics Recycling Drive is scheduled in Hillsboro this Saturday, April 14th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
3. **Animal Control Facility/Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported things are going well at the facility. They are currently housing eight dogs and no cats.

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

1. **Smart Watt Conservation Energy Audit Approval:** Sneed introduced Smart Watt representative Orry Cummings, who gave a presentation regarding the energy audit to the full board and answered questions.

Cummings said this is a performance energy savings proposal, and Smart Watt will give us an update on the savings each year. He stated there will be no costs to the county and showed the project could be self-funded.

Beeler asked how long the contract would be. Cummings replied it is typically a deferred payment for 12 months so the county could bank the savings in energy costs to help pay the loan.

Sneed reported Smart Watt is required to guarantee savings to the county as part of the agreement, and the next step would be to advertise for a "request for qualifications." He said this process could take six months before there is any construction or installation, and then will take about 9 to 12 months to complete the projects. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to proceed with Request for Qualifications for the Energy Audit. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported the mower is ready and the Courthouse Complex lobby lights have been fixed. He also stated that maintenance representative Brown reported the cleaning services at the Courthouse Complex have improved.
3. **LED Lighting Preplacement Program Update:** Sneed reported A & D Electric will begin work soon to replace about 1,000 bulbs in the Historic Courthouse with LED bulbs.
4. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Sneed reported Lipe Construction will be starting the work to replace the Jail roof next week.
5. **Other Business Update:** Jones inquired about the status of the water fountains at the Courthouse Complex, and Sneed replied there are issues with the availability of parts at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given By Committee
Chairperson Glenn Savage:

1. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Savage reported he visited the Waggoner entrance of the Green Diamond Bike Trail and stated he will be working with the Waggoner Mayor on this issue.
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Approval:** Savage reported this ordinance was given to the board members for a thirty day review. The Planning Commission also reviewed the final draft at their meeting last week. Discussion took place regarding the set back of 500 feet from a residence. Chairman Young stated the Planning Commission and other county ordinances approved the 500 feet setback. **Motion by Savage and second by Sneed approve the Ordinance for Solar Energy Farm and Solar Garden Installations in Unincorporated Montgomery County, Illinois. Hughes stated he would like to amend the setback from a residence from 500 feet to zero feet. Motion seconded by Bishop.**

Deabenderfer stated the Planning Commission has reviewed this topic for several months and their recommendation is the setback be 500 feet from a residence, but there is a provision in the ordinance where the homeowner can agree to less than the 500 foot setback with a waiver.

Planning Commission member Toni McDonough stated the 500 foot setback was selected because this is a standard setback for airports, and it is also needed to protect neighbors from the glare of the commercial solar operation.

Bishop stated he thinks 500 feet is too much and this can't be compared to an airport.

Hughes added he didn't think it was the county's place to tell people what they could do with their property. He said that Christian County's ordinance didn't have a setback, so he is concerned that solar farms would choose to locate there instead of our county, which would negatively affect economic development efforts in our county.

Chairman Young stated he felt the county should protect homeowners. **Roll Call Vote: 17 No and 4 Yes. Amendment Fails. Voting No were:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske, and Young. **Voting Yes were:** Bishop, Clark, Hughes and Plunkett.

Savage then re-stated the original motion and Hughes amended the motion to a 250 foot setback instead of 500 foot setback, Mulch seconded that motion.

Planning Commissioner Schroeder stated they were trying to keep homeowners happy and trying to protect the property values of the neighbors by implementing the 500 foot setback.

Beeler stated the Planning Commission is made up of professional people who have worked on this ordinance for months, so she supports their recommendation.

Bishop stated he feels solar farms are being restricted with a 500 foot set back. Schroeder responded he felt the ordinance covered this concern with the waiver and there is no need to change it.

Clark stated the county needs to support economic development and Jones stated he felt the 250 foot barrier was a compromise.

Furness asked if the ordinance was approved, could it be changed in the near future if needed. Chairman Young replied affirmatively. **Roll Call Vote on the second amendment: 15 No and 6 Yes. Amendment Fails. Voting No were:** Beck, Beeler,

Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske and Young. **Voting Yes were:** Bishop, Clark, Hughes, Jones, Mulch, and Plunkett.

Plunkett asked about the upfront fee for decommissioning the solar farm. Toni McDonough stated the fee amount depends on the size of the farm, and it would not all have to be paid up front.

Savage re-stated the original motion, which was as follows: **Motion by Savage and second by Sneed approve the Ordinance for Solar Energy Farm and Solar Garden Installations in Unincorporated Montgomery County, Illinois. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes were:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske and Young. **Voting No was Hughes. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 62-80).**

3. **Planning Commission Update:** Savage reported the Planning Commission met and discussed ideas for some tax incentives for property owners to make improvements to their properties. He deferred to MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko, who shared a brief overview of the incentives for the property rehabilitation idea.
4. **MCEDC Update:** Savage deferred to Belusko, who reported the CEO Marketplace event will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 starting at 5:30 pm at the LLCC Auditorium in Litchfield. She also shared next year's CEO students will be announced at the trade show.
5. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update/Approval:** Savage reported the committee approved to have Beeler and Young work on the IllinoisSouth Tourism Budget, and he stated the revenue comes from the county Hotel/Motel taxes collected each year. **Motion by Savage and second by Furness to approve the IllinoisSouth Tourism Budget and send a support letter for FY 2019. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update/Approval:** Savage reported cleanup efforts continue at the Eagle Zinc Site.
7. **Enterprise Zone Update/Approval:** Savage reported the committee recommended the approval of the Professional Services Agreement with The Development Consortium, Inc. for consultant services on the New EZ Application. **Motion by Savage and second by Bishop approve of the Professional Services Agreement with J. Craig Coil of the Development Consortium in the amount of \$35,000 plus up to \$5,250 for travel and administrative fees for work on the new enterprise zone application. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **West Central Development Update/Approval:** Savage reported there is nothing new to report at this time.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

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

1. **Ambulance Billing Update/Approval:** Bergen reported there have been several requests for reports to the ambulance billing department, so the committee approved having those requests submitted in writing so the committee may review them.
2. **EMA – Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP):** Nimmo reported he met recently with county office holders and provided them information to compile a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to be submitted to the State by the end of this year.

3. **EMA Meetings/Responses/Trainings Update/Approval:** Nimmo has attended several trainings this month and Bergen reported there may be some funding available for an update and printing of the 911 map books. Clerk Leitheiser reminded everyone of the importance of completing the LUCA (Local Update for Census Addresses) to assure an accurate 2020 Census count, and she encouraged board members to discuss this with municipalities in their districts.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Kirby Furness:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Furness reported Tony Johnston of CIBC gave the committee an update on the county employee usage of the HRA. When CIBC submitted a bid for the county insurance, they estimated a 25 to 40 percent usage for the year. Currently we are at 2.2% utilization as compiled through March 28, 2018. Furness also reported CIBC reached out to other pharmacies to make sure they could participate in the Rx Extra Program and next year all pharmacies will be able to participate.
2. **Employee and Board Member ID Badges Update/Approval:** Furness reported the county is working to issue new ID badges for employees and board members.
3. **Identity Protection Act Sample Ordinance Revision Update/Approval:** Furness stated this ordinance is being reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office. Leitheiser stated State's Attorney Hitchings has provided her revisions to this Ordinance and she will have this newly amended ordinance ready for County Board potential approval next month.
4. **ICRMT Sample Employee Manual Updates for Review Update/Approval:** Furness said the State's Attorney's Office is reviewing this document.
5. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation Issues Update/Approval (not needed):** Furness reported the committee continues to work with the two Local 773 units in the Sheriff's Office and there is a tentative agreement with the Tele communicators unit, and we are now waiting on a date to conduct mediation with the correctional officers unit.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

Motion by Graden and second by Hughes to enter into executive session to discuss executive session minutes. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 11:55 am

Motion by Moore and second by Bergen to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 12:13 am.

Motion by Moore and second by Johnson to open the County Board and County Board committee minutes from 1/12/16, 6/13/16, 11/15/16, 1/12/17, 4/11/17, and 5/4/17 and to leave the minutes from 1/4/2018, 2/22/2018, and 4/9/2018 on the list pending until the next review and to Forever Seal all other executive session minutes on the list. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of the list of Executive Session minutes not opened, see Resolution Book 17, page 81).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Young announced new County Board member Donna Yeske will be assigned to the Economic Development Committee and the Personnel Committee, and Glenn Bishop will be serving on the Finance Committee and not the Economic Development Committee.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Robinson and second by Plunkett to re-appoint Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Robinson and second by Moore to re-appoint Beverly Whalen as Treasurer to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Furness to re-appoint William Beeler to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. All in favor, motion carried. Megan Beeler abstained from voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore,** Motion by Miles and second by Hughes to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Book & Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 20, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 1 (Moore). Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Beeler and second by Savage to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Sneed and second by Johnson to Adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 a.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.