

**Montgomery County Board  
Minutes**

**For Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 11th, 2019, 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 5:30 PM.**

**Roll call was taken - 20 members present, 1 member absent.**

**Members Present:** Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, David Loucks, Dennis McCammack, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Donna Yeske, and Evan Young.

**Members Absent:** Dillon Clark

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

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 20 members Yes, 1 member absent. Voting Yes - Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, McCammack, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Yeske and Young. Absent: Clark. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:** Motion by Sneed and second by Yeske to approve the minutes of the previous county board meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. **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. **Coroner’s Report** --- Randy Leetham -- report was submitted.
5. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
6. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
7. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
8. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
9. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
10. **Recycling Report** ---- Mike Hand -- report was submitted.
11. **ROE - Monthly and Quarterly Reports** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
12. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Rick Robbins - was present for questions.
13. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
14. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Nikki Lohman was present for questions.
15. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 15 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Savage and second by Hughes to approve the 15 items on the Consent Agenda. **All in favor, motion carried.**

## LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated the 708 board met last night to interview the nine applicants and said the 708 Board will announce the funding recipients at next month's meeting.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson shared information on their fundraiser scheduled for August.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen stated he will give his report during the EMA/Ambulance committee report.
- **Health Department** – Chairman Young said Sandra Johnson will be the new liaison.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Bergen reported there was no meeting.
- **MCEDC**– Yeske stated she will give the report during the Economic Development committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Deabenderfer stated they will meet the last Wednesday of this month.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported they haven't met this year and he will try to get one scheduled.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated they will have their seminar in Galena.
- **U of I** – Beck reported they will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Carlinville.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated they will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Carlinville.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Information Systems Report Update:** Young reported the new IT employee started yesterday.
2. **FOIA Request Update:** Young reported Terry Richmond submitted a FOIA requesting Full Board and Committee minutes from 2017, 2018 and 2019; County Board Member's Per Diem Vouchers from 2017 through 2019 and payment vouchers for Labor Attorney Guare from 2017 to 2019. Young stated the request was honored.

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

1. **Resolution #2019-10 to appropriate funds for 1193 BCA, Sorento Ave. (CH #21) Pipe Culvert, 100% County Approval:** Total cost is \$5,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to appropriate funds for 1193 BCA, Sorento Avenue, County Highway #21, Pipe Culvert which is 100% county funds in the amount of \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 297-298).**
2. **Resolution #2019-11 to appropriate funds for 1194 BCA, Rockwell Tr. (CH #13) Pipe Culvert, 100% County Approval:** Total cost is \$6,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Beeler to appropriate funds for 1194 BCA, Rockwell Trail, County Highway #13, pipe culvert which is 100% County funds in the amount of \$6,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 299-300).**
3. **Resolution #2019-12 to appropriate funds for 1195 BCA, Mt. Olive Tr. (CH #11) Pipe Culvert, 100% County Approval:** Total cost is \$7,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to appropriate funds for 1195 BCA, Mt. Olive Trail, County Highway #11, Pipe culvert which is 100% County funds in the amount of \$7,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 301-302).**

4. **Resolution #2019-13 to appropriate funds for 1196 BCA, Elevator Rd. (CH #21), 100% County Approval:** Total cost is \$6,000.00. **Motion by Miles and second by McCammack to appropriate funds for 1196 BCA on Elevator Road, County Highway #21 which is 100% county funds in the amount of \$6,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 303-304).**
5. **Sale of Surplus Equipment (Paint Booths) Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed putting the paint booths located in the Collision Center building out for bid. Engineer Greenwood will advertise for sealed bid and stipulate bidders are present at the opening, they could raise their bid like at an auction. He said the committee discussed and approved the minimum bids on the following: Spray Booth with Mixing room - \$15,000, Prep Station - \$5,000, Cross Draft Booth - \$3,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Loucks to advertise the paint booths designated as surplus equipment by sealed bids with a minimum asking price. All in favor, motion carried.** The bids are due by Tuesday June 2nd at 8:30 am and will be opened at the next Road and Bridge Committee meeting.
6. **Roof Damage to Metal Building Approval:** Miles reported Engineer Greenwood received an email from the insurance company on the wind damage to the roof on the metal building. He said the appraiser/adjuster valued the building at \$70,716.91 with a replacement cash value of \$47,729.83 less depreciation and \$10,000 deductible. He said they offered a net claim of \$37,729.73 if the building was not rebuilt and \$60,616.91 if the building were going to be rebuilt. After discussion, the committee approved accepting the payout of \$37,729.73 since the \$60,616.91 would not be enough to build the structure they need for storage of vehicles. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to accept the insurance payout of \$37,729.73 without replacing the building. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Other Business Update:** Miles asked constituent Karyl Dressen to speak to the board about her concern regarding the county policy of spraying and cutting of weeds. Dressen stated she talked with Engineer Greenwood and Dustin Sefton regarding the spraying of weed killer as it is harming the pollinating insects such as bees and monarch butterflies. Miles said we agreed to change our policy regarding spraying weed killer to accommodate Dressen's concerns.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Megan Beeler:

1. **Final Multiplier and Real Estate Taxes Update:** Beeler reported we received the final multiplier of 1.00 from the Department of Revenue. She said tax bills have been mailed and the first installment will be due on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the second installment due September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Beeler reported there is an insert in tax bills with instructions regarding credit card payment.
2. **FY 2020 Budget Hearing Dates Update:** Beeler reported the FY 2020 Budget Hearings are scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the County Board Room.
3. **FY 2020 Budget Worksheets Update:** Beeler reported the budget worksheets, memos and schedules were emailed to all departments, and worksheets are due back on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

4. **Recycling Funding Update:** Beeler stated the committee is looking at options to increase funding to make the recycling program more sustainable. She said one option is to set up a Special Service District for recycling similar to how the ambulance districts are set up. Beeler stated an advisory question could be put on the March 2020 General Election ballot to ask if the citizens would support the recycling program using property tax revenues.
5. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel 01-34-100-301 in Bois D’Arc Township to Keyrock Energy, LLC Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel 01-34-100-300 in Bois D’Arc Township to Keyrock Energy, LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 17, pages 305).
6. **Other Business Update:** Beeler reported the IT Department is moving to another room in the basement of the Courthouse Complex and needed an upgrade on the electrical setup. Beeler read the email from Circuit Clerk Lemons regarding the breakdown of the schedule of fees for the Circuit Clerk’s Office. (For amended schedule, see Resolution Book 17, pages 306-307).

**H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Chuck Graden:

1. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser stated the omnibus elections bill stalled in the current legislative session but more activity is anticipated in the veto session. She said the next election will be a General Primary Election held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Graden reported Gonet picked up some TV’s on the side of Red Ball Trail on county property and took them to the highway department.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Graden reported we received three truckloads of recycling material collected at the drive in May. Graden stated the pickup truck and box truck had some repairs and the baler was down for a few days to have a new part installed.
  - **Green Pickup Truck** – Mike Hand reported the green truck has been down since January and the red pickup truck needed a new alternator and battery last week.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Graden reported the Municipal Contracts will be discussed at next Mayor’s Meeting scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the County Board Room.

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

1. **Smart Watt Energy Survey Audit Update:** Bob Sneed reported he attended a kick off meeting last week with Smart Watt and he received a schedule for work to be performed in phases. Sneed said the project will begin with Johnson Controls doing some work with the HVAC at the Courthouse Complex, and window and doors will be caulked.
2. **Executive Session to Discuss Litigation/Property Contractual Negotiations Approval:** Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Time: 6:25 PM.  
Motion by Sneed and second by Savage to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 6:45 PM.

3. **AMEREN Easement Update/Approval:** Motion by Sneed and second by Furness to approve the temporary easement of 3.87 acres and the Permanent easement of 2.8 acres for Phase One of the Taylor Springs Reliability Enhancement Agreement with Ameren. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported a new flow switch was installed on the Courthouse Complex's HVAC for \$3,200.
5. **Sound System for Board Room Update:** Sneed reported the committee is still looking at the sound system options for the County board room.
6. **County Surplus Property Sale Update:** Sneed reported the committee reviewed the county office surplus list and will coordinate the use of Richard Wendel's pickup truck and trailer to move items to the metal building at the highway department. Sheriff Robbins stated he had multiple vehicles to sell and asked if the surplus auction will be advertised so they can collect some money for the surplus vehicles with clear title.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given By Committee Chairman Donna Yeske:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Yeske reported MCEDC is working on establishing a community foundation program and will make an announcement soon.
2. **Broadband/Fiber Project Update:** Yeske reported CTI is looking for signups from nearby communities so they can make plans for their expansion project. Yeske encouraged nearby towns to go on CTI's website to show their interest by signing up online.
3. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Yeske reported Coordinator Daniels attended the Enterprise Zone Conference and learned the 14 New EZ applications made it through the first round at DCEO and will now be reviewed by a five person panel appointed by the Governor. She said we should know something about our application by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
4. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Yeske reported the barricades have been moved back onto the Green Diamond Bike Trail where they are supposed to be.
5. **Other Business Update:** Yeske stated the committee has been working with county resident Bob Buda regarding some ideas for Economic Development and will seek guidance from the State's Attorney regarding some of the ideas. Beeler stated the county has a mechanism in place for funding through the Revolving Loan Fund.

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

**EMA Report:**

1. **Ambulance Billing Update:** Bergen stated Sherry Greenwood has some questions about the ambulance contracts, and he will meet with her regarding them.
2. **EMA and ETSB/911 System Update** – Bergen reported they continue to meet with the new 911 software vendor and are planning accordingly for installation. Bergen reported Nimmo and GIS Coordinator Kevin Brink are still working on the GIS map project and hope to have it completed this November. Bergen stated Nimmo took the drone to video the flooding in Meredosia, IL and attended the LEPC meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Bergen reported Nimmo has been meeting with the Community Risk Committee regarding a County-Wide Safe School Hotline and applied for \$3,200 in funding from the 708 board. He said they will also be working with St. Francis Hospital, who just received a \$200,000 grant to create a program for heroin, opioid and suicide prevention, education, treatment and recovery in Litchfield and in rural areas in central Illinois. Bergen reported the drone is now out of service after it crashed while videoing the funeral of Val Sheldon. Bergen

stated Nimmo and Kevin Schoot will be deployed to Calhoun County for assistance with the flooding per a mutual aid request.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Kirby Furness:

1. **Sheriff's Office Personnel Update:** Furness reported Sherriff Robbins recently hired five new patrol deputies, two new Telecommunicators and one correctional officer. He said Robbins has one more correctional officer to hire and his department will be staffed for the existing positions.
2. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Furness reported Amanda Mast with CIBC met with 51 employees regarding some concerns about the employee health insurance. Furness stated we are going to boost our HRA program amount for possible consideration at upcoming budget hearings to allow for a better deductible. Furness reported the HRA is currently at \$30,061 which is a little bit higher than this time last year.
3. **Recycling Facility Staffing/Grievance Update:** Furness reported they met regarding the union grievance and it will be tabled until union negotiations later this year.

**APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:**

**Motion by Hughes and second by Robinson to approve the eight committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Young reported the Farm Bureau has invited board members to an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 3:00 pm, and encouraged members to RSVP with Coordinator Daniels.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** Young stated he appointed Sandra Johnson as a liaison to the Health Department Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC and Books & Moore, and Point of Light**  
**Motion by Miles and second by Yeske to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Book & Moore and Point of Light. Voice Vote: In favor – 18 against – 0, absent – 1 (Clark). Abstain – 2 (Moore and Bishop). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Beeler and second by McCammack to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN:** Until the Full Board on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 5:30 PM 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 6:55 PM. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.