

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 in the County Board room at the Historic Courthouse via teleconference. **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, Tim Fogle, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, David Loucks, Dennis McCammack, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Donna Yeske, and Evan Young.

Members Absent: Richard Wendel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Dennis McCammack.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 members Yes, 0 members No, 1 member absent: Wendel Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Fogle, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, McCammack, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Yeske and Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Miles and second by Furness to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous SPECIAL County Board Meeting:

Motion by McCammack and second by Miles to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Friday, April 3rd, 2020. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – was present for questions.
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. **EMA Director's Report** -- Greg Nimmo – report was not submitted.
7. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
8. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
9. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
10. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
11. **ROE - Monthly and Quarterly Reports** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
12. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Rick Robbins - Report was submitted.
13. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
14. **State's Attorney Report** -- Bryant Hitchings was present for questions.
15. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Nikki Lohman was present for questions.
16. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 16 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Furness and second by McCammack to approve the 16 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated the 708 Board extended the deadline to turn in applications until April 30th, 2020.
- **CEFS Board** – Fogle reported CEFS is looking for volunteers for local services.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen stated he will report at the committee level.
- **Health Department** – Sandra Johnson stated she has nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Bergen said there is nothing to report.
- **MCEDC** – Yeske stated she will give this update during Economic Development Committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Deabenderfer stated they reviewed a portion of the revised Wind Siting Ordinance and another meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported their meeting was cancelled.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated their meeting was cancelled.
- **U of I** – Beck reported their meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2020 was cancelled.
- **WCDC** – Wendel was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young:

1. **Information Systems Report Update:** Young reported IT Director Curt Watkins has been busy during the coronavirus pandemic, keeping computers going and getting several employees set up to work remotely from home.
2. **Census Count Committee Update:** County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser stated 55.5% of county residents have responded to the 2020 Census online so far. She said paper questionnaires will be sent out by mail soon, and door to door field operations to collect census data have been postponed until June 1st, 2020. Leitheiser stated the Macoupin County Health Department received another small grant for census ads, flyers and social media promotions.
3. **Update on Coronavirus Pandemic Issues Update:** Health Department Director Hugh Satterlee stated COVID testing is still going on at Hillsboro Hospital and in Springfield. He said the Health Department has been coordinating with Chris-Mont EMA Director Nimmo regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic issues on a daily basis. Satterlee stated they have been trying to get Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for nursing home facilities and first responders. He reported people have been inquiring about residency locations for positive coronavirus patients, and he explained it doesn't matter where they live because they could work, shop and visit anywhere in the county and could also spread it anywhere. Satterlee stated everyone still needs to practice social distancing, and we need to discuss how and when we should allow people back into the county buildings. Satterlee stated they are only conducting public services at the health department by phone, by mail, or on-site in their cars outside their building, and only new mental health patients are allowed in the building after they are screened.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Gene Miles: Miles reported the Highway Department has pretty much been shut down since the shelter in place order was given, and staff is working only on an on-call basis if needed to work on emergency repairs. Miles also stated the Walshville road project is on hold, and he hoped that mowing will begin next month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairwoman Megan Beeler:

1. **KEB Engagement Letter Update:** Beeler stated the KEB letter was signed and mailed.
2. **County FY 2019 Audit Presentation by KEB will be at May meeting Update:** Beeler stated a digital copy of the audit will be available by April 28th, 2020, and the County Board will vote on the audit at the May meeting because it is due to the State by the end of May unless there is an extension. Treasurer Nikki Lohman reported she received the extension approval today, and the audit now won't need to be provided to the State until the end of July 2020.
3. **Circuit Clerk FY 2019 Audit Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the FY 2019 Circuit Clerk Audit report. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Beeler reported members should have received this information in advance of the meeting.
5. **IMRF Update/Approval:** Beeler said she and Treasurer Lohman continue to watch the IMRF funds.
6. **Foresight Energy Agreement Update:** Beeler stated she has been communicating with Foresight Energy representative Chad Fuson. She stated they are moving coal, but it may not be sold yet. Lohman reported she has deposited two coal royalty checks for the months of February and March for a total of about \$6,000.
7. **New Highway Department Property Purchase Update:** Beeler said she hasn't had an update on this purchase agreement from State's Attorney Hitchings yet. Engineer Cody Greenwood said this agreement should be presented next month.
8. **COVID-19 Expenses, Reimbursements Update/Approval:** Beeler said all COVID-19 related expenses are being paid from COVID-10 expenditure line items for each individual department per the request of Treasurer Lohman. Beeler stated she is requesting that payroll expenses for county offices be included in this itemization.
9. **Intergovernmental Agreement for Litchfield Dispatching Services Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by McCammack to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Litchfield Dispatching Services. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Agreement, see Resolution Book 18, pages 38-39).**
10. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

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

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported the north steps are finished at the Historic Courthouse.
 - Generators at the Courthouse Complex and Jail – work is underway.
 - Lights installation at the Courthouse Complex – done.
2. **Insurance Claim for Annex Building Roof Update:** Sneed said he told the contractors to start the work on the roof. He will talk with the Insurance Company about the claim.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given By Committee Chairwoman Donna Yeske:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Yeske reported the MCEDC Annual meeting was postponed until further notice.
2. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Yeske stated the payment for the tourism videos will be included with the other bills set for approval at the end of this meeting.

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

1. **Ambulance Billing Office Update:** Bergen reported the ambulance billing work is getting done with staff coming in on a limited basis or working from home.
2. **EMA Report Update:** Bergen reported EMA Director Nimmo has been busy with the Covid-19 Pandemic event.
3. **ETSB Update:** Bergen said the ETSB board met and discussion was held about the 911 radio equipment purchase.
4. **Four Ambulance District Billing Contract Approvals:**
 - Motion by Bergen and second by Miles to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Motion by Bergen and second by Furness to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried
 - Motion by Bergen and second by Graden to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Motion by Bergen and second by McCammack to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Kirby Furness:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update:**
 - a. Monthly HRA report: Furness reported the HRA balance through March, 2020 is \$28,450.
2. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

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

1. **Elections Update:** Leitheiser stated the 2020 Primary Election was finalized and canvassed and the final results are on the county web site.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Young reported the DC Waste Proposal has been signed.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:

Motion by Miles and second by McCammack to approve the eight committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Furness and second by McCammack to appoint Jeff Brown to the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District effective today and expiring March 31st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Miles and second by Beck to appoint Leonard Rovey to the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District effective today and expiring March 31st, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McCammack and second by Beck to appoint John Welsh to the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District effective today and expiring March 31st, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Miles to appoint Shane Davidson to the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District effective today and expiring December 27th, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Furness and second by McCammack to appoint Jay Greenwood to the Green Hill Cemetery Board effective today and expiring April 30th, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Moore and second by Miles to appoint Marilyn Harvey to the Green Hill Cemetery Board effective today and expiring April 30th, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Robinson and second by McCammack to appoint Maurice Wilson to the Green Hill Cemetery Board effective today and expiring April 30th, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Graden and second by Miles to appoint Trevor Loafman to the Nokomis Witt Ambulance Board effective today and expiring December 31st, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Furness and second by Beeler to appoint Joe Chappelle to the Raymond Drainage District #1 effective today and expiring March 31st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Beeler to appoint David Fuchs to the Raymond Drainage District #1 effective today and expiring March 31st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Beeler to appoint Kent Sorrells to the Raymond Drainage District #1 effective today and expiring March 31st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Yeske to appoint Joseph Martin to the Raymond Fire Protection District effective today and expiring March 31st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Beck to appoint Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by McCammack to appoint Gregory Weitekamp to the Zanesville #3 Drainage District effective today and expiring December 31st, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Beeler to appoint Melvin Wempen to the Zanesville #3 Drainage District effective today and expiring December 31st, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Furness and second by Beck to appoint Larry Ziegler to the Zanesville #3 Drainage District effective today and expiring December 31st, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Local title company representative Jake Fleming made comments about public documents housed in the Historic Courthouse not being available to the public. Fleming asked if the county board voted to close the buildings, and he stated other courthouses are letting the public in by appointment. Chairman Young stated at this time we need to keep the public out to keep everyone safe and said no county board vote was taken, but a meeting with several county board members, the elected officials, department heads and Judge Roberts was held last week about this topic. Young said the consensus at that meeting was to keep the buildings closed. Beeler stated the county board doesn't have control over the county buildings since they are under the control of the Sheriff, and emergency shutdown of facilities doesn't have to be voted on by the county board. Chairman Young said the Montgomery County Declaration of Emergency powers are in effect until May 12th, 2020. Furness asked Fleming if his company has titles in limbo because they can't get to the public records, and Fleming responded affirmatively. Fleming complimented members on their service, and asked them to not take his passion as an attack. Furness stated there is no support to open the buildings at this time.

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:

1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC and Books & Moore, and Point of Light
Motion by Furness and second by McCammack to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Book & Moore and Point of Light. Voice Vote: In favor – 18 Against – 0, Absent – 1 Abstain – 2 (Moore and Bishop). Motion carried.

2. Motion by Miles and second by Beck to pay all other approved bills and Payroll. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: Until the Full Board on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Miles and second by Loucks to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.