

**Montgomery County Board
Special Meeting Minutes**

For Friday, April 3rd, 2020 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a Special Meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 3rd, 2020 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois. Several members called in remotely due to COVID-19 social distancing concerns.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Evan Young at 5:31 PM.

Roll call was taken - 19 members present, 2 members absent.

Members Present in the County Board Room: Ron Deabenderfer, Dennis McCammack, Gene Miles and Evan Young

Members Participating by Conference Call: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Tim Fogle, Kirby Furness, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Dave Loucks, Jim Moore, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, and Donna Yeske

Members Absent: Chuck Graden and Richard Wendel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board member Ron Deabenderfer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young:

1. **Update on Coronavirus:** Chairman Young introduced Chris-Mont EMA Director Greg Nimmo who attended via phone conference. Nimmo gave a county update regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic. Nimmo gave a brief summary of the two-county activities since the Coronavirus Pandemic began. Nimmo explained Chairman Young signed the necessary paperwork to declare Montgomery County a Disaster effective on March 28th, 2020 and it was good for seven days. **(For copy of original Declaration, see Resolution Book 18, page 36.)** Young reported this Declaration needs to extend beyond seven days through May 12th, 2020, so he recommends the board approve an amended Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to that date. Young opened the discussions to those participating by teleconference. Bergen asked about possibly extending this Emergency Declaration until the regular April County Board meeting and Fogle suggested an extension date of April 30th, but Chairman Young defended the need to extend this date until May 12th, 2020 since we should know more about what to expect with the pandemic after that date. **Motion by Furness and second by McCammack to approve the extension of the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to May 12th, 2020.** Roll Call Vote: 19 Yes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Voting yes were Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Fogle, Furness, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, Miles Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Yeske and Young. No members voted no. Two members were absent: Graden and Wendel. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Amended Declaration, see Resolution Book 18, page 37).**

Public Comment: Local title searcher Jake Fleming was a remote participant at the meeting and stated as a title research company there are times where they need access to the public records housed at the county. Fleming cited other county courthouses that are open to the public on a limited basis by appointment and requested the County Board consider also offering this service.

Chairman Young replied the buildings need to remain closed to the public for safety purposes until further notice, but he plans to have a conference call with all County Department Heads next week to re-evaluate this policy. Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser stated documents are being recorded in the office.

Adjourn: Motion by Miles and second by Deabenderfer to adjourn the Special Board Meeting until the Full Board meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 PM. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.