

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021.

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: Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Doug Donaldson, Tim Fogle, Jim Havera, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, David Loucks, Bev McCoy, Gene Miles, Andy Ritchie, Earlene Robinson, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Patty Whitworth, Donna Yeske and Evan Young.

Members Absent: Megan Beeler

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board member Doug Donaldson.

Chairman Young asked for a moment of silence for Grace Herschelman, who recently passed away.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Ritchie to approve the Mileage and Per Diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beason, Beck, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Donaldson, Fogle, Havera, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, McCoy, Miles, Ritchie, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, Whitworth, Yeske and Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Donaldson and second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the previous County Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** - Sherry Greenwood – no report submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** - Amanda Daniels - report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** - Holly Lemons - report was submitted.
4. **Coroner's Report** - Randy Leetham was present for questions and provided an update of coroner statistics.
5. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** - Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions
6. **Health & TB Department Report** - Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and reported they are having vaccination clinics in small communities. He said there are currently over 10,000 fully vaccinated residents in Montgomery County, which is over 35% of the population. He stated there are about 6,000 children who cannot yet be vaccinated, but companies have started testing it on children as young as five. Satterlee reported ten vaccinations were given at the Bicentennial Celebration.
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— no report submitted
10. **ROE – Monthly and Quarterly Reports** - Julie Wollerman - report was submitted.
11. **Sheriff's Report** - Rick Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** - Ray Durston was present for questions.
13. **State's Attorney Report** - Andrew Affrunti was present for questions.
14. **Treasurer's Report** - Nikki Lohman was present for questions.
15. **V.A.C. Report** - Dave Strowmatt - report was submitted.

decrease in population for Montgomery County from the 2010 census population was 30,104 and the 2020 estimate is 28,828.

4. **Resolution for Reapportionment of Montgomery County Approval:** Young reported the board will need to pass the resolution for County Board Reapportionment. He said the number of districts stay the same at seven total districts with two board members per district for 14 instead of the current 21 members. He said member per diem is set at \$60 per day plus mileage and a \$7,500 stipend will be provided for the Board Chairman. He said newly elected Board members from the 2022 election will draw straws to determine the rotation for the next ten years. **Motion by Wendel and second by Ritchie to approve the Resolution for Reapportionment of Montgomery County. 19 members voted in favor, Deabenderfer voted no, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 219-221).**
5. **Other Business Update:** Young reported the Resolution for INAD/Grace Herschelman will be ready next month. Board Member Earlene Robinson read the following statement on behalf of the County Board to members of the Galer/Herschelman family, who were in attendance: "Thank you for taking us on Grace's amazing journey. Thank you for being an example, too; when life gives you a bucket full of lemons, you take those lemons and make the sweetest lemonade one can only imagine. And instead of keeping that lemonade to yourself, you share it with the World." Robinson challenged everyone, in the words of Grace's Dad, to always "Choose joy. Choose Kindness. Choose Grace."

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Report given by Committee Chairman Bob Sneed:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed said there are a few maintenance issues but no big problems at this time.
2. **Surplus Sale at the Highway Department Update:** Sneed reported the surplus sale was held and the Highway Department shed has been cleaned out.
3. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update:** Sneed reported he talked with Hugh Satterlee and the appraisal numbers for the Health Department buildings were okay. Sneed said he worked with insurance agent Eric Braasch to get the buildings and contents at the new Highway Department Building re-appraised since the remodeling was done.
4. **Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro Update:** Sneed reported the committee reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for the repairs on the sidewalks around the Historic Courthouse. Young stated Mayor Downs would like to meet with Sneed and himself to review the work needing done and to re-write the agreement. Hughes asked about the sidewalk specifications, and Sneed replied the county would most likely set the specifications for the sidewalk work.
5. **Annex Building Parapet Wall Update:** Sneed reported the committee approved the proposal from Seward Masonry to do some tuck-pointing repair on the south parapet wall of the Annex Building for \$2,650.
6. **Other Business Update:** Sneed reported Clerk Leitheiser received an ADA grant to hire Jorm Signs to replace some braille signage at the Historic Courthouse.

vehicle for base price of \$36,080 less \$13,852 for trade in and discount for a final balance due of \$22,228. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **FY 2022 Budget Hearing Dates Update:** Loucks reported the FY 2022 Budget hearings are scheduled for Thursday 8/12/21 & Friday 8/13/21 at 8:30 AM.
6. **FY 2022 Raises for Non-Union Employees Approval:** Loucks reported Beeler attended the Personnel Committee meeting and explained the non-union salary increase recommendations. He said the average union salary increase is \$.33 per hour and the Personnel Committee recommended a \$.35 per hour increase for non-union employees. This increase would impact 36 exempt and non-union employees who work 35 and 40 hour weekly and will increase the General fund salaries by about \$26,000. **Motion by Loucks and second by Donaldson to approve the \$.35 per hour increase for Non-Union employees. He said employees working 35 hours weekly would get an annual \$637 increase and 40 hour weekly positions would receive \$714 per year increase. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **FY 2022 Starting Salary Approval:** Loucks reported the starting salary is gradually being increased since the governor said the starting salary is to be \$15.00 per hour by 2025. He said we need to increase the minimum starting wage again and this will create compression issues in our non-union offices. Loucks said the minimum starting salary is currently \$12.75 per hour and stated we can increase it a little at a time or wait and do a huge increase in 2025. He said we can't afford to give everyone a compression raise, but we can choose to leave it alone or make the jump now and give it to everyone. Young stated if the raise is given to everyone, this could be a problem with the unions wanting a wage opener. Loucks said the best approach would be to raise the starting salary \$.50 per hour like last year. **Motion by Loucks and second by Yeske to approve to change the minimum starting salary from \$12.75 per hour to \$13.25 per hour. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Loucks and second by Hughes to approve the current non-union employees go to \$13.25 per hour or the approved \$.35 per hour, whichever raise is larger. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel #12-22-428-013 in Irving Township to George Elam Approval:** Motion by Loucks and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel #12-22-428-013 in Irving Township to George Elam. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 222-223).
9. **Resolution for Sale in Error Fund Update:** Loucks said Treasurer Lohman is working on a Resolution for the Sale in Error Fund.
10. **Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update:** Loucks reported Treasurer Lohman and Beeler are working on some verbiage for the Finance/Budget Control Policies. He said the committee will review a draft and report next month.
11. **Revisions to the Prepaid Vendor List Approval:** Loucks said the Finance Committee approved a couple of changes to the Prepaid Vendor List. **Motion by Loucks and second by Robinson to approve adding Homefield Energy to the Pre-Paid vendor list. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 224-225).**
12. **America Recovery Plan Act Update:** Loucks reported we received our first payment of \$2.7 million of ARPA funds and Beeler is planning to schedule roundtable discussions with community organizations and leaders. He said the parameters for the ARPA money allows us an opportunity to do some good in the county to be in a better position five years from now. Loucks said the committee is also discussing the possibility of hiring a

4. **EMA Position Vacancy Approval:** Bergen reported interviews were held on 5/27/2021 at the regular Personnel Committee Meeting and the Committee is recommending Kevin Schott for the part-time EMA Director Position. **Motion by Bergen and second by Johnson to approve hiring Kevin Schott for the EMA position. All in favor, motion carried.** Robinson stated it was a tough decision since both applicants were good candidates.
5. **Sheriff's Department – FOP Negotiations – Contract Expires 11/30/21 Update:** Bergen said the union has notified us regarding union negotiations.
6. **Other Business Update:** Sheriff Robbins stated we will have our response within 48 hours regarding the Worker's Compensation issue with a Sheriff's Employee.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Report given by Committee Chairman Miles:

1. **New Highway Department Update:** Miles reported they are working on moving everything from the old sign shop to the brown shed at the new facility now that the surplus sale is done. He said Highway Department personnel have been sorting through guardrail and will have some for another surplus sale scheduled to be held at the old highway department facility sometime later this summer.
2. **Nokomis Road (CH 7) Extension Update:** Miles reported there have not been any updates on this subject since the last meeting.
3. **Resolution 2021-06 to appropriate funds for 1218 BCA, Butler Avenue. Pipe Culvert, Butler Township 50%/ County 50% Approval:** Proposed 42" ERS poly coated pipe 30 foot long. Total cost is \$10,000 and County portion is \$5,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Hughes to approve Resolution 2021-06 to appropriate funds for 1218 BCA, Butler Avenue; Pipe Culvert in Butler Township and the County's portion is \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 226-227).**
4. **Resolution 2021-07 to appropriate funds for 1222 BCA, East 19th Road Pipe Culvert, Nokomis Township 50%/ County 50% Approval:** Proposed 42" ERS poly coated pipe 30 foot long. Total cost is \$8,000 and County portion is \$4,000. **Motion by Miles and second by McCoy to approve Resolution 2021-07 to appropriate funds for 1222 BCA, East 19th Road, Pipe Culvert in Nokomis Township and the County's portion is \$4,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 228-229).**
5. **Resolution 2021-08 to appropriate funds for 1223 BCA, North 20th Avenue Pipe Culvert, Nokomis Township. 50%/ County 50% Approval:** Proposed 42" ERS poly coated pipe 31 foot long. Total cost is \$8,000 and County portion is \$4,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Beason to approve Resolution 2021-08 to appropriate funds for 1223 BCA, North 20th Avenue, Pipe Culvert in Nokomis Township and the County's portion is \$4,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 230-231).**
6. **Resolution 2021-09 to appropriate funds for 1224 BCA, East 17th Road Pipe Culvert, Irving Township. 50%/ County 50% Approval:** Proposed 90" ERS poly coated pipe 45 foot long. Total cost is \$35,000 and County portion is \$17,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Whitworth to approve Resolution 2021-09 to appropriate funds for 1224 BCA, East 17th Road, Pipe Culvert in Butler Township and the**

6. **Animal Control Ordinance & Municipal Contracts Update:** Hughes said State's Attorney Affrunti is reviewing the draft of the amended Animal Control Ordinance and will make a recommendation. Donaldson asked about a recent dog bite case in Irving involving a child, and State's Attorney Affrunti informed members it is an ongoing investigation. Hughes said the municipal Animal Control contract will be provided at the next Mayor's meeting for their feedback before it is presented to the full board.
7. **EMA Director Report Update:** Schott thanked everyone for their support in approving him for the position.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Miles and second by Ritchie to approve the seven committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Young announced there will be a Mayor's meeting this Thursday, June 10th, 2021.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Young and second by Hughes to appoint Matt Blankenship to the Green Hill Cemetery Association to replace Maurice Wilson effective June 8th, 2021 - April 30th, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:

1. **Approval to Pay any Invoices to JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps:** Motion by Donaldson and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps. All in favor - 19, Against-0, Absent – 2, Abstain (Yeske). Motion carried.
2. **Pay all other Bills:** Motion by Fogle and second by Yeske to pay all other approved bills and Payroll. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Young said because of the higher expenditure amount, we must Roll Call vote to pay Yamnitz & Associates Invoice/Voucher for #1 Section 19-18118-00-BR, Witt Township Bridge Project, TR 257, Seven Sisters Avenue in the amount of \$134,817.90. Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approve this bill. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Fogle, Havera, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, McCoy, Miles, Ritchie, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, Whitworth, Yeske and Young. Beeler and Deabenderfer were absent. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Russ Beason complimented the great job everyone had done on helping with organizing the Bicentennial celebration. Members and audience applauded the organizers' efforts.

ADJOURN:

The Next Regular full Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Loucks and second by Beason to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.