

Montgomery County Board Long Agenda

For Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Evan Young at 5:30 PM.

Roll call was taken - members present, members absent.

Members Present: Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, 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:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by and second by to approve the Mileage and Per Diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE Beason, Beck, Beeler, 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 and second by to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood
2. **Animal Control Report** -- Amanda Daniels
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons
4. **Coroner's Report** --- Randy Leetham—
5. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---Sandy Leitheiser
6. **Health & TB Department Report** ---Hugh Satterlee
7. **Highway Department Report** ---Cody Greenwood
8. **Probation Office Report** ---Banee Ulrici
9. **Public Defender's Report** ---Erin Mattson—no report
10. **ROE – Monthly and Quarterly Reports** --Julie Wollerman
11. **Sheriff's Report** ---Rick Robbins
12. **SOA Report** ---Ray Durston
13. **State's Attorney Report** –Andrew Affrunti
14. **Treasurer's Report** ---Nikki Lohman

15. V.A.C. Report ---Dave Strowmatt

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- 708 Board -- Robinson
- CEFS Board -- Fogle
- 911 Board -- Bergen
- Health Department -- Sandra Johnson
- IL Association of County Officials -- Bergen, Beeler
- MCEDC -- Yeske
- Planning Commission -- Deabenderfer, Ritchie
- Senior Citizens Board -- Deabenderfer
- UCCI -- Miles
- U of I -- Beck
- WCDC -- Wendel

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

1. **Information Systems Report Update/Approval:** Will set a date for training on the Chrome Books.
2. **COVID-19 Pandemic Update/Approval:** We received 4,000 doses and the shots are open to anyone over 18 years old. You can go online and sign up with the Health Department. Each of the Hospitals received 2,000 doses. The Johnson and Johnson vaccines will be saved for homebound citizens.
3. **2020 Census Data Update/Approval:** The census is not final yet.
4. **Amendment to Extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County Update/Approval:** Young stated we will do this for one or two more months.

Motion by and second by to approve the amendment to extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Regional Development Group Update/Approval:** Young stated that chairman from the five counties met and set up a subcommittee to set up a mission statement and bylaws to form the new regional development group.

6. **Vote to Terminate the EMA Contract with Christian County Update/Approval:** Young stated we received a letter from Christian County to terminate the EMA Contract and our full board will vote next Tuesday.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to Terminate the EMA Contract with Christian County. All in favor, motion carried.

7. **Reapportionment for Montgomery County Update/Approval:** Leitheiser reported she gave Affrunti paperwork to review and they will meet next Thursday.
8. **Coal Mine Representative Update/Approval:** Young stated Chad Fusion coming to full board.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Young stated Deabenderfer mentioned something about the needing changes in our Rules of Order.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported he received a phone call regarding a leak in the wall in the building that is south of the Annex Building. Sneed will get on the roof to review the situation.
2. **Surplus at the Highway Department Update/Approval:** Maintenance staff will work to organize the surplus and take any metal for scrap.
3. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update/Approval:** Sneed will check with Cody Greenwood and Hugh Satterlee regarding the Highway and Health Department building assessments.
4. **Energy Savings Report from Centrica (Smart Watt) Update/Approval:** Orry Cummings from Centrica formally Smart Watt gave a presentation of the Year 1 Measurement and Verification Report and explained the energy savings. They explained the savings and it will be up to the committee to continue the service of monitoring the energy savings. Smart Watt completed the Energy saving project back in October 2019. The verified savings was \$30,403 and the Guaranteed Savings was \$27,789 so the surplus was \$2,614. The majority of the savings came from the LED Lighting and the HVAC upgrades. The water usage at the jail was pretty much in line with what they estimated for energy savings. Need to trouble shoot with Johnson Controls and staff for adjustments on the HVAC. Year 2 report will be due 1/21/22. The monitoring service for year one is \$3,851 and they have not invoiced us yet. Year two monitoring service will cost \$3,459. If we decided to continue the monitoring service, Centrica will put more loggers out closer towards the fall to record the winter temperatures. We need to let Centrica know if we want to continue the monitoring system in the next couple of weeks. The committee discussed whether we need another year of monitoring due to not having

a normal usage year due to COVID. The energy report shows that we are getting savings and members feel we need to keep monitoring for another year due to COVID.

Motion by Sneed and second by _____ have Centrica do the monitoring service for another year and the report will be due January 21st, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:

6. Other Business Update/Approval:

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Belusko reported the CEO program is looking for a new facilitator as Dr. Follis was offered another position. Belusko is working on a project with Heather Hampton+Knodle and Norman Walters regarding business transition initiative that deals with rural communities. MCEDC got confirmation that USDA grant went through and Panama got a back hoe. Donnellson received confirmation they were invited to participate in a USDA grant for a police car. Belusko reported MCEDC and U of I joint project just completed regarding creating an environment for kids K thru 12 to learn from community business leaders. Due to COVID, the community business leaders were not allowed in the classrooms so Belusko went to the Litchfield schools.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Belusko reported loan one had a buyer for the business with about \$2,000 left on loan. They are going back into business with someone who is also in the restaurant business and they continue to pay on the loan. The other business is still paying and doing well. One business reached out for RLF because they are out of collateral. Belusko stated she directed her to an opportunity where collateral is not needed.
3. **Tourism Update/Approval:** The committee received three grant applications to review.
4. **Tourism Grant Applications Update/Approval:** The committee received three applications for the tourism grant money and two events were scored and awarded the funding they requested. The third application from Re-Inventing Central Park Phase I was considered a project. Yeske stated she called the person that submitted the application to explain the situation and they understood.

Motion by Yeske and second by _____ to approve awarding the Old Settlers Car Show event \$800 and the Raymond Independence Day Celebration event \$1,000 pending their events take place. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Develop a Regional ED Group to Implement the CEDS Document Update/Approval:** Belusko reported MCEDC has been working with developing the new Regional Economic

Development organization, the Western Illinois Valley Economic Development Group. This new group will take the place of West Central Development Council. When the new Regional group formed some months ago, it was lacking motivation and commitment and non-partisan structure. Belusko stated she brought in Amanda Cole and Jennifer Russell with the U of I Extension as they cover six of these counties. They attended a meeting and the current people aren't working together very well together and they needed people to look at it without political issues so the Extension Office is taking the lead on this group. The Extension Office also worked on creating the CEDS document. The following four committees were formed: Organizational Structure, Financial Plan, Marketing Plan, and Operational Structure. They will work on the first three committees first so they can figure out the operational structure committee. Belusko, Cole and Russell will be heading up the first three committees and their research will be given to the volunteers that have agreed to serve. Once the plan is developed it will be taken back to the counties for review. Deabenderfer asked who will make the final decision if the counties are not working together and Belusko responded it is not the counties causing the problems, it is some issues with a few of the cities and their county boards due to a struggle for control which will determine how the group is set up and funded. Yeske stated that West Central was set up where the County Chair selected their person to serve on the board and when we re-grouped they are trying to pull away from that and the county pays the bill therefore the counties should have more say then the cities. The U of I Extension stepped in and said we are neutral so let us set up a plan. Belusko if the cities want more of a say then the financial plan and makeup of the group will have to be looked at. Belusko stated rules and regulations will be set up to follow. Belusko doesn't know if there is any assistance in getting the funding. Young stated to hire someone to organize the group. Belusko stated she and Amanda Cole and Jennifer Russell are meeting with other EDA districts to see how they are set up and funded.

6. **Montgomery County Bicentennial Update/Approval:** Yeske reported final plans are taking place for the Bicentennial Kickoff event scheduled for Saturday, April 10th, 2021 at no one. Jeff Dunn did a great job on the signs. A Bicentennial committee meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at the Bank of Hillsboro at 7:00 pm.
7. **Resolution to Support Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs – SB1602 Update/Approval:** Yeske stated the State will take control if a Wind or Solar facility will come to a county. Trying to get other counties to adopt this resolution to oppose SB 1602. Young stated the Farm Bureau is also against SB 1602.

Motion by Yeske and second by to approve the Resolution to Support Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs. All in favor, motion carried.

8. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:**
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Belusko reported the Planning Commission did meet and there has been a lot of turnover in board members and her position the last five years. There are a lot of people coming off the board in the next year, so the committee decided to realign the terms of the Planning Commissioners terms to straighten things out. There are

still two open positions on the commission. Belusko stated she talked to three to four candidates and asked what they can bring to the table. Belusko will gather information and get back to the Planning Commission. Deabenderfer stated the State is taking some control of the Wind Farms. Belusko stated she recently met with a Wind Company and he thinks our Ordinance is good. This Wind Company is actively talking with property owners in the northern part of Montgomery County. It will be about three to five years before they come to the county with an application. Yeske stated the meeting with the Wind Farm Company was just a meet and greet meeting to exchange info and our Wind Ordinance. They are looking at possibly installing 20 to 25 windmills north of Raymond and will talk with farmers in that area to see if there is any interest.

10. Other Business Update/Approval:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Durston reported the Board of Review hearings have been completed and they are working on the final 2020 assessments. Miles Harris has begun the 2021 assessment inspections and they have received 1,900 of the senior homestead exemption renewals for 2021. In GIS, Kevin Brink worked on data maintenance and inventory of some older documents in the storage room and found some drainage district maps that were used to correct some of our digitized maps. Work continues on the annexation document. Durston reported he and Leitheiser are talking with Bruce Harris and Associates regarding redistricting software. Ten years ago we received a quote from Bruce Harris and Associates for about \$9,300. Durston reported he heard from the guy who did the VISTRA appraisal and they have a draft appraisal ready for review and it will be given to Attorney Sherer. Beeler stated we currently have a one year agreement with VISTRA and we are working towards a multiyear agreement. The power plant will be assessed as of January 1st, 2020 as a nonworking power plant. An operating plant is appraised differently.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Treasurer Lohman reported we reimbursed the taxing bodies for what they previously paid towards the power plant assessment. VISTRA sent their payments to the taxing bodies. Some Certificate of Deposits came due at the end of March and they were renewed. Lohman put out bids and they were about the same so six CD's rolled over. The largest one was for one year and the others went for 18 months renewal.
3. **FY 2020 Audit Update/Approval:** Josh Andres of Scheffel Boyle Accountants gave a presentation on their findings of the FY 2020 Audit. The revenues for the past two years was very close. The County had a \$1.1 million positive balance compared to a \$370,000 negative balance in the prior year. Money moved around was approved by the county board. Beeler stated we only have about \$5 million or six months of operating cash. The Auditors recommend having at least a three month balance for operating. The Highway and Health Department money is restricted and is not part of our operating cash. With restrictions, someone else is telling you how to spend the money. Auditor Andres stated you can borrow money from restricted funds however

it is not good and it has to be paid back. Sales tax changes and some additional salary reimbursements from the state is about \$37,000. License fees, decrease in the state's calculation on how they disperse funds. Public Safety and PPE expenses increased due to COVID. Overall the General Fund was a net decrease of \$857,000 for 2020. Transfer in of coal royalties of \$700,000. Treasurer Lohman, Circuit Clerk Lemons and Clerk Leitheiser all stated it was a great working experience with the Scheffel Boyle Auditing Team. It takes 300 to 400 hours for a normal audit, but for the first year they had to build our template so they worked about 500 hours. Auditor Andres stated we should have a minimum of 3 months cash on hand, 6 months is ok and 9 months is really good. Any more than that the taxing bodies start complaining. The committee then discussed the Pension accounts. Beeler stated the coal money should be used for operating expenses. The Auditors will be present at Tuesday's Board meeting to answer any questions regarding the audit.

4. **Property Tax Penalty Waiver Update/Approval:** Beeler stated as a county we have an option to waive the penalty on paying property taxes for private individuals due to COVID and the board needs to decide if this needs to be done again this year. Lohman stated other counties are not waiving penalties for this year and are doing the regular collection of real estate taxes. Lohman reported small penalty checks have had to be sent out to refund tax payers and there are 15 refund checks outstanding.
5. **County Board Reapportionment Update/Approval:** We have not received any census data and Representative Bourne was on the radio yesterday regarding this issue. Fogle reported we are looking to get census data in August. Leitheiser stated she met with States Attorney Affrunti regarding the County Board Redistricting (Reapportionment). Leitheiser also showed maps prepared by Kevin Brink with the current districts and the census districts. The census blocks create the convoluted lines. Our GOAL is to not break up a census block if you can help it. Bruce Harris and Associates confirmed the goal. Leitheiser shared a packet of information that included guidelines and past history of county redistricting, the State Statute, information from UCCI on how to redistrict and the resolution and reapportionment plan that was approved by the County in 2011. Leitheiser stated the precinct boundaries need to match the county board boundaries. Leitheiser reported the redistricting plan must be filed with the County Clerk no later than July 1st, 2021 or the day after the July 13th, 2021 County Board meeting. If not, the County Clerk must appoint a "Reapportionment Commission" to have a plan submitted no later than October 1st, 2021. Currently there is a long backlog of Census data due to COVID-19 and affects the remapping of government districts at all federal, state, county and local levels. It will take Illinois state legislative action and these dates may change. Young stated the County Board Redistricting Committee will need to meet to decide the number of County Board members and County Board Districts, how board members will be compensated and how the board chairperson will be elected. Young stated he looked at the cost to run the county and we still operate cheaper. Beeler suggested five districts with three members each so the rural areas don't lose representation. Whitworth talked about seven districts with two members each because the geographic areas are huge. Leitheiser stated the least disruptive

process would be beneficial to voters by not changing lines. It will take the voters a long time to get used to line changes. Young stated we eliminated a committee last year and it saved \$10,000. Affrunti will be here at Tuesday's full board meeting for questions. Young will appoint the committee after he talks with Affrunti. It will be put on the agenda for Tuesday.

6. **IMRF Update/Approval:** Lohman stated last year Regular IMRF was 10.83% and it is going to 8.68%. The SLEP IMRF fund was 13.22% and will be 10.19% and the ECO IMRF fund last year was .08% and is going to .086%. These are the numbers Lohman will use for the Levy sheet.
7. **EMA Position Vacancy Update/Approval:** Beeler reported Interim EMA Director Schott will be compensated once a month when the county bills are paid. There is a voucher in today's packet for his time from March. The Finance Committee will research what the EMA Position will be paid and Personnel Committee will make the recommendation for full or part time.
8. **ETSB Maintenance Fees Update/Approval:** Robbins stated the ETSB budget has \$6,505 in revenue for the annual cost share of the Zetron radio/door/intercom console system and \$11,068 for the Motorola Flex data sharing CAD system to come from the Sheriff's Office. Robbins reported he doesn't have the money appropriated in his budget to pay these amounts. There is no maintenance contract for the console system and it will be added as a line item in the Sheriff's budget next year and we need to review the Motorola Contract.
9. **Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update/Approval** Beeler stated Treasurer Lohman went to a seminar and learned that we should have finance/budget control policies and procedure in place for the County and we didn't have any so board members approved implementing Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures. The committee continues to review the comments from Deabenderfer and looked at new input from Mike Plunkett. Beeler stated they also need to look at some policies to address the Imprest funds. We can also look at the Auditor's recommendations to address in our policies.
10. **FY 2022 Budget Meeting Schedule Update/Approval:** The committee discussed dates to schedule the Budget Hearings. They will be scheduled for Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th, 2021. Memos will go out to office holders in June and the budgets will be due back in July.
11. **Electric Service Rates Bids Update/Approval:** The current two year rate of 0.04370 ends June 2021. The Finance Committee will hold a special meeting at 8:15 am before the May 13th, 2021 meeting to approve the low bid for the electric services rates. Sneed will review our billing over the past year to see why our rates changed due to lower usage. Our bid advertisement asks for an All-inclusive bid including any and all fees. We need to compare our bid rate to what we actually are charged.

The bid specs will include the statement that Montgomery County has the right to reject any and all bids.

Motion by Beeler and second by _____ to issue an RFP for electrical rates and services charges and any and all applicable fees. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Executive Session for Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (if needed)

- 13. Other Business Update/Approval:** Lohman reported she received information from the State Comptroller regarding two outstanding checks for EMA that were not cashed. The two checks were sent in August and November 2020 for \$4,700 and \$14,000. The State Comptroller sent paperwork so they can issue and send new checks. Lohman will be working with the Christian County Treasurer today to get the FEMA grant entered. Lohman shared an Illinois Department of Revenue information sheet regarding Important Allocations Information for Local Governments and Taxing Districts in Regard to the Leveling the Playing Field for Illinois Retail Act. The committee reviewed a resolution to support local control of Zoning and land use affairs that will be introduced at the full board meeting on Tuesday. Young reported he sent a FOIA request to the City of Litchfield for the past three years of their ambulance department budgets, the EMT union contract and the contract for the new ambulance billing service. Young stated he wants to check out the financial information due to their request to triple the ambulance tax levy from .15% to .45%. Young stated we should be appointing their board because we levy for them. Litchfield is the only special service area ran by the municipality. Young reported he is working with States Attorney Affrunti on how to proceed with the request from Litchfield to increase their ambulance levy.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 1. Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA report Update/Approval:** Amanda Mast with Esser Hayes gave an update on the employee health insurance and shared information regarding Health Alliance's Income Statement. They reported a \$150,912 loss for the ending period of February 28th, 2021. There was a \$47,312 profit for period ending 2/28/20 and a \$87,546 profit for period ending February 28th, 2019. Mast reported the HRA utilization is currently at 2% and \$8,649.16 is paid out of \$525,450 total. The HRA ended in 2020 at a 16.2% utilization and \$103,943 was paid out of \$639,862.50 total. There were 12 COVID claims for \$17,249 which was 3.1% of the claims cost.
- 2. Employee Personnel Manual Update/Approval:** The Committee reviewed the first page of Deabenderfer's comments and will continue to review them at their next meeting.
- 3. Workers Compensation Issues at the Sheriff's Department Update/Approval:** Sheriff Robbins reported he sent more information to the Workers Compensation Office

two days ago as requested and he hasn't heard anything yet. There was a two year old worker's compensation case that was settled yesterday.

4. **EMA Position Vacancy Update/Approval:** Young reported he and EMA Regional Coordinator Doug Downey along with Kevin Schott met last week regarding the vacancy in our EMA Director position due to the resignation of Greg Nimmo last month. Young stated that Christian County Board met last night and voted to terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County regarding the EMA Position. Joe Gasparich was invited to the meeting tonight to help with the job description and advising what this position needs to do. The Personnel Committee would like to fill the position by the end of May or first of June and needs to decide if this will be a full or part time position. Gasparich stated we are still in a disaster declaration so we are OK. The position's salary is one half paid for by a grant with Illinois Emergency Management. The EMA Director needs to have skills in writing and administering grants. Young stated he has Kevin Schott checking with the State to see what is needed to be done after terminating our agreement with Christian County. The Personnel Committee will need to gather other county job descriptions to review and decided if this is a full or part time position before advertising. Sheriff Robbins asked if the Safety and Elections Committee will be overseeing this position and what is the involvement with hiring for this position. Young and Bergen replied that Nimmo reported to the Chairman of Christian and Montgomery Counties according to State Statute. Young replied that Personnel only had one new member and Safety and Elections had three or four new people so the Personnel Committee had more experience. Both Committees will be conducting the interviews per Young.
5. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:** (if needed)
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **New Highway Department Update/Approval:** Greenwood reported the flooring and furniture has been installed at the new building and he has been working with Curt and Mat to get the internet and network connections hooked up. They are waiting to get the server transferred so the computers can be moved to the new building. Greenwood stated The next Road and Bridge Meeting should be at the new highway department. InfraSource came to Cody at the new highway department looking for an area .808 acres to use for 6 months. They drafted a temporary facility lease that was reviewed by Cody and okayed by the States Attorney. The lease is based on a per month basis if they go over. Cody and Evan discussed the lease amount and that is what was used to draft the lease agreement. The money goes to the highway department Cody sent the map of what they will use of the parking lot to Hugh Satterlee to see if the proposed area would be any conflict for drive through COVID vaccine clinics.

Motion by Miles and second by _____ to approve the Temporary Facility Lease with InfraSource Construction LLC to lease a portion of the new highway department parking lot. All in favor, motion carried.

2. 2021 County and Township MFT Oil Letting Update/Approval:

Motion by Miles and second by _____ to approve the low bids from Louis Marsh and Litchfield Bituminous for the Township MFT Oil Letting. All in favor, motion carried.

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3. 2021 Culvert Letting Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the bids that were opened for the 2021 culvert letter.

Motion by Miles and second by _____ to approve the low bid for the 2021 Culvert Letting. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Nokomis Road (CH 7) Extension Update/Approval: Miles reported he and Greenwood attended the City meeting regarding the Nokomis road extension and there is no interest from the City of Nokomis to do this project. Havera reported some of the Nokomis residents were not happy about this road not getting worked on. The City of Nokomis would have to take over that road and once the road was upgraded to go north, it could be reclassified as a minor collector road and may be eligible for grants. The cost to move the road and straighten it out will be about \$1 million.

5. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:

6. Other Business Update/Approval: Greenwood reported the State will be working on a large section of road through Fayette County which includes Hurricane Creek over Rt. 185. Letter of Understanding sent to Greenwood regarding 0.21 miles of a county road that will be used as a detour during the one to two month project. There is seven miles of 3 layer blade mix that will be put on Route 16 in Irving running north to the Nokomis Raymond Blacktop. Miles stated the mechanic has been moving his equipment to the new maintenance garage and has been working there part time. Loucks asked how much it cost to tear down the show room and Miles stated the front needs to be painted

SAFETY & ELECTIONS:

1. EMA Report Update/Approval: Kevin Schott reported that Chairman Young appointed him as the Interim EMA Director for Montgomery County. The Christian County Board voted to terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County. Schott stated he is working on the Emergency Operating Plan that was due on March 5th, 2021. There are thirty Annexes to update and send into IEMA to keep our accreditation for funding. Schott stated he agreed to be the Interim Director on a part time basis and he has his hat in other engagements and obligations. Schott stated there is a leadership meeting that Dan Hough is facilitating tomorrow night in the EMA Office with key people, drone people and the Incident Management Team members. Dan Hough stated we have a good volunteer base that is well trained and dedicated. The Volunteer Group such as the Search and Rescue Team is truly an asset to the County and

we want to keep their enthusiasm and interest. Schott stated the COVID pandemic through a curve ball in the EMA activities for the County over the past year. Montgomery County Health Department has been working a lot with the COVID response. Schott will meet with Hugh Satterlee and Jodi Perkins on Thursday regarding COVID issues. Joe Gasparich will continue to be an Assistant Deputy Director for the County.

2. **Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Hughes reported Sherry Greenwood told him the Hillsboro Ambulance Billing had \$34,000 billed last month and \$114,000 came in. The Four Ambulance District Contracts came back and are ready to be approved and signed.
3. **ETSB/911 Update/Approval:** Bergen reported first responding agencies are being trained on the new Flex Program for the new 911 system.
4. **Elections Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser was not present to give an update because she was busy working the consolidated primary election.
5. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Daniels reported the signed five year delegation agreement was sent to IL EPA and a letter was sent requesting a county and township used tire collection.
6. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Daniels reported there is one cat and 14 dogs at the facility today and one is microchipped so the owner will be contacted. There are ten dogs there involved in a pending court case.
7. **State's Attorney - Animal Control Ordinances Update/Approval:** States Attorney Affrunti stated he reviewed the county Animal Control Ordinance and there are several issues. He stated it appears that items from the ordinance were copied from the criminal aspect of the state statutes. An ordinance can't create criminal penalties. For example, cruelty investigation shall be fined no less than an amount and no more than an amount. Any expense is a lien on the animal. It should be in the ordinance. There is no function under our ordinance to re-coup the county costs of caring for this animal. Restitution is there for victims. There is no method in the ordinance to go after the person or their estate. Affrunti suggested looking at other county ordinances to draft an ordinance for the county. What we could and should be doing needs to be looked at but we can't right now until we have a good ordinance. Bill Bergen asked about towns doing their own animal control. Pay the County for services and should towns have their own ordinances. Affrunti stated we are responsible for enforcing our ordinance in the rural area of the county. Affrunti stated the City of Hillsboro has rescinded their ordinance so dogs running at large are Hillsboro's problem. We can however; deal with rabies and biting issues no matter what in the towns. Evan Young stated the Safety and Elections committee needs to decide if we want to contract with the towns for Animal control services and if we do, we need to set fees. Young stated it isn't right taking tax payer's money from Nokomis to pay for Hillsboro's dogs services. Whitworth stated animal

control is not a money making deal and is a wonderful service for a county to have. Affrunti suggested getting a copy of the Sangamon County animal control ordinance but asked is that the kind of animal control services Montgomery County needs? We need to tell each municipality with no contract that we are not doing any services there. Affrunti stated animal control needs a clear direction on what calls to respond to and we need to find out which municipalities are under which contract. Affrunti stated we can't show preferential treatment of calls in town by picking up something one day and then not respond for some reason the next day. Affrunti will review the old and new municipal contracts to see if we need to terminate the most current contract and if so, we will do with a 30 day letter.

8. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:**
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to approve the seven committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ALL BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION REGARDING SB 1602 AFTER THE MEETING.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS:

Reappointment of Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District as a Trustee from May 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2024.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District as a Trustee effective May 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2024.

Appointment of Daniel Tester to the Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree from April 13th, 2021 to September 5th, 2023.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to appoint Daniel Tester to the Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree effective April 13th, 2021 to September 5th, 2023.

Appointment of Robert Warnock to the Green Hill Cemetery Association from April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to appoint Robert Warnock to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Reappointment of Ron Lawler to Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Ron Lawler to Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Reappointment of Dale Nobbe to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Dale Nobbe to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13th, 2021 to April 30th, 2027.

Appointment of Glenn Cherry to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2024.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Glenn Cherry to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring June 30, 2024.

Reappoint Bill Schroeder to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Bill Schroeder to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Reappoint CJ Liddell as Chairman to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint CJ Liddell as Chairman of the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Reappoint Joe Goeke as Vice Chairman to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Joe Goeke as Vice Chairman to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Reappoint Brian Niemann to the Planning Commission for a full three year term to expire June 30, 2023.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint Brian Niemann to the Planning Commission for a full three year term to expire June 30, 2023.

Reappoint William Beeler to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District board of trustees for a 3 year term from March 2021 to March 2024.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to reappoint William Beeler to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District board of trustees for a 3 year term effective March 2021 to March 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:

1. Approval to Pay any Invoices to JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to pay any invoices for JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps

Voice Vote: In favor - Against , Absent - Abstain (Yeske). Motion carried.

Motion by _____ and second by _____ to pay all other approved bills and Payroll. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2021.

ADJOURN:

The Next Regular full Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting Adjourned at _____pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.