

## Montgomery County Board Minutes

**For Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via teleconference. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Evan Young at 5:34 PM.

**Roll call was taken** - 21 members present, 0 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 (by phone), Earlene Robinson, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Patty Whitworth, Donna Yeske and Evan Young.

**Members Absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag** was led by Jim Havera.

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:** Motion by Robinson and second by Wendel 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 Deabenderfer and second by Donaldson to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **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 was present for questions.
5. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
6. **Health & TB Department Report** ---Hugh Satterlee reported there have been 13,575 COVID vaccinations administered to county residents to date. He said there are now 5,457 residents fully vaccinated which is 19.08% of the county, and of those county residents who are vaccinated, 66.81% are 65 years or older. Satterlee added the State of Illinois has wasted 2,603 vaccines so far, while Montgomery County has only wasted 6 doses, which is a good track record. Satterlee stated things are opening up, but people still need to get vaccinated. He said the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was stopped and the Health Department is now waiting on further clarification before it is resumed. Satterlee said the county has 175 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which has a 30 day shelf life. Satterlee reported they have a 96-97% return rate for those getting the second dose due to some having a bad reaction to the first shot. He said the Moderna vaccine has a 90% effective rate against COVID after six months.
7. **Highway Department Report** ---Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
8. **Probation Office Report** ---Bance Ulrici—report was submitted.
9. **Public Defender's Report** ---Erin Mattson—no report was given.
10. **ROE – Monthly and Quarterly Reports** —Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
11. **Sheriff's Report** ---Rick Robbins – report was submitted.

12. **SOA Report** ---Ray Durston – report was submitted.
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.

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

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **708 Board** – Robinson said applications for funding will be available May 1<sup>st</sup> and are due back by July, 2021. She said their next meeting is scheduled for July.
- **CEFS Board** – Fogle thanked the volunteers who have helped with meals on wheels, and he reported CEFS is getting a grant due to COVID which will be helpful with expenses.
- **911 Board** – Bergen referred to 911 Coordinator Ed Boyd, who gave an update about a new response app they now offer called “I Am Responding,” which allows telecommunicators to reach out to first responders more quickly. Boyd said the response app works with the new 911 CAD system; and when a 911 call is placed, the app will bring up a run sheet, validate the address and notify the appropriate Fire, EMS or Police agency. He said the app sends an alert to responders’ cell phones with a text message communicating the nature of the call and sends out a map with the destination to the responders. Boyd stated the first responders can then text a message stating whether they can go to the call, which allows everyone to know how much help is coming. Boyd stated today is the go live date with the new 911 CAD system.
- **Health Department** — Sandra Johnson stated there is nothing to add to Satterlee’s report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** — Bergen and Beeler stated there was no meeting.
- **MCEDC** — Yeske stated she will report during the Development Committee.
- **Planning Commission** --Deabenderfer, Ritchie – Deabenderfer stated there was no meeting.
- **Senior Citizens Board** — Deabenderfer said they will not meet until COVID is over.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated there was no meeting.
- **U of I** – Beck stated there was nothing new, and they are only meeting quarterly by phone.
- **WCDC** –Wendel stated WCDC will meet this Thursday night in Carlinville at 5:30 pm.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by County Board Chairman Evan Young:**

1. **Information Systems Report Update:** Young stated the Information Systems Department is hoping to set a date for training County Board members about the Chrome Books.
2. **COVID-19 Pandemic Update:** Young said Satterlee reported earlier in the meeting.
3. **2020 Census Data Update:** Young stated the census numbers are not final yet and have been delayed until August. He said the delay makes it harder for lawmakers to finalize redistricting maps. County Clerk Leitheiser reported according to the Illinois County Clerk/Recorder's Association lobbyist, the Illinois Democratic Party would like everyone to use Americas Community Survey census data, which estimates population each year and is not considered official; and the Illinois Republican Party wants to wait for the final certified 2020 Census numbers. She said they have been told at some point the courts will likely get involved.
4. **Amendment to Extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County Approval:** Young stated we will approve this proclamation for one or two more months. **Motion by Yeske and second by Whitworth to approve the amendment to extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, page 209).**
5. **Regional Development Group Approval:** Young stated the chairman from the five counties interested in a regional development group met recently and set up a subcommittee to establish a mission statement and bylaws to form the new regional development group. He said discussion took place about how to finance the group and whether or not they can have private sector individuals serve as members. Young stated he talked recently with U of I Extension Director Amanda Cole, and they hope to have this done by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. He said their recommendations will be given to the five county boards to approve. Whitworth asked who will be serving as the Montgomery County Reps, and Young responded Tonya Flannery of Litchfield and Heather Hampton+Knodle from Fillmore will represent our county on this group.
6. **Vote to Terminate the EMA Contract with Christian County Approval:** Young stated we received a letter from the Christian County Board asking to terminate the EMA Contract with them. He reported there was a meeting recently with our District EMA Director, and he recommends our board vote to terminate the contract with Christian County as well. Young said both Counties have decided to go back to having their own EMA services instead of a joint EMA. **Motion by Bergen and second by Beck to terminate the joint EMA Contract with Christian County. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Reapportionment for Montgomery County Update:** Leitheiser reported she gave Affrunti paperwork to review.
8. **Coal Mine Representative Update:** Young introduced Land Manager for Coalfield Construction Chad Fuson who gave an update on coal mining activities and the subsidence on Route 185. Fuson stated they are about seven weeks into the longwall mining of the panel under Route 185 and have approximately 30 days left. Fuson said after mining has been completed in that area, the Illinois Department of Transportation will then direct them on what to do to fix the road and they will be under the guidance of IDOT. He said the road is bonded and there is enough money to fix it. Fuson added they

monitor Route 185 every two hours daily and have been doing the best they can to keep the road in working order. He said there will be three more panels going under Route 185 after this panel, with each section about 3,000 feet; and they expect the same damage in the future panels. Fuson stated they planned for two full panels and a short panel of about 1,000 feet south and east of where they are now, and the coal mine company will fix the road according to IDOT specifications. He said they are checking 100 year flood plan data to see how high they will have to rebuild the road and stated Brian Gallaway from IDOT is in charge of this road and it will be completely milled. Fuson said they will wait about 60 days after the mining for subsidence to finish before they start to fix Illinois Route 185. Fuson said Illinois Route 185 has dropped about seven feet, and the coal seam they are mining now is about seven to eight feet deep. Fuson said houses and structures get monitored; and once the settling stops, they will then fix that area. He stated they are running two shifts at four to five days a week and average moving about 40 feet forward in a day. Leitheiser asked about when the annual coal mine planning map will be filed with the County Clerk's office, and Fuson responded they are working on it. Discussion was held between Fuson and County Board members on the current project involving Illinois Route 185.

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

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported he received a phone call regarding a leak in the wall in the building to the south of the Courthouse Annex Building. He will have local contractor Brett Seward get on the roof to review the situation. Sneed also stated he will check with State's Attorney Affrunti about the legality of repairing this wall.
2. **Surplus at the Highway Department Update:** Sneed said maintenance staff will work to organize the surplus items and take any metal for scrap.
3. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update:** Sneed reported he will check with Highway Engineer Greenwood and Health Department Director Satterlee regarding the Highway and Health Department building assessments reported by IPMG.
4. **Energy Savings Report from Centrica (Smart Watt) Approval:** Sneed reported the committee received the energy report from Orry Cummings of Centrica, formally Smart Watt. He said the guaranteed savings was \$27,889 and we actually saved about \$30,000 for a surplus of \$2,600 over what they projected. Sneed said we have to pay a service each year to monitor these savings; and due to COVID, the committee felt we need another year of monitoring the energy savings to see if we are truly saving money. Affrunti stated he has heard the circuit judges talk about opening the Courthouse Complex back up about May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, which would allow us to get a more realistic audit. **Motion by Sneed and second by Beason to have Centrica perform the monitoring service for another year for \$3,400, and the report will be due January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Other Business Update:** Sneed stated the committee plans to treat dandelion weeds on courthouse lawns soon.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairwoman Donna Yeske:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Yeske reported the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program is looking for a new facilitator since Dr. Follis was offered another position.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Yeske reported both RLF businesses are making payments.
3. **Tourism Update:** Yeske said the committee received three grant applications to review.
4. **Tourism Grant Applications Approval:** Yeske reported the committee received three applications for tourism grant money, and two events were scored and awarded the funding they requested. She said the third application from Re-Inventing Central Park Phase I was not awarded a grant because it was considered a project and not an event. Yeske stated she called the person who submitted the application to explain the situation, and he understood the committee's decision. **Motion by Yeske and second by Jones 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.** Lohman stated some of the federal relief package programs she is hearing about could reimburse Economic Development needs, and she will check into the criteria. Whitworth said if we do another round of tourism grants, we should make sure we change the application and take off the word project so there isn't confusion in the future. Young stated if they had an event for building the park, then they would have been eligible for a grant. Whitworth replied the Reinventing Hillsboro Central Park group is doing fundraiser events.
5. **Develop a Regional ED Group to Implement the CEDS Document Update:** Yeske stated Young gave an update on this topic earlier in the meeting.
6. **Montgomery County Bicentennial Update:** Yeske thanked everyone who participated in the Bicentennial kickoff event held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She said plans for the event kept changing due to the inclement weather. Whitworth also thanked everyone who helped with the event and said there are still programs, cookies and wooden nickels left. Whitworth said the next event is scheduled for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Fairgrounds in Butler. Yeske stated the PBS TV program came to the Historic Courthouse recently and filmed a segment regarding the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Historic Courthouse. She said the interview regarding the Historic Courthouse can also be seen on the Historical Society Facebook page and on You Tube.
7. **Resolution #2021-03 to Support Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs – SB1602 Approval:** Yeske reported there is legislation to allow the state to take control away from local governments if a wind or solar facility comes to a county. She said the committee would like the County Board to adopt this resolution to oppose SB1602, and Young shared the Farm Bureau is also against SB1602. Yeske also stated there is a wind company interested in locating in the northern part of the county at this time. **Motion by Yeske and second by Beeler to approve the Resolution #2021-03 to Support Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 18, pages 210-212).**

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

1. **SOA Report Update:** She stated Durston's report is included in the Department Reports.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler said Treasurer Lohman reported we reimbursed the taxing bodies for what they previously paid towards the power plant

assessment, and VISTRA sent their payments directly to the taxing bodies. Beeler said Lohman informed the committee some certificate of deposits came due at the end of March and they were renewed. The largest CD was for one year and the others went to 18 months renewal. Beeler said CD's are renewing at one half of what they were a year ago.

3. **FY 2020 Audit Update:** Beeler referred to Josh Andres of Scheffel Boyle Accountants, who gave a presentation on their findings in the FY 2020 Audit. Andres introduced Scheffel Boyle Accountant Katelin Feldmann from Litchfield who helped prepare the independent audit. Andres gave the county a clean opinion which is the highest opinion a unit of government can get on an audit. He stated the total receipts for 2019 and 2020 were about the same, with difference of \$6,207. He said the 2020 expenditures were \$16,337,798 and they were \$17,860,152 in 2020, resulting in a net decrease of \$1,532,354 compared to 2019. Andres stated there was a decrease in sales tax revenue of about \$300,000 from 2019, and the state restricted their calculations on the licenses, fees and fines so there was a difference. He said the total receipts in the general fund decreased \$764,876 from last year, and there is about 3.3 months of cash reserves due to restrictive cash the county can't use. Andres shared all the county financial records were in great shape and they appreciated the opportunity to prepare our audit. He said the single audit report was also done, and the standards were outlined in their letter. Andres reported this was the first year they worked on our audit, so this requires a lot more work and documentation. Andres added the county offices were great to work with, and Treasurer Lohman, Clerk Leitheiser and Circuit Clerk Lemons all said it was a great experience working with Scheffel Boyle as well. Beeler stated she is concerned about pending legislation to cut the LGDB again and court funding will possibly change due to SB 3653, the State's new criminal reform bill. Beeler thanked the officeholders who didn't spend their entire budget, and said there were some areas where salaries were over budget and salaries are paid before the board sees them. Beeler said the department heads are responsible for the salaries and this is something to improve in the future. Beeler added this could be caused by Union contracts not negotiated until the budget is approved; however, some of the salary overages were not union offices.
4. **Property Tax Penalty Waiver Update:** Beeler stated the committee discussed the option to waive the penalty on paying property taxes for private individuals due to COVID. She said not many people took advantage of this last year, and many paid the penalty anyway, which caused the Treasurer's office to send out refund checks. Beeler stated the committee decided not to offer the property tax penalty waiver this year.
5. **County Board Reapportionment Update:** Young reported the Finance committee discussed the reapportionment issues created by not having received any census data yet. The committee reviewed current census district maps prepared by GIS Technician Kevin Brink. Clerk Leitheiser shared a packet of information including guidelines and past history of county redistricting, Illinois law, information from UCCI on how to redistrict and the resolution and reapportionment plan approved by the county in 2011. Leitheiser stated the precinct boundaries need to match the county board boundaries. The redistricting plan must be filed with the County Clerk no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, or the day after the July 13th, 2021 County Board meeting. Young stated a County Board Ad-Hoc 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.

6. **IMRF Update:** Beeler stated Treasurer Lohman received an estimate of our IMRF obligation for next year, and we are seeing a decrease in all three funds. She said we will get the final number at the end of April.
7. **EMA Position Vacancy Update:** Beeler reported the Finance Committee will research what the EMA Position will be paid and the Personnel Committee will make the recommendation for a full time, part time or three quarters time employee.
8. **ETSB Maintenance Fees Update:** Beeler reported the committee is looking into maintenance fees for the new Motorola Equipment with the ETSB Board. She said the ETSB board will pay for the upgrade; but by state statute, 911 funds can only be used for 911 functions. Jail doors and other jail functions can't be paid with 911 funding.
9. **Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update:** Beeler stated the committee continues to review the comments from Deabenderfer. She said we can also look at the Auditor's recommendations to address in our policies. Beeler said the finance committee will work through each policy and bring back a clean copy next month.
10. **FY 2022 Budget Meeting Schedule Update:** Beeler stated the committee set the FY 2022 Budget hearing dates for Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She said memos will go out to office holders in June, and the budget proposals will be due back in July.
11. **Electric Service Rates Bids Approval:** Beeler reported the committee approved going out for bid on the electric service rates which expire at the end of May. She said the bid specs will include the statement saying Montgomery County has the right to reject any and all bids. **Motion by Beeler and second by Fogle to issue an RFP for electrical rates and services charges and any and all applicable fees. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen:

1. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA report Update:** Bergen reported the committee received the report from Amanda Mast of Esser Hayes regarding our employee health insurance. He said Health Alliance reported a \$150,912 loss for the ending period of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Bergen stated the HRA utilization is currently at 2% and \$8,649.16 is paid out of \$525,450 total, plus there were 12 COVID claims for \$17,249, which was 3.1% of the claim cost.
2. **Employee Personnel Manual Update:** Bergen said the Committee continues to work on the Employee Personnel Manual.

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

1. **New Highway Department Approval:** Miles reported flooring and furniture have been installed at the new building and wants to have the next committee meeting there. Miles stated the committee approved recommending a contract with InfraSource to lease them .808 acres of the new parking lot on a month to month basis for about six months. They drafted a temporary facility lease reviewed by Greenwood and endorsed by the State's Attorney, with funds going to the highway department. **Motion by Miles and second by Donaldson 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 Approval:** Miles said the committee reviewed the spreadsheets with the bid results. **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to approve the low bids from Louis Marsh and Litchfield Bituminous for the Township**

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

3. **2021 Culvert Letting Approval:** The committee reviewed the bids opened for the 2021 culvert letting. Motion by Miles and second by Donaldson to approve the low bid for the 2021 Culvert Letting. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Nokomis Road (CH 7) Extension Update:** Miles reported he and Greenwood attended the Nokomis City Council meeting regarding the Nokomis road extension, and there is no interest from the City of Nokomis to do this project at this time.
5. **Other Business Update:** Miles reported IDOT will be working on a large section of road through Fayette County which includes Hurricane Creek over Rt. 185. He said Highway Engineer Greenwood recently received a letter of understanding regarding 0.21 miles of a county road to be used as a detour during the one to two month project.

**SAFETY & ELECTIONS:** Given by Committee Chairman Mark Hughes:

1. **EMA Report Update:** Hughes asked EMA volunteer Dan Hough to give an EMA update. Hough reported the EMA Search and Rescue volunteers recently participated in an active search in the Pana Area for an individual who was reported missing a year ago. He said there were about 110 searchers from 12 counties, and the missing individual was found. Hough reported there were no incidents or injuries during the search. Hough also reported Interim EMA Director Kevin Schott is currently attending some meetings in northern Illinois.
2. **Ambulance Billing Office Update:** Hughes reported the four ambulance contracts are ready to be approved and will be voted on next month because they were not on the Safety and Elections agenda.
3. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser reported about the April election and said there was a 24% voter turnout compared to the 84% turnout at the November, 2020, election. Leitheiser said a lottery will be held to determine the mayor of Witt this week because the April election resulted in a tie vote.
4. **EPA Report Update:** Daniels reported the signed five year delegation agreement has been sent to IL EPA, and a letter to the IL EPA was also sent requesting a county and township used tire collection. Daniels stated they will be responding to several complaint calls next week.
5. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Daniels reported there is one cat and 14 dogs at the facility currently, and one is microchipped so the owner will be contacted. She stated there are ten dogs there involved in a pending court case.
6. **State's Attorney - Animal Control Ordinances Update:** Hughes reported the committee is working with State's Attorney Affrunti regarding the county's Animal Control Ordinance. He said Affrunti informed the committee there are several issues to address in the ordinance, such as having the ability to go after an individual to cover our costs for vet bills, impoundment etc. He said Affrunti suggested looking at ordinances from other counties so as to not re-invent the wheel. Hughes said according to Affrunti, the county Animal Control Ordinance can only be enforced in the unincorporated areas of the county. Affrunti was in attendance to provide more information and said the county doesn't have the ability to prosecute offenses in municipalities unless it is rabies compliance, dog bites, vicious dogs, animal cruelty cases and damage to livestock, which can be enforced in both



incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. Affrunti said municipalities can pass their own ordinances and decide if they want to enforce them; or they can contract with the county to enforce them. He said the county can't go into a municipality to enforce their leash law or running at large laws. According to Affrunti, most municipalities contract with county animal control because we have the employees, facility, equipment etc. He said we can only do the things we have power to do under the Illinois county statute. Affrunti added we need to charge a fee if we perform services for them, and the city will be responsible to prosecute their ordinances. He cited an example of a dog running at large in city limits, and the city would need to prosecute the pet owner and they would then charge those fees and fines. Deabenderfer asked if a city doesn't have an ordinance, are they out of luck. Hughes said we are going to get these issues settled between the county and the municipalities soon.

#### **APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Young asked members to be sure to sign the Local Control Resolution after the meeting.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Young requested approval to appoint Young, Loucks, Beeler, Affrunti and Leitheiser to the Ad-Hoc Reapportionment Committee. **Motion by Donaldson and second by Fogle to appoint Evan Young, David Loucks, Megan Beeler, Andrew Affrunti and Sandy Leitheiser to the Ad-Hoc Reapportionment Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Re-appointment of Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District as a Trustee from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion by Robinson and second by Fogle to re-appoint Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District as a Trustee effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Appointment of Daniel Tester to the Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree from April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion by Miles and second by Johnson to appoint Daniel Tester to the Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Appointment of Robert Warnock to the Green Hill Cemetery Association from April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Motion by Sneed and second by Donaldson to appoint Robert Warnock to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Re-appointment of Ron Lawler to Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Motion by Whitworth and second by Beason to re-appoint Ron Lawler to**

**Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. All in favor, motion carried.**

Re-appointment of Dale Nobbe to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Motion by Sneed and second by Fogle to re-appoint Dale Nobbe to the Green Hill Cemetery Association effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. All in favor, motion carried.

Appointment of Glenn Cherry to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2024. Motion by Bergen and second by Beck to reappoint Glenn Cherry to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring June 30, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Re-appointment of Bill Schroeder to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022. Motion by Jones and second by Wendel to reappoint Bill Schroeder to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Re-appointment of CJ Liddell to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Motion by Whitworth and second by McCoy to reappoint CJ Liddell to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Re-appointment of Joe Goeke to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Motion by Sneed and second by Miles to reappoint Joe Goeke to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Re-appointment of Brian Niemann to the Planning Commission for a full three year term to expire June 30, 2023. Motion by Yeske and second by Beck to re-appoint Brian Niemann to the Planning Commission for a full three year term to expire June 30, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Re-appointment of 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 Jones and second by Wendel to re-appoint William Beeler to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District board of trustees for a 3 year term effective March 2021 to March 2024. Beeler abstained. All other in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Bill Schroeder asked about the Foresight Energy bankruptcy and if the debt to the county and local businesses has been paid. Schroeder added we need an accurate accounting of the scale tickets for the coal sales and the dates it was sold. He said there has been no follow up on this topic. Schroeder stated given the past promises from Foresight have failed to materialize, the county should be making sure the correct royalties are received. Schroeder said the company owed about \$6,974 to the county and the info was given to Treasurer Lohman, who responded she wasn't sure if it has been paid, but would check the status. She said this issue was turned over to the county's insurance company to see if it had been paid, and Beeler said we will have to follow the bankruptcy case through the court system. Schroeder said he has a list of all the people in the county owed money from the coal mine's

bankruptcy. Lohman said we are now receiving a breakdown of tonnages from the coal mine each month, and it shows the breakdown of what the coal mine is paying for royalties. Beeler asked mine representative Fuson who verifies the tonnage reports, and he replied the State of Illinois does the checking. Beeler said we didn't reduce our royalty amount with the coal mine when they requested this be done.

Karyl Dressen encouraged members to drive down Illinois Route 185 to Coffeen to see the damage done due to longwall mining. Dressen added this mining activity is also damaging homes, barns, fields and livelihoods. Member Jones stated the Litchfield cutoff road was just as damaged and it was repaired very well after mining was completed.

#### **PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:**

1. **Approval to Pay any Invoices to JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps:** Motion by Donaldson and second by Miles to pay any invoices for JJ Outlet, LLC and Yeske Soaps All in favor except Yeske, who abstained. Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Wendel and second by Yeske to pay all other approved bills and payroll.** All in favor, motion carried.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Chairman Young announced the Next Regular Full Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Beason and second by Havera to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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

