

Montgomery County Board

Buildings & Grounds Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Conference Call NUMBER IS: 217-532-8500. **Conference ID number:** 926186 #.

Members Present: Bob Sneed, Gene Miles, Jim Havera, Russell Beason (by phone), Richard Wendel and Evan Young

Members Absent: Jeremy Jones

Others Present: Mark Brown

The committee met today to discuss the following:

- Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Brown reported the locks in the Circuit Clerks Office were changed and he found a new door closure for the north door. Brown stated the tractor was serviced last spring and the blades on the mowers were sharpened and are ready for mowing.
 - Generator Proposal: Sneed reported he received a proposal from Luby for the repairs on the generator at the Jail in the amount of \$2,091.31. The radiator will be replaced along with upper and lower radiator hoses, belts and the coolant. **Motion by Wendel and second by Havera to approve the proposal from Luby for \$2,091.31 to repair the leak in the radiator in the generator at the Jail. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - Light Proposal for the Jail: Sneed shared a bid from Hillsboro Electric to fix the ground lights outside the Jail. Option One is to replace 11 of the wall pack lights on the Jail. Five lights at the sally port and bed photo cells on several other lights. Five ballasts and photo cells are also needed and the estimate is \$1,480. Option B is to replace everything with LED lights and the cost is \$2,391 after the AMEREN incentives. The pay back is about five years and the payback over a ten year period will be about \$12,000 by installing LED Lights. **Motion by Havera and second by Beason to approve the proposal Option B from Hillsboro Electric in the amount of \$2,391 to replace the light fixtures outside the Jail with LED lights and fixtures. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Elevator Issues and Proposal Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the bid from Schindler Elevator to make some repairs to the Historic Courthouse elevator and the secure elevator at the New Courthouse. The third party inspection was completed last week and two of our three elevators failed due to phones not working and a light that is out. **Motion by Miles and second by Havera to approve the proposal from Schindler Elevator to make repairs to two elevators in the amount of \$3,355. All in favor, motion carried.** The committee discussed ear marking this expense to COVID because of the damage done by spraying the disinfectant on these areas.
- Sprinkler Information from F.E. MORAN Fire Protection Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed some information from F.E. Moran Fire Protection to provide maintenance and inspections on the sprinkler systems at the New Courthouse and Jail. This is currently done by Wareham's security.
- Surplus at the Highway Department Update/Approval:** Now that the weather is getting warmer we will work on getting the surplus organized for a surplus auction.
- IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update/Approval:** Sneed reported he spoke with Eric Braasch regarding the county building appraisal report and he will have the appraiser take a look at the report and give us an update.
- Energy Savings Report from Centrica (Smart Watt) Update/Approval:** Sneed reported he contacted Orry Cummings about reviewing the energy savings report and hasn't heard back from him.
- Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:** *(not needed)*
- Other Business Update/Approval:** Sneed will try and find a concrete contractor for sidewalk replacement.
- Public Comments:** None

Motion by Wendel second by Havera to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Miles and second by to Havera adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Chris Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

Time: 8:30 am – County Board Room

Conference Call NUMBER IS: 217-532-8500. **Conference ID number:** 926186 #.

Members Present: Evan Young, Megan Beeler by Google Meet, Bill Bergen, Mark Hughes, Gene Miles, Bob Sneed and Donna Yeske

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser, Nikki Lohman, Rick Robbins, Curt Watkins, Patty Whitworth, Andy Ritchie and Eric Brasch

The committee met today to discuss the following:

Coordinating Committee: Evan Young, Board Chairman -

1. **Information Systems Report Update/Approval:** Curt Watkins stated that we are now able to remote to home with the phone system due to the phone upgrade and Animal Control is now connected through CTI. Watkins will be scheduling training for Chrome Books. Watkins is working on the details of the new 911 systems and on connectivity with agencies to get to our software going. Watkins stated they just finished a phishing campaign and there were 88 emails sent out and 11 people clicked on it which is 12.4%. They are now seeing some trends on the people that are clicking and what they are clicking on. Watkins suggested setting up their own training to address directly the trends they are seeing and what is being clicked on. The employees that clicked on the phishing email received another set of training. Watkins will send a list of those that are not responding to the training. A list will be sent to office holders for their employees and their status of their training. Watkins stated there was a power issue at the New Courthouse due to the snow storm and he helped resolve the electrical issue by coming here in bad weather. The issue was with the generator with a low antifreeze level. Ultimately Watkins or the Sheriff can't be a building and grounds person and it needs to be coordinated at a level with building and grounds and he doesn't have the time to do this. We need some coordination with the building and grounds to manage more completely. Robbins stated he and Bruce Sanford are not maintenance people and they need someone that knows about this and to monitor it. Robbins stated there are other issues regarding maintenance beyond this and someone needs to understand our systems and weather related things to check out on the buildings and equipment.
2. **COVID-19 Pandemic Update/Approval:** No report from Nimmo.
3. **Amendment to Extend the Proclamation of a Disaster in Montgomery County Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss.
4. **Regional Development Group Update/Approval:** Young reported he and Yeske sat in a meeting with some other County Board Chairman to discuss setting up a Regional Planning Group to replace West Central Development Council.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

Building & Grounds Committee: Bob Sneed, Chairman -

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss.
2. **Surplus at the Highway Department Update/Approval:** Waiting for better weather to organize the surplus stuff at the highway department.
3. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss. Sneed stated he will give Eric Braasch a list of concerns on some of the building appraisals.
4. **Energy Savings Report from Centrica (Smart Watt) Update/Approval:** Sneed has contacted Orry for an update on the report we received last month.

5. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:** Motion by Yeske and second by Miles to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time 9:00 am. ROLL CALL: Evan Young, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Mark Hughes, Gene Miles, Bob Sneed and Donna Yeske
Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 9:40 am No action was taken.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Outside lighting needs to be upgraded at the jail.

Economic Development Committee: Donna Yeske, Chairman –

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Yeske stated they are working on updating the website with tourism videos.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Payments are coming in.
3. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Nothing new with Great Rivers and Routes.
4. **EDC Committee Name Change Update/Approval:** Per Yekse, we will vote on the name change at the full board. They are looking to change the name because there is some confusion in the names of the committee with MCEDC. It will be changed to Montgomery County Development Committee.
5. **Develop a Regional ED Group to Implement the CEDS Document Update/Approval:** Yeske reported Young already spoke about this.
6. **Grantfinder Services Database Offered by Illinois Association of County Board Members Update/Approval:** Yeske sent an email to elected officials with the information to be able to research grants and said she would be happy to assist anyone with this.
7. **Tourism Financial Assistance Applications Update/Approval:** Applications have been put on the county web site and the committee will review at their April meeting.
8. **Montgomery County Bicentennial Update/Approval:** Yeske reported the Bicentennial celebration was postponed to April 10th, 2021 due to bad weather. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd, at 7:00 pm at the Bank of Hillsboro. Whitworth stated she has had an overwhelming response to people/organizations purchasing vertical banners to be hung around the courthouse and Main Street. AJ Banners will be making the banners. Donny Downs and Jim May will be installing the banners. Yeske will have a bill to turn in on the banners.
9. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
10. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Litchfield Library gave a book on Illinois History

Finance Committee: Megan Beeler, Chairman -

1. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss the report
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss the report.
3. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update/Approval:** Eric Braasch will attend the committee meeting to explain and answer questions regarding the report.
4. **IMRF Update/Approval:** Beeler reported the committee will review information shared on the County at the Capital report.
5. **Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update/Approval:** Beeler has sent out a draft to some board members to review and is waiting for feedback so she can share with other board members.
6. **IACBM questions/survey:** No one had completed the survey. Megan, Nikki and Evan will look at the survey together and complete it after Finance Committee Meeting.
7. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

Personnel Committee: Bill Bergen, Chairman -

1. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA report Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss the HRA report.

2. **Animal Control Employee Issue Update/Approval:** Bill stated he doesn't know how many people will be here.
3. **Employee Personnel Manual Update/Approval:** Committee has been reviewing.
4. **Workers Compensation Issues at the Sheriff's Office Update/Approval:** Robbins gave an update on the issues with getting information from Workers Compensation to settle a claim for an employee due to COVID.
5. **Human Resources Update/Approval:** The committee will discuss. Whitworth said this would be useful for one person to document employee issues.
6. **Executive Session for Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

Road & Bridge Committee: Gene Miles, Chairman –

1. **Pine Street in Irving – Jurisdiction Issues Update/Approval:** Trying to figure out who has jurisdiction on Pine Street in Irving. Young stated it is still Irving's road. We took coal money to fix it but didn't take it over.
2. **New Highway Department Renovations Update/Approval:** Miles stated they are finishing up the painting now and then the electrical followed by the plumbers and then the flooring.
3. **City of Nokomis Meeting Update/Approval:** Farm to market road – turn the streets over to the City of Nokomis. Miles went to a meeting last night and will go to the March Meeting to further discuss them taking over the streets.
4. **Executive Session for Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

Safety and Elections Committee: Mark Hughes, Chairman -

1. **EMA Report Update/Approval:** Nimmo
2. **Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:**
3. **ETSB/911 Update/Approval:** Bergen will report.
4. **Elections Update/Approval:** Leitheiser will report.
6. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Daniels will report.
7. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Hughes stated Amanda Daniels will give a report to the Committee and they are looking to hire a 10 hour week kennel attendant.
8. **Executive Session for Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion to Adjourn by Hughes and second by Yeske. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Appointments:

FULL BOARD Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Montgomery County Board

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 1st, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM – County Board Room

Conference Call NUMBER IS: 217-532-8500

Conference ID number 926186#

Members Present: Donna Yeske, Bev McCoy, Andy Ritchie, Patty Whitworth, Megan Beeler by Phone and Evan Young

Members Absent: Ron Deabenderfer and Mark Hughes

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Yeske stated there is nothing new to update. MCEDC continues to work on Whisper internet and updating their website.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Yeske stated payments are being received ok.
3. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Rivers and Routes are working on putting the new publications together.
4. **EDC Committee Name Change Update/Approval:** Yeske reported the committee discussed changing the committee name last month and need to take action this month. **Motion by Ritchie and second by McCoy to change committee name from Economic Development Committee to Montgomery County Development Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Develop a Regional ED Group to Implement the CEDS Document Update/Approval:** Yeske reported she and Young met with three county chairmen and one board member and one vice chairman. They will meet again in the middle of March to start the process to form a new Regional Economic Development Group. Young stated we were in the West Central Council however the Federal Government won't deal with West Central and it is creating a problem with one of our municipalities not getting Economic Development money for a grant. Young said he won't report what happened in that meeting in open session. Our Liaison is Richard Wendel and he is dealing with the Job Center. The regional group will consist of all the same counties as before except for Shelby County and Young said the other counties are on board. Young said the CEDS document was not being updated and was a problem. Young and Beeler said to keep on top of the CEDS document updates almost every year so that grants can be utilized. U of I and all cities had to send in their information. Jerseyville person Shari Albrecht helped with the CEDS document and with U of I extension.
6. **Grantfinder Services Database Offered by Illinois Association of County Board Members Update/Approval:** Yeske stated she participated in a webinar and she shared the log in information for the user friendly data base to search for grants. If there are any new grants, Yeske will be notified by email and will alert the office holders of new grants available that will be department specific.
7. **Tourism Grant Applications Update/Approval:** The deadline to apply for the Tourism Grants is Monday, March 22nd and will be awarded Tuesday, April 13th, 2021.
8. **Montgomery County Bicentennial Update/Approval:** Yeske reported there is a meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at the Bank of Hillsboro. The county birthday cake is displayed in front of the County Courthouse and the first celebration was rescheduled tentatively for Saturday, April 10th, 2021. Rodney Davis and Avery Bourne plan to attend and a representative from Dick Durbin's office will attend.
9. **Andy Ritchie – Request to the Committee Update/Approval:** Ritchie stated he shared an idea with a couple of board members saying that he would like to go around and talk with county businesses. His plan would cover giving the Business an update on what the county is

doing and then ask them what they would like to see in the system such as information and support. Ritchie would like to establish a communication between the county and the municipalities. Ritchie stated in the past he has gone out and shook hands with business owners and it has been successful. His desire is to talk to the different cities and to see who is the best companies for him to speak with are. He asked committee members if there were any objections of him reaching out to the county businesses. Beeler stated she was contracted with MCEDC to do the business retention aspect for MCEDC. At that time, Ameren let them use their data base and she sat with the EDC Director to talk with the right businesses. Beeler stated the retention visits consisted of 20 to 25 per year on a three year cycle and that Belusko is doing so much she can't keep up with them. Beeler stated the CEO program came out of these conversations with businesses. Beeler will find out if MCEDC is doing them and if they will share their findings with us. The committee discussed if we can use AMEREN's Data and who replaced Cheryl Weldge now that she retired. Beeler stated when she was doing retention visits for MCEDC, Litchfield was doing their own thing and it is hard to get a good picture. Beeler said it would be nice if one person did all the retention visits so we can get a good countywide picture. Beeler said it is hard to get in the door and she once had the Sheriff's Office called on her. Ritchie explained he has done these business visits for years in the past, collected the information and created a spreadsheet. Beeler suggested getting together with MCEDC on these visits so someone could take notes and one person could do the talking. Yeske said she will set up a meeting with Belusko, Ritchie, Bob Mulch, Shelly Herman and herself before we step on someone's toes. Yeske stated Belusko can't do anything in Litchfield and this may help break the ice. Another suggestion was for Ritchie to go with Shelly Herman to do the Litchfield businesses. Whitworth stated she reviewed the MCEDC annual report for last year and there was no financial information. Young stated MCEDC pays one half of Belusko's salary and Beeler said the county pays a membership to the MCEDC.

10. **Patty Whitworth Meeting Idea Update/Approval:** Whitworth stated she has been in communication with county Mayors regarding the Bicentennial and they asked about getting the Mayor's Meetings going again. Whitworth feels it would be a good thing to reinstate the mayor's meetings and this is not a group to take action, rather a way to exchange ideas and communicate. Young and Yeske said these meetings are his meeting to have, but it was difficult to schedule with the pandemic. Beeler said they were excellent meetings and the last one was held in September 2019. Yeske stated this is the Chairman's Job to host the Mayor's Meetings and Leitheiser suggested waiting until May when the elections results will be canvased.
11. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval: (not needed)**
12. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None
13. **Public Comments:** None

Motion by Ritchie and second by McCoy to pay the Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McCoy and second by Whitworth to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels, as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, March 5, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Conference Call NUMBER IS: 217-532-8500 Conference ID number 926186#

Members Present: Megan Beeler, Russell Beason (by phone), Tim Fogle, David Loucks, Earlene Robinson, Bob Sneed, Andy Ritchie and Evan Young

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Durston, Nikki Lohman, Sandy Leitheiser, Rick Robbins, Eric Braasch and Beeler sisters.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **ICRMT Grants and Custom Policies Update/Approval:** Sheriff Robbins reported he is working on a large grant for the radios and it should be approved by next week. Robbins also applied for a capital working grant for \$75,000 so he can purchase equipment. Robbins will find out if they will give more upfront money or how the grant gets reimbursed. The State grant for \$300,000 would allow all the law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County to have the capabilities of digital radio communication so that they can all talk and hear each other. There are three main frequencies in the county. The money received from the grant will go in a separate fund and will be expensed quickly. Robbins reported the IT Department will not have to do much, but Watkins will be brought on board for technology purposes. **Motion by Sneed and second by Loucks to approve up to \$75,000 on the new radio system pending receiving grant funds. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Durston reported the Board of Review met and reviewed 24 complaints and notices were mailed. The BOR will meet again on March 12th, 2021 to review the remaining complaints. Miles Harris has begun inspections and the BAS for the census has been submitted by the GIS department. Leitheiser thanked Durston and Kevin Brink for preparing the map for the coal mine maps and this resource is on the county website on the GIS. Next year's map will also be put on the web so that people can see where longwall mining is taking place. Durston said he has training scheduled for March 24th to 26th in Bloomington. The committee discussed the status of the counties with VISTRA power plants and that the pending Legislation has some support. Some of the other counties went to BOR regarding their VISTRA power plants. The SOA office reviews the property for assessment after the reclamation of the property when subsidence is fixed. A certified letter goes out to taxing bodies for any assessment with a \$100,000 or more complaint Drop. Durston stated Taxing Bodies can dispute and appeal at the BOR meeting and it will go to PTAB. Taxing bodies should advise the SOA office if they want to appeal an assessment complaint.
3. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** A coal royalty payment of \$278,007 was received in January and \$179,000 was received in February.
4. **IPMG Building Inspection & Appraisal Update/Approval:** Eric Braasch was present to answer questions about the appraisal report on county buildings. Braasch asked if the old county highway buildings should be on the insurance and Young stated they should be on inventory until the Highway department vacates the old buildings and moves to the new facility. The Health Department and Litchfield building contents appraisal went up. Lohman stated they received inventory sheets that are being entered and she will contact Hugh Satterlee about the Litchfield and Nokomis building contents. The Historic Courthouse compared it to the appraisal in 2016 and the previous appraisal wasn't done with the building being on the historical register. Leitheiser stated there are restrictions when a building is on the National Register and needs to be checked out. The Historic Courthouse was put on the report as replacement cost and discussion took place on how the building would be replaced if there were a major loss. Sneed asked Braasch to research more information on what we would have to do if there was a total loss of the Historic Courthouse and the replacement requirements since it is on the National Historic Courthouse.
5. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID #13-06-202-006 in Witt Township to Bradley J. Lecrone Update/Approval:** Motion by Loucks and second by Fogle to recommend the approval of Resolution

to convey deed for parcel ID #13-06-202-006 in Witt Township to Bradley J. Lecrone. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID #12-27-204-010 in Irving Township to Stephen Keith Update/Approval:** Motion by Sneed and second by Ritchie to recommend the approval of Resolution to convey deed for parcel ID #12-27-204-010 in Irving Township to Steven Keith. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **IMRF Update/Approval:** Nothing new to report.
8. **Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update/Approval:** Beeler stated Lohman went to a Treasurer's seminar and found out we should have a County Financial Policy. Beeler shared a draft of the Financial Policies that she drafted and asked the committee to review it for next month. There are some blanks to be filled in and we need language for the imprest fund situation like who is going to hold them and signatures required. There is a current maximum cap of \$1,000 and we need to identify what the imprest fund can be spent on. Beeler wants to drop the cap to \$500. Robbins stated he has a revolving account from a sheriff sale and he has to give that money back to the bank. Robbins has the only credit card and other offices borrow it to make on line purchases like W-2's. Young stated the Highway Department has a credit card to purchase parts on line. Robbins stated he can purchase items on line cheaper and get things quicker. Beeler stated the highway department can do their own thing and doesn't have to come to the county board. It is a courtesy they come to the board for approval on things. Discussion took place on having the imprest fund have debit card capabilities so that items can be purchased cheaper on line. Robbins and Durston have a debit card for their offices.
9. **Fence Damage: Insurance Claim Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed an email and invoice for fence damage in the amount of \$337.92. Put a memo out to offices to voucher out of Claims and Judgments line item which is levied separately. It has only been used for insurance premiums, and after reading the statute we can expense judgments.
10. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval:** To discuss a lawsuit. Motion by Robinson and second by Ritchie to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 9:33 am.
Motion by Robinson and second by Fogle to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:43 am.
Motion by Fogle and second by Beason to recommend the ratification of the settlement for the lawsuit in the amount of \$1,000.
11. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Leitheiser stated we received the 2021 UCCI salary study and encouraged everyone to check out the data and verify with other counties. Leitheiser also said she seen an email regarding the Litchfield ambulance increasing their max levy. The county will have to allow or disallow the increase for the next budget process. Beeler stated she didn't respond to Flannery's email as there was a lot going on. Flannery stated they budget \$185,000 for FY 2021 and they only received \$180,000. The difference needs to be explained. Litchfield wants a .45 increase. Lohman will respond to Flannery's email. Leitheiser stated Nimmo is leaving county employment at the EMA Director for Christian and Montgomery Counties. A list of vendors that Nimmo has approval to charge on was reviewed by the committee and those accounts will need to be updated. Beeler will draft a letter to all the companies letting them know that Nimmo is no longer an employee as of March 12th, 2021 and all charges will stop. Leitheiser will mail out the letters to the vendors. Beeler said this position should not just report to the Chairman of the Board and had concerns last year with the meals that were charged. Shouldn't report just to the Chairman of the Board. Beeler has complained about this person for years and was upset last year with the meal expenses. Beeler said she will talk with the State's Attorney and we need an authorization process in place to charge things.
12. **Public Comments:** Loucks stated he received a complaint call about spending coal money because the called has damage from the coal mine. Young stated a lot of money has been spent over the years on the roads with coal money.

Motion by Robinson and second by Sneed to pay the Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Sneed and second by Ritchie to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels, as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

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Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Conference Call NUMBER IS: 217-532-8500. **Conference ID number:** 926186 #.

Members Present: Gene Miles, David Loucks, Connie Beck, Doug Donaldson, Patty Whitworth, Jim Havera and Evan Young

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Engineer Cody Greenwood, Nokomis Street Superintendent Tim Chumley and Mayor Mike Holliday.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **New Highway Department Update/Approval:** Greenwood stated the drywall and painting have been finished and the interior doors and glass have been installed. The Heating and Air Conditioning and Electric still needs to be installed and the flooring will wait until the electrician is finished. Greenwood reported they tore off all the old show room. Plywood under the old shingles had some issues. The old show room was not usable and in bad shape so they tore it down. The dumpster cost is about \$400 per dump on 30 yards. Greenwood said they are doing cleanup around the site and trying to work on how the site will work out once they get down there. Young stated Ameren wants to park some vehicles on the lot while they do some work on their pipeline. Greenwood said there is partial heat in the old maintenance shop and that will be the storage area for all the trucks etc. The old lift area is junk and there are problems with the radiant heat system. Greenwood stated a drive through COVID vaccination clinic is scheduled this Saturday at the new highway department facility.
2. **2021 County and Township MFT Oil Letting Update/Approval:** Greenwood stated the 2021 County and Township MFT Oil letting is scheduled for April 6th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the new Highway Department building. Greenwood stated it is a state requirement to bid out the MFT Oil each year for County and Township.
3. **2021 Culvert Letting Update/Approval:** The annual culvert letting will also be held on April 6th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the new Highway Department Building.
4. **Nokomis Rd. (CH 7) Extension Update/Approval:** Miles reported that he and Greenwood attended the Nokomis City Council meeting to discuss the transfer of Union and Elm streets back to the City once the improvements were made; however they were not on the agenda. Greenwood said it is currently a Township road and it would be improved to county standards. This issue will be discussed at the Nokomis March 8th, meeting and Greenwood and Miles will attend the March 22nd, meeting. Street Superintendent Mike Chumley and Mayor Mike Holliday came to discuss the issue this morning and stated they don't want to take on anything that is not inside the city limits. Greenwood stated Nokomis Township said they would maintain that short section if they have to and that the county maintains the main road and the City takes care of the parking lanes. The city and school is complaining about truck traffic and this is an option to alleviate the truck traffic getting out of town. Young said he talked with Ann Brookshire yesterday about the weight limits and stop signs. Miles would like to see weight limits on the brick streets. Discussion took place on doing the project for safety reasons due to the Catholic School there. The last traffic survey was done in 2015 and there were about 1,650 cars that travel through Route 16 and Elm Street.
5. **Executive Session for Personnel/Litigation/Property Acquisition Update/Approval (not needed):**
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Bridge at Red Ball Trail is scheduled for fall of this year. The subsidence on Route 185 is a project between the State and the Coal Mine. Discussion took place on phone calls made complaining about the damage from the mining issue and that the board allowed the coal mine to come here years ago. Young stated he was involved with the Farm Bureau when they opposed the coal mine coming here and that land owners had years of opportunities to negotiate with the coal mine for damages done to their property and many didn't do it. They would have been better off if they did years ago because the coal mine is not as generous now.
7. **Public Comments:** None

Motion by Donaldson and second by Havera to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Whitworth to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.