

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 11TH, 2000

The following are minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9AM on Tuesday, January 11th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers in the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken.

Present were Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Loren Niemeyer, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White.

Absent was Eugene Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem were read.

Motion by Ogden, seconded by Durbin to approve the mileage and per diem.

Motion carried.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by White to approve the County Board Minutes of the December 14th, 1999 meeting.

Motion carried.

Copies of the reports on the Consent Agenda were received for the following county Offices:

Circuit Clerk

County Treasurer

County Clerk and Recorder

Sheriff

Health Department

TB Department

Public Defender

Probation

911 Report

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Niemeyer to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried.

Time 9:05 AM:

Motion by Branum, seconded by Gartner to go into Executive Session on Personnel matters.

Motion carried.

TIME 9:40AM:

County Board Meeting resumed.

Road and Bridge Committee Report was given by Roger Myers as follows:

A petition was presented to board members by the Road and Bridge Committee concerning problems at the Highway Department. County Highway Engineer Lowell Fehrenbacher has refused to cooperate and a temporary injunction has been filed to remove Mr. Fehrenbacher from the appointed office pending a formal hearing to be held at 2:00 PM on January 26th, 2000. Evidence will be presented to the board at this meeting and the board will make the decision to remove or reinstate Mr. Fehrenbacher.

Finance Committee Chairman Gartner gave the report of the Finance Committee. Gartner reported that the new server will cost \$7,247.00, which is in the new FY2000 budget.

The Supervisor of Assessments Office is running ahead of schedule by at least 2 1/2 Months, and reported a tentative multiplier of 1.0000 to the Finance Committee.

HWE Committee Chairman Helgen gave the report of the HWE Committee. Helgen reported that details have been worked out concerning the Freedom of Information Act form that all county offices will use for these types of requests. Helgen presented the final draft of the form to be used to the board and explained its contents.

Motion by Helgen, seconded by Durbin to approve the form as presented.

Motion carried.

Helgen asked County Clerk Leitheiser to explain the MERS Resolution to the board. Leitheiser informed members that the MERS (Mortgage Electronic Recording System) is a system that is negative to the future functions of the Recorder's office and explained the various reasons they should pass a resolution against MERS implementation in Illinois.

Motion by Helgen, seconded by Painter to pass the MERS resolution. (Resolution Book #1, page 154).

Motion carried.

Helgen informed the Committee that the inspections for the landfill have been contracted to Sangamon County to do Montgomery County inspections until staff is hired by the Montgomery County Health Department to do so.

Helgen informed members that the McCord Cemetery is getting closer to complete cleanup with the assistance of a Vandalia Corrections work crew.

Helgen reported that the Committee is checking into Sexual Molestation Insurance for the Probation, Sheriff's, State's Attorney, and Health Departments Staff.

Personnel Committee Chairman Aumann gave the report of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Aumann reported that there was no progress made with the Circuit Clerk's Office union at their last meeting, and future meetings are planned.

Aumann informed members that Health Insurance Advisory Committee appointments are being made by office holders, and county employees will begin working through this committee soon.

Economic Development Committee Chairman Havera gave the report of the Economic Development Committee.

Havera reported that the Waggoner Depot renovation is approximately 85% complete at this time.

Havera also reported that letters have been sent out to city councils and townships to inquire about forming a partnership with them with county Economic Development as a goal.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Blankenship gave the report of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Blankenship reported that a special meeting is needed to finalize which company will receive the phone system bid for the county. After the committee's special meeting, they will have a recommendation for the full board at the February 2000 meeting.

Blankenship reported that the roof in the Supervisor of Assessments Office has been repaired and a grant for more extensive Historic Courthouse repair looks hopeful.

Blankenship informed members that local off-site vault storage of county records is under consideration by the committee as part of a county office disaster preparation plan.

ESDA/Ambulance Committee Chairman Jackson gave the report of the ESDA/Ambulance Committee.

He told that the Y2K transition came and went with few problems. One problem was in the ESDA Office but it proved to be a very uneventful New Year's Eve for those county board members and county officials who were on hand at the ESDA Office.

Levys for the five Ambulance Districts are as follows:

Hillsboro Area Amb. Service- Special Service Area Amb.Tax Levy-\$95,800

Litchfield Area Amb. Service-Special Service Area Amb.Tax Levy-\$70,000

Nok/Witt Area Amb. Service-Special Service Area Amb.Tax Levy-\$50,649

Farmersville/Waggoner Area Amb. Service-Special Service Area Amb.Tax Levy-\$46,700

Raymond/Harvel Area Amb. Service-Special Service Area Ambulance Tax Levy-\$28,060

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Jagodzinski to approve the five county Ambulance District Levies. (Resolution Book 1, pages 155-174).

Motion carried.

Motion by Havera, seconded by Jackson to approve the Seven Committee Reports.

Motion carried.

County Board Chairman Cordani asked board approval of the appointments of Roy Hertel and Kevin Thompson to the 911 Board, effective immediately.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Niemeyer to approve the appointments.

Motion carried.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by Helgen to pay the bills.

Motion carried.

(For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Reports Book for FY2000).

Durbin gave a report on the UCCI Convention to be held in Springfield, Illinois on February 28th and 29th, 2000. To attend both days will cost \$60.00, and one day will be \$45.00. February 18th, 2000 is the last day to register and members are instructed to look for registration forms in next month's county board packet.

Motion by Painter, seconded by Hampton to adjourn.

Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY BOARD
January 26, 2000**

The following are minutes of an adjourned special meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 in the County Board Chambers in the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cordani at 2:11 PM.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Leitheiser. 17 members were present, 4 absent.

Present were Aumann, Blankenship, Branum, Cordani, Durbin, Gartner, Hampton, Havera, Helgen, Heyen, Jagodzinski, Johnson, Marley, Myers, Ogden, Painter, Roach. Absent were Jackson, Niemeyer, Webb, and White.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Chairman Cordani announced that because State's Attorney Dobrinic serves as legal counsel for the Road and Bridge Committee, she can not represent the county in the Petition Hearing. He introduced Charles Zalar, from the Appellate Prosecutor's office, who the Circuit Court appointed as Special State's Attorney and stated that Mr. Zalar will act as the County's hearing officer in the petition against County Engineer Lowell Fehrenbacher. Chairman Cordani then referred to Mr. Zalar to lead the proceedings.

Mr. Zalar thanked the County Board for the opportunity to serve Montgomery County in the proceedings, and stated that because there is a possible settlement in the petition hearing prior to litigation, he encouraged the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation.

Motion by Myers, Seconded by Aumann to go into Executive Session at 2:14 PM.

Executive Session held from 2:14 PM to 3:00 PM.

At 3:00 PM, Chairman Cordani announced that the County Board is now back in regular session. He then referred to Assistant State's Attorney Charles Zalar. Mr. Zalar announced that a settlement had been reached in the personnel matter against County Highway Engineer Lowell Fehrenbacher. He also stated that no action was taken during executive session. Settlement terms that are agreed upon include:

1. Lowell Fehrenbacher will provide his written, notarized letter of resignation to the board today, January 26, 2000; (See Resolution Book 1, page 175).
2. Montgomery County Board will pay a lump sum settlement to Mr. Fehrenbacher of \$26,000.00 as severance pay;
3. This payment is in full satisfaction of any and all claims that Mr. Fehrenbacher might now or in the future possess relating to his employment with Montgomery County, including his suspension and the term of that employment. Mr. Fehrenbacher agrees to release Montgomery County and its officials from any and all damages relating thereto.
4. Mr. Fehrenbacher will waive any potential litigation with Montgomery County and all Montgomery County office holders and departments;
5. Mr. Fehrenbacher will withdraw his Unemployment Insurance Claim against Montgomery County with the State Department of Employment Security;
6. Mr. Fehrenbacher will return all county property within his possession or control to Montgomery County authorities by Thursday, January 27, 2000; (See Resolution Book 1, page 176.)
7. Should future employers contact Montgomery County officials about Mr. Fehrenbacher's employment, any comments made are to be neutral in nature;
8. The amount of severance pay provided to Mr. Fehrenbacher will be 100% of any monies Montgomery County is ever obligated to pay. Mr. Fehrenbacher's rights for COBRA insurance remain intact, and he is responsible for 100% of insurance payments.

Mr. Zalar asked Mr. Fehrenbacher's legal counsel Mr. Stevens if he accurately stated the settlement agreement discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Stevens replied that yes, the settlement agreement was accurately stated.

Chairman Cordani asked the board to make a motion to accept all terms outlined in the settlement agreement as it was stated by Mr. Zalar.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Painter to accept the settlement agreement as it was stated by Mr. Zalar.

Roll call vote was taken. Voting “yes” to accept the settlement were all 17 members present: Aumann, Blankenship, Branum, Cordani, Durbin, Gartner, Hampton, Havera, Helgen, Heyen, Jagodzinski, Johnson, Marley, Myers, Ogden, Painter, and Roach.

Motion carried unanimously.

State’s Attorney Dobrinic stated that for official county record, she was present at today’s hearing prepared to proceed with evidence as necessary.

Mr. Fehrenbacher’s legal counsel Mr. Stevens also stated that for official county record, he was prepared to proceed with evidence as necessary.

Motion by Hampton, 2nd by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 PM.

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 8TH, 2000

The following are minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 8th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers in the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken.

Present were Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach and Dale White.

Absent were Loren Niemeyer and David Webb.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem were read.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by Ogden to approve the mileage and per diem.
Motion carried.

Motion by Painter, seconded by Branum to approve the County Board Minutes of the January 11th, 2000 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Cordani made a recommendation to approve the settlement agreement which was approved at the special meeting on January 26th, 2000, and which is set out in Paragraphs one through nine in the minutes of the January 26th, 2000 meeting. Based on the legal opinion of Appellate Prosecutor Chuck Zalar, who represented the County in the Petition for Removal Hearing, in a statement issued February 3rd, 2000, it can be publicly stated that the amount paid to Mr. Fehrenbacher pursuant to this agreement is \$26,000.00.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Painter to approve the settlement agreement of January 26th, 2000. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting yes 17.

Voting no 1.

Voting present 1.

Voting yes were Aumann, Blankenship, Branum, Cordani, Durbin, Gartner, Hampton, Havera, Helgen, Heyen, Jagodzinski, Johnson, Marley, Myers, Ogden, Painter and White.

Voting no was Roach.

Voting present was Jackson.

Absent were Niemeyer and Webb.

Motion carried.

Chairman Cordani asked that the minutes of the January 26, 1999 special meeting be corrected to add the settlement amount of \$26,000.00.

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Helgen to approve the minutes as corrected.

Motion carried.

Circuit Clerk Dan Billington resigned as of January 31st, 2000. His letter of resignation was read by County Board Chairman Cordani. (See Resolution Book 1, page 176).

Cordani explained that in accordance with law, both political parties were notified about the Circuit Clerk's resignation. The replacement Circuit Clerk must represent the same political party as the Circuit Clerk who is resigning.

Mr. Cordani then read a letter from Republican Central Committee Chairman Paul Tomazzoli recommending Mary Webb of Donnellson to replace resigning Circuit Clerk Billington. (See Resolution Book 1, page 177).

Chairman Cordani then appointed Mary Webb as Circuit Clerk.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Blankenship to accept the appointment of Mary Webb as Circuit Clerk.

Motion carried.

Copies of the reports on the Consent Agenda were received for the following County Offices:

Circuit Clerk

County Treasurer

County Clerk and Recorder

Sheriff

Health Department

TB Department

Public Defender

Probation

911 Report

Motion by Havera, seconded by Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Roger Myers read a Resolution requesting consent of the Illinois Department of Transportation to the Appointment of Don Hamby as Acting County Engineer.

Motion by Painter, seconded by White to approve the above named Resolution . (See Resolution Book 1, page 179).

Motion carried.

Acting County Engineer Don Hamby then presented the following :

Resolution #01-00, A Resolution to appropriate a total of \$5,200.00 for a 50%-50% Project in Harvel Township, with Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,600.00).

Motion by White, seconded by Myers to approve Resolution #01-00.

Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, page 180).

Resolution #02-00, A Resolution to appropriate a total of \$22,400.00 for a Federal-Aid Matching Project for Black Diamond Bridge. Preliminary Engineering (\$14,000) and Construction (\$8,400.00).

Motion by Marley, seconded by Ogden to approve Resolution #02-00. (See Resolution Book 1, page 181).

Motion carried.

Resolution # 03-00, A Resolution to authorize purchase of a 90 P.T.O. Horsepower Tractor through the Illinois State bidding process, said purchase to take place prior to June 1st, 2000.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by White to approve Resolution #03-00. (See Resolution Book 1, page 182).

Motion carried.

The Road and Bridge Report was given by Don Hamby as follows:

Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing and checking signs, premix patching, replacing pipes, hauling CA-6, salting ice, mixing salt, plowing snow, cutting brush and picking up trash.

Finance Committee Chairman Gartner gave the report of the Finance Committee. Committee discussed upcoming projects and approved all bills to be paid.

HWE Committee Chairman Helgen gave the report of the HWE Committee. Mr. Helgen reported that Health Department Director Mark Dugger was meeting with State Representative Gary Hannig this morning about legislation which could impact Food Sanitation Licensing procedures in Montgomery County. He also reported that the HWE Committee and Mr. Dugger are looking into programs to alleviate the high teen pregnancy rate in Montgomery County.

Helgen asked Don Gregg to report on the survey from UCCI for the deregulation of electric utility bills. Mr. Gregg told members that the County Clerk's office Accounts Payable staff is gathering all 1999 Illinois Power utility bills for county buildings and he will report the collected data to UCCI.

Helgen reported that the letter of registration to attend the UCCI meeting on February 28th and 29th, 2000 should be turned in to County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser as soon as possible and he encouraged all County Board members to attend.

Helgen gave an update on the McCord Cemetery and referred members to a picture display in the corner of the room showing the cemetery before and after the project was completed.

Helgen informed members that the HWE Committee would like for the County Board to send a letter to the Commerce Commission asking them to enforce the repair of rough and dangerous conditions at Montgomery County Railroad crossings.

A motion was made by Helgen, seconded by Durbin to send a letter to the Commerce Commission regarding this issue.

Motion carried.

Economic Development Committee Chairman Havera gave the report of the Economic Development Committee.

Havera discussed the upcoming meeting on February 21, 2000 with local officials to be held at Diana's Restaurant in Nokomis. Invited are officials from Nokomis, Coalton, Wenonah, Ohlman, Fillmore and Witt. The meeting will start at 5:30 PM. and conclude by 8:00 P.M. The committee's goal is to eventually meet with officials from every city in the county to discuss economic development for their areas. The other communities were divided into regions for the purpose of conducting additional meetings.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Blankenship gave the report of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Blankenship reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has chosen the bid from Ushman Communications for the amount of \$59,507.00. After discussion about details of the bid and the reasons the committee selected the bid, a motion was made by Blankenship and seconded by Painter to accept the bid, awarding the contract to Ushman Communications. Motion carried.

Blankenship also discussed the heating situation in the Historic Courthouse and told of a committee decision to install separate thermostats for individual radiators in key locations at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00.

ESDA/Ambulance Committee Chairman Jackson gave the report of the ESDA/Ambulance Committee. Mr. Jackson reported to the committee that the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service would like a motion approved to give them permission to pursue the necessary steps to raise the Nokomis/Witt tax levy from \$.15 to up to \$.30 per \$100 assessed valuation. This increase will be in gradual increments. The first step is for the full board to approve of the process that will be used to increase the tax levy, and allow the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service District to proceed and set a date and site for a public hearing that will be held. Residents within the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service District will be informed throughout this process and have the opportunity to petition against the tax rate increase.

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Jagodzinski to give the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service District permission to proceed with the steps necessary to raise the Nokomis/Witt tax levy.

Motion carried.

Motion by Jagodzinski, seconded by Myers to approve the six committee reports.
Motion carried.

Chairman Cordani reported about his work with the Workforce Investment Board. With transition changes underway to implement the new job training program, the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program that has traditionally employed over 100 Montgomery County low-income and handicapped youth may be eliminated this summer. Cordani will be contacting Senators Durbin and Fitzgerald and Congressman Shimkus to request their assistance in contacting the Department of Labor for a waiver which will allow the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program to be implemented this summer.

Chairman Cordani announced the following meeting changes:

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee has been changed to March 1st, 2000 from March 8th, 2000.

The Road and Bridge Committee will hold a special meeting on February 23rd, 2000 at the Montgomery County Highway Department for the purpose of bidletting for pipe culvert materials.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Havera to pay all bills. (For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accts. Payable Reports Book for FY 2000.)

Motion carried.

Motion by Branum, seconded by Aumann to go into Executive Session at 9:56 AM.

Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Branum to resume the regular County Board Meeting at 10:10 AM.

Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Chairman Aumann gave the report of the Personnel Committee. He presented the Union Contract from the Circuit Clerk's Union.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by Painter to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Co-employers Montgomery County and the Circuit Clerk and the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 148 on behalf of the employees in the Circuit Clerk's office. (See Resolution Book 1, pages 183-200).

Motion carried.

Aumann reported that the Insurance Advisory Committee has formed and will be holding an organizational meeting soon.

Motion by Painter, seconded by Havera at 10:14 am to adjourn until March 14th, 2000.

Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES MARCH 14TH, 2000

The following are minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, March 14th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers in the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken.

Present were Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach and Dale White.

Absent were Loren Niemeyer and David Webb.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem were read.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Ogden to approve the mileage and per diem.

Motion carried.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by Durbin to approve the County Board Minutes from the February 8th, 2000 meeting after putting the name Eugene Johnson in the meeting roll call as present.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Circuit Clerk

County Treasurer

County Clerk and Recorder

Sheriff

Health Department

TB Department

Public Defender

Probation

9-1-1 Report

Motion by Johnson, seconded by White to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by Don Hamby and were read by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani:

- 1.) Resolution #04-00, A Resolution to appropriate an approximate total of \$177,500.00 for a bridge on the Christian/Montgomery County Line, King/Raymond R.D., Section 00-06112-00-BR/00-13121-00-BR, 557 B-CA; Montgomery County's Share = 43.7% (Township Bridge \$18,100.00) (Federal BRRP \$54,500.00) (Local \$5,000.00).
Motion by Myers, seconded by Ogden to approve Resolution #04-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 201).
- 2.) Resolution #05-00, A Resolution to appropriate a total of \$8,941.63 a bridge on the Christian/Montgomery County Line, (King Bridge #42), 556 B-CA; Montgomery County's Share = 43.5% (\$3,889.61).
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Branum to approve Resolution #05-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 203).
- 3.) Resolution #06-00, A Resolution to appropriate an approximate total of \$187,000.00 for a bridge on the Sangamon/Montgomery County Line, Pawnee/Bois D'Arc R.D., Section 00-02121-00-BR, 558 B-CA; Montgomery County's Share = 10.5% (Township Bridge \$15,708.00) (Local \$3,927.00).
Motion by Myers, seconded by Jackson to approve Resolution #06-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 205).
- 4.) Resolution #07-00, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$9,037.66 for 901 B-CA, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project; amends amount by \$2,137.66. Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$4,518.83).
Motion by Marley, seconded by Aumann to approve Resolution #07-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 207).
- 5.) Resolution #08-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$165,000.00 for 785 B-CA, Section 92-01132-00-BR, Audubon R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$16,500.00).
Motion by Myers, seconded by Painter to approve Resolution #08-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 208).
- 6.) Resolution #09-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$224,400.00 for 837 B-CA, Section 95-18116-00-BR, Witt R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$22,440.00).
Motion by White, seconded by Branum to approve Resolution #09-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 210).
- 7.) Resolution #10-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$139,920.00 for 896 B-CA, Section 99-14121-00-BR, Rountree R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$13,992.00).
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hampton to approve Resolution #10-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 212).
- 8.) Resolution #11-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$113,520.00 for 908 B-CA, Section 00-10118-00-BR, Nokomis R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$11,352.00).

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Aumann to approve Resolution #11-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 214).

- 9.) Resolution #12-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,500.00 for 904 B-CA, Location A, (C.H.#13 – Rockwell Trail) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$3,500.00).

Motion by Painter, seconded by Hampton to approve Resolution #12-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 216).

- 10.) Resolution #13-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,500.00 for 904 B-CA, Location B, (C.H.#13 – Niemannville Trail) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$3,500.00).

Motion by Painter, seconded by Jackson to approve Resolution #13-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 217).

- 11.) Resolution #14-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,700.00 for 904 B-CA, Location C, (C.H.#25 – New Hope School – North 16th Avenue) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$3,700.00).

Motion by Helgen, seconded by Jackson to approve Resolution #14-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 218).

- 12.) Resolution #15-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,800.00 for 904 B-CA, Location D, (C.H.#21 – Elevator South) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$3,800.00).

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Heyen to approve Resolution #15-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 219).

- 13.) Resolution #16-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,800.00 for 904 B-CA, Location E, (C.H.#16 – Waggoner West) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$3,800.00).

Motion by Ogden, seconded by Helgen to approve Resolution #16-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 220).

- 14.) Resolution #17-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,200.00 for 904 B-CA, Location F, (C.H.#13 – Niemannville Trail) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share = 1.0 (\$5,200.00).

Motion by Gartner, seconded by Roach to approve Resolution #17-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 221).

- 15.) Resolution #18-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$20,000.00 for 867 B-CA, Location B, Audubon R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share = .5 (\$10,000.00).

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Aumann to approve Resolution #18-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 222).

- 16.) Resolution #19-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,400.00 for 906 B-CA, Zanesville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share = .5 (\$1,200.00).

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Ogden to approve Resolution #19-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 223).

- 17.) Resolution #20-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$4,500.00 for 902 B-CA, Location B, Raymond R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share = .5 (\$2,250.00).

Motion by Ogden, seconded by Hampton to approve Resolution #20-00.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 224).

- 18) Resolution #21-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,200.00 for 902 B-CA, Location A, Raymond R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$3,100.00).
Motion by Hampton, seconded by Ogden to approve Resolution #21-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 225).
- 19) Resolution #22-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$4,200.00 for 903 B-CA, Location A, Butler Grove R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,100.00).
Motion by Heyen, seconded by Aumann to approve Resolution #22-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 226).
- 20) Resolution #23-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$8,100.00 for 903 B-CA, Location B, Butler Grove R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$4,050.00).
Motion by White, seconded by Gartner to approve Resolution #23-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 227).
- 21) Resolution #24-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$14,000.00 for 876 B-CA, South Litchfield R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$7,000.00).
Motion by Painter, seconded by Heyen to approve Resolution #24-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 228).
- 22) Resolution #25-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,000.00 for 891 B-CA, Walshville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,500.00).
Motion by Heyen, seconded by Painter to approve Resolution #25-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 229).
- 23) Resolution #26-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,000.00 for 909 B-CA, Location A, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$1,000.00).
Motion by Myers, seconded by Branum to approve Resolution #26-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 230).
- 24) Resolution #27-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,000.00 for 909 B-CA, Location B, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$1,000.00).
Motion by Marley, seconded by Myers to approve Resolution #27-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 232).
- 25) Resolution #28-00, A Resolution Exempting A Particular Project From A Project Labor Agreement; Section 96-13120-00-BR, A Road & Bridge Improvement Project for Raymond Road District Bridge Project 841 B-CA to be exempted from the requirements of County Resolution #1996-7.
Motion by Hampton, seconded by Ogden to approve Resolution #28-00.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 234).
- 26) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Audubon R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 92-01132-00-BR, County File #735 B-CA.
Motion by Johnson, seconded by Aumann to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 235).
- 27) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Rountree R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 99-14121-00-BR, County File #896 B-CA.
Motion by Durbin, seconded by Branum to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc.
Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 239).
- 28) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Witt R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 95-18116-00-BR, County File #837 B-CA.
Motion by Branum, seconded by Durbin to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with

Ozyurt and Stone.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 243).

- 29) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Nokomis R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 00-10118-00-BR, County File #908 B-CA.

Motion by Aumann, seconded by Jackson to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 247).

- 30) Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (Joint Agreement) for Section 97-00112-00-BR, Co. File 869 B-CA, St. John's Cemetery Bridge (Witt West) for a total of \$170,000.00.

Motion by Branum, seconded by White to approve the agreement for Federal Participation.

Motion carried. (SEE RESOLUTION BOOK 1, PAGE 251).

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; hauling chips; cutting brush; and picking up trash.

Acting County Engineer Don Hamby gave the report of the Highway Department as follows:

The Bridge Letting Date has been set for the next Road & Bridge Meeting, on Wednesday, April 5th, 2000 at 8:00 AM at the County Highway Department. This will be for the Raymond R.D. Bridge Section 96-13120-00 BR, Co. File #841 B-CA, if all R.O.W. is acquired.

The State forms that the Highway Department uses will no longer be mailed out and will instead be only available on the Internet. Internet service will be installed at the Highway Department to accommodate this new procedure.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Gartner to purchase a John Deere Front Wheel Assist mowing tractor at a cost of \$33,350.00.

Motion carried.

Hamby reported on the need for a fuel monitoring system for the fuel tanks at the Highway Department. The cost is approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000. Don Hamby will have more details at the next Road and Bridge Committee meeting. The Highway Department will put in a pipe culvert to complete the Bike Trail project. Lester Hamlin has been hired to do the rest of the work because he has smaller equipment that will prevent cutting down trees to obtain access to the trail. This should be the final work that needs to be done.

Hamby reported to the County Board that the Highway Department will advertise for a County Highway Professional Engineer. The open position will be advertised in the newspaper, on the Internet and posted at IDOT. A special meeting will be held on March 29th, 2000 at 8:00 AM at the Highway Department Building, to interview the applicants in 30 minute intervals, starting at 8:30 AM.

Work will be done to the intersection at 185 and Irving/Coffeen Road at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

The Road and Bridge Committee made the decision to install four way stop signs with red flashing lights and warning signs at the Barnstable Corner.

Don Hamby will look up all the roads that need striping and will report to the committee next month on the cost to do so. Christian County has purchased a striper and can do the striping for Montgomery County for \$300.00 per mile, which is a good price compared to Sangamon County at a cost of \$450.00. This price would include paint & labor. We have approximately 36 miles of county roads to stripe in Montgomery County.

Finance Committee Chairman Gartner gave the report of the Finance Committee as follows:

A letter was received from Judge Weber requesting a response to the 6.4% increase in the Probation Officer's salary. It was the unanimous decision of the Finance Committee not to allow the amendment to the FY2000 Budget. A letter will be sent to Judge Weber advising him of this decision.

ECO Retirement Plan: Governor Ryan signed a law on January 26th, 2000 that allows each County to repeal this Retirement Plan for Elected Officials since its costs have escalated. ECO members already in the plan would be grandfathered in, but no more new enrollees would be accepted into the plan. The County may re-enroll in a later revised plan. The Finance Committee recommends that Montgomery County be removed from the ECO plan. A Resolution was read to the County Board and a decision was made to table passing the Resolution until next month to allow County Board members to consider its passage.

Montgomery County Treasurer Jenkins and Finance Committee Chairman Gartner have been reviewing 10 year averages for revenues and expenses for the County Budget to get a better picture of the County's financial shape in the future. More work still needs to be done on these reports, and Jenkins will also try using a 7 year average, because he feels it would be more accurate. More information will be available to the County Board in the April or May, 2000 meeting.

Sheriff Vazzi reported to the Finance Committee that he needs to hire a full time dispatcher in the Sheriff's Department. There are currently four full-time and 3 part-time dispatchers, and the new full-time person would work a different shift and cover vacations and days off for co-workers.

Motion by Gartner, seconded by Jackson to allow Sheriff Vazzi to hire a full time dispatcher.

Motion carried.

Montgomery County Treasurer Jenkins advised the Committee that Dennis Ballinger, the Montgomery County Trustee/Delinquent Tax Agent, be allowed in his contract to Assign a Certificate (to reassign to another buyer).

Motion by Gartner, seconded by Aumann for the Trustee to Assign a Certificate to another buyer.

Motion carried.

Gartner reported that the Supervisor of Assessments Office informed the Finance Committee that the Board of Review is basically done and her office will be ready for the final abstract rollover around March 24th, 2000.

Gartner reported that Treasurer Jenkins informed their committee that there are currently over 1400 mobile homes in Montgomery County filed with the Secretary of States Office. There are 180 on the Mobile Home Privilege tax, and the rest are on Real Estate taxes. The possibility exists that under the current law many of these should be under the Privilege tax. Supervisor of Assessments Kiefer has received nine complaints from mobile home owners and she and the States Attorney's Office have made plans to follow these complaints to the Property Tax Appeals Board level in Springfield. If a clear consensus about which level of tax is owed is determined, the County may follow the PTAB's guidelines and re-evaluate other mobile home properties.

Steve Gartner gave the report of the HWE Committee as follows:

HWE Committee Chairman Ed Helgen was welcomed back after being ill.

Health Department Director Mark Dugger reported on Teen Pregnancy Rate, and mentioned that his department was working on a State Adolescent Health Program Grant, the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program Grant, and other local educational programs which will offer outreach to county teens about this subject. He pointed out that the public survey about high teen pregnancy rates involved mostly 18 and 19 year olds, and many were married. These statistics must still be counted, however. Dugger also reported that Michael Herron, a fourth year medical student from U of I, has been here working a project for the past 16 weeks on the Suicide Rate in Montgomery County. A copy of his report was distributed to County Board Members.

At last week's UCCI meeting in Springfield, one topic discussed was Environmental Insurance, which could be used for hog farm liability. Gartner stated that the only thing Montgomery County needed to be concerned with was making sure all procedures were followed when getting rid of oil, gas, etc. at the Highway Department. Gartner checked with Don Hamby, Acting Highway Engineer, and all procedures are currently being followed, so there is no need for insurance for this purpose.

The invoice for Sexual Molestation Insurance is being held until Finance Committee Chairman Gartner can talk with Dr. Springer about who is responsible to pay the invoice which is in excess of \$4,000. Insurance representative Paul Hamrock has also been advised of this question.

Gartner informed the County Board about House Bill #4144, which pertains to the Honey Bend Campground in Montgomery County. This bill would exempt campgrounds from county subdivision ordinances. County Chairman Cordani will write a letter to State Senator Vince Demuzio to encourage him to vote against the bill because it will not be good for Montgomery County.

Gartner reported that the fire at the tire recycling facility in North Litchfield Township is still under investigation, but it is thought that a truck parked inside the building with an extension cord running to it may have had a short in it. The EPA was there during the fire to check things out. Fortunately, only the big building burned and it didn't get to the large tire piles out back.

Gartner referred to Don Gregg to inform the County Board that one of the two fork lift trucks at the recycling center is in very poor mechanical shape and is now a potential safety hazard. The two fork lift trucks were purchased as used equipment from State Surplus five years ago, for a cost of \$1,000.00 each. Estimated costs for all repairs is \$7,000.00 on a 17 year old truck. A proposal from Wiese of St. Louis was obtained to lease a new Caterpillar LP forklift for \$301.00 per month for 7 years, after which time the county would own the lift truck.

Motion by Gartner, seconded by White to lease the forklift for \$301.00 per month for 84 months.

Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Chairman Aumann gave the report of the Personnel Committee as follows:

Allen Kent from the National Traveler's Life Company talked to the Committee. The Personnel Committee referred him to the Employee Advisory Committee to present his proposal to them, since they are now the final approving committee for all county employee health insurance.

Economic Development Committee Chairman Havera gave the report of the Economic Development as follows:

Havera discussed the dinner meeting with Nokomis and surrounding municipalities that was held on February 21, 2000 and said it was very successful. Future meetings will be held in different areas in Montgomery County, with the next meeting taking place on March 30th, 2000 at the Moonlight Y, Hillsboro, IL. at 5:30 PM. It will include the towns of Hillsboro, Taylor Springs, Schram City, Irving and Butler.

Havera stated that portable flow water meters need to be purchased for use on rural fires. The four districts in Phase I will pay \$250 each with county Economic Development funds picking up the balance of \$500 per district. The total cost per meter will be \$750.00 for each district. Jagodzinski inquired about whether rural fire hydrants need to meet the same National Standard Level as municipal hydrants do, and Don Gregg assured him that they do.

Motion by Havera, seconded by Durbin to help the fire protection districts in the Phase I Rural Water District area to purchase portable flow meters at a total cost not to exceed the amount of \$2,000.00.

Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Chairman Blankenship gave the report of Building and Grounds Committee as follows:

Blankenship stated that the chances of receiving a grant from IDOT to help with the roof repairs, is about 50/50. We should receive word in the next month or two.

Ushman Communications will do a final review of equipment and finalize plans with individual offices. The equipment should start arriving late next week and they will start installing the following Friday. The transition to the system is scheduled for Friday night, March 31 and on Saturday April 1, 2000.

Blankenship also reported that he spoke with Judge Huber about helping with payment on the new phone system. He was happy to report that Judge Huber has agreed to pay the entire amount (in excess of \$59,000) for the phone system from the Court Fund so the General Fund will not have to be used.

Blankenship discussed that four vehicles from the Sheriff's Department that have been replaced need to be sold. The 9-1-1 Department agreed to purchase the Sheriff's old car, by paying the difference of about \$6,000.00. (Difference is the Purchase Price of newer vehicle less the estimated selling price of the older vehicle.) They will advertise for sealed bids on the other vehicles in the newspaper. Bids will be sent to the Coordinator's Office.

ESDA/Ambulance Committee Chairman Jackson gave the report of the ESDA/Ambulance Committee as follows:

Jackson gave the report of the ambulance calls and billing information from the previous month.

Jackson announced that County Board Members were mailed the list of procedures that the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance District will need to follow in order to raise their tax levy. Director Dale L. Traylor was available to answer any further questions members may have regarding this Tax Levy Increase Process, with no members requiring additional information.

Nelson Aumann asked about an Audubon Township 911 problem that was in the local media recently. 911 Committee representative Jagodzinski informed the board that he had discussed the problem with 911 Coordinator Greg Nimmo and the problem has been resolved.

Motion by White, seconded by Painter to approve the 8 Committee Reports.
Motion carried.

Montgomery County Board Chairman Cordani gave the Chairman's Report as follows:

Chairman Cordani announced that the County Board has been asked to appoint John T. Marley and Joe Black to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Fillmore/Glendale Cemetery Association. Motion by Branum, seconded by Durbin to so appoint John T. Marley and Joe Black to those positions.
Motion carried.

Cordani announced that the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program doesn't look like it will be put in place this year because of WIA Structure Problems and time is running out. The Workforce Investment Board is presently not certified by the State of Illinois, but Cordani has hopes that the certification will be final next month.

Cordani announced the following changes and special meeting dates:

1. Economic Development Committee – March 30th, 2000 at 5:30 PM at the Moonlight Y Restaurant, Hillsboro.
2. Road and Bridge Committee – March 29th, 2000 at 8:00 AM at the County Highway Department.

Chairman Cordani recognized all the good work that Don Hamby has been doing at the Highway Department and thanked him for his efforts.

Cordani announced that Census Forms are being sent out and encouraged everyone to report for an accurate count. Cordani reported that while attending a UCCI meeting, he learned that for each person not counted, it would cost Montgomery County \$400.00 per year in lost funding. Over a 10 year period, until the next full census, the county would lose \$4,000.00. He suggested a committee be formed to insure a complete and accurate count for Montgomery County.

Motion by Havera, seconded by Painter to pay all bills.

Motion carried. (For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Reports Book for FY 2000).

Motion by Painter, seconded by Johnson to adjourn until the April 11th, 2000 6 PM meeting.
Motion carried.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000

The following are minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 in the County Board Chambers in the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken.

Present were Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Loren Niemeyer, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White. Niemeyer reported to the meeting at approximately 6: 10 PM.

Absent was Mike Havera.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem were read.

Motion by Hampton and second by White to approve the mileage and per diem.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting.

Motion by Myers and second by Aumann to approve the County Board Minutes from the March 14th, 2000 Meeting. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE REPORT
9. 911 REPORT

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Jackson and second by Ogden to approve the 9 Items on the Consent Agenda.

All in favor, Motion carried.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by Acting County Highway Engineer Don Hamby, and were read by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

- 1.) Resolution #29-00, A Resolution to appropriate an approximate total of \$141,372.00 for a bridge on the Christian/Montgomery County Line, King/Harvel R.D., Section 00-07107-00-BR, 560 B-CA; Montgomery County's Share = 43.7% (Township Bridge \$49,423.65)(Local \$12,355.91).

Motion by Aumann and seconded by Johnson. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 256).

- 2.) Resolution #30-00, A Resolution to appropriate an approximate total of \$91,476.00 for a bridge on the Christian/Montgomery County Line, Greenwood/Nokomis R.D., Section 00-10119-00-BR, 559 B-CA; Montgomery County's Share = 43.7% (Township Bridge \$31,980.01)(Local \$7,995.00).
Motion by Webb and seconded by Durbin. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 257).
- 3.) Resolution #31-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$141,372.00 for 738 B-CA, Section 94-19118-00-BR, Zanesville R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$14,137.20).
Motion by Hampton and seconded by Webb. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 258).
- 4.) Resolution #32-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,200.00 for 912 B-CA, Butler Grove R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$600.00).
Motion by Ogden and seconded by Heyen. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 260).
- 5.) Resolution #33-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$7,000.00 for 913 B-CA, (C.H.#13 – Rockwell Trail) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$7,000.00).
Motion by Myers and seconded by White. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 262).
- 6.) Resolution #34-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$24,000.00 for 910 B-CA, (C.H.#13 – Bodner Avenue) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$24,000.00).
Motion by Branum and seconded by Aumann. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 264).
- 7.) Resolution #35-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,800.00 for 914 B-CA, Nokomis R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$900.00).
Motion by Johnson and seconded by Durbin. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 266).
- 8.) Construction Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Montgomery County Bridge Project Section 96-00109-00-BR, County File #857 B-CA (Black Diamond Bridge South).
Motion by Ogden and seconded by Jackson. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 268).
- 9.) Construction Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Montgomery County Bridge Project Section 97-00111-00-BR, County File #868 B-CA (Black Diamond Bridge North).
Motion by Hampton and seconded by Ogden. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 273).
- 10.) Construction Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc, for Montgomery County Bridge Project Section 97-00112-00-BR, County File #869 B-CA (Witt West Bridge).
Motion by White and seconded by Branum. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 278).

- 11.) Construction Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Raymond R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 96-13120-00-BR, County File #841 B-CA.
Motion by Gartner and seconded by Myers. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 283).

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT: Committee Chairman Myers gave the report as follows:

Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; hauling chips; replacing pipe; cleaning road shoulders; plowing snow; and picking up trash.

PURCHASE OF STRAW BLOWER: Don Hamby had the approval from the Road & Bridge Committee to make an offer to Mr. Tom White to purchase a Straw Blower, for an amount not to exceed \$3000. Mr. White did not accept this offer and will try to sell it at a public sale he is having. Hamby will go the sale and try to purchase it for a price not to exceed \$3000.

HIRING OF COUNTY ENGINEER UPDATE: Chairman Myers reported that there were three applicants for the position of County Highway Engineer. The Committee has been following up and negotiating with one applicant, and hopes a decision will be made by Friday, April 14, 2000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee Chairman Gartner gave the report as follows:

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO COUNTY TRUSTEE: Chairman Gartner presented Resolution 00-07 that would change the wording in Dennis Ballinger's contract and allow him to transfer or reassign property, at a cost of \$100 per assigned certificate, if the assignment is made prior to a Petition for Tax Deed being filed. **Motion by Gartner and seconded by Aumann to adopt this Resolution.**
All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 288).

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PHONE SYSTEM: **Motion by Gartner and seconded by Helgen** to transfer \$59,507.00 from the Court Fund to the General Fund for the New Telephone System.
All in favor, Motion carried.

G.I.S. MAPPING SYSTEM: Discussion has taken place and more details need to be investigated. Gartner reported that he will have more information to share in the future.

EPA INSPECTOR FUNDING: Health Department Director Mark Dugger, notified the Committee that he has hired a new EPA Inspector and asked that money be put back in his budget for his Salary. Mr. Dugger then addressed the full board and announced that the new EPA Inspector was Ryan Lawless, who began working for the County on April 3rd, 2000. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and has a degree in Environmental Health. He is currently taking classes for Solid Waste Inspections and is working with the Springfield Office doing some inspecting in other counties. Mr. Dugger will bring him to the next H.W.E. Committee meeting and introduce him to Board Members.

ECO RESOLUTION: Chairman Gartner read Resolution 00-08 at last month's County Board Meeting, which would allow Montgomery County to discontinue participation in the ECO Retirement Plan for Elected Officials. **Motion by Gartner, seconded by Jackson to adopt Resolution 00-08, therefore taking Montgomery County out of this Program for all future elected officials.**
All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 289).

COFFEEN LOTS: Gartner reported that there are two lots in the City of Coffeen that the city officials would like to purchase and they are willing to pay the delinquent taxes of \$320.40 that is owed to the County. Motion by Gartner and second by Niemeyer to transfer lots #45 and #46 of the J.L. Traylor Addition, property ID # 04-001-682-00, to the City of Coffeen for \$320.49.
All in favor, Motion carried.

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee Chairman Helgen gave the report as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION OVERVIEW: Helgen reported that County Clerk Leitheiser came to the committee and gave an overview for the Primary Election held on March 21st 2000.

DISCUSSION ON STREET CEMETERY: This Cemetery is located outside of Waggoner has been found to be deeded to the County in 1855. Interested residents have been contacting the Comptroller's Office and the County to get it mowed. Committee member Ogden will follow up on this complaint and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

R.O.E. INSURANCE INVOICE: Committee Chairman Helgen reported that discussion took place on who was responsible to pay for this insurance invoice for the Regional Office of Education. Our Insurance Agent and Dr. Springer will have it worked out by next month. Board Chairman Cordani stated that he had heard from Insurance Agent Hamrock, and the problems had been worked out and he will advise the committee at their next meeting.

I.A.C.O DUES: The Illinois Association of County Board Members & Commissioners had spotted House Bill 4144 in the Legislature, that zeroed in on Honey Bend Resort, and informed Montgomery County that if passed the new law would cause problems for the County and the Subdivision Ordinance. This organization then notified Chairman Cordani and States Attorney Dobrinic in enough time for them to go and testify at a Senate Committee Hearing in Springfield, which has stalled the Bill. The Committee recommends that we join the membership of this organization to help keep us informed of other problems. **Motion by Helgen and seconded by Johnson**, to reinstate our membership to the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners, and pay the dues of \$797.00 for the year 2001.
All in favor, motion carried.

DOG CATCHER PROGRAM: Coordinator Gregg has hired a full time dog catcher who has been putting on quite a few miles and catching a lot of dogs. A recycling employee had been doing this on a part time basis and it wasn't working out, because the animals would be gone by the time he got to the area.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REOPRT: Committee Chairman Aumann gave the report as follows:

SEMINAR FOR OFFICE HOLDERS: It was reported that Board Chairman Cordani had attended a UCCI Meeting where he made contact with a Government Employment Service Organization which could provide a seminar to County Office Holders regarding Employee Personnel Issues. There will be no cost to the County for this Seminar. The Personnel Committee will follow up on this request.

ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: A meeting was held with Board Chairman Cordani, Treasurer Jenkins, Tom Crane and Jim Simpson from Simpson Insurance to devise a procedure for administering the Health Insurance for County Employees. A letter of understanding has been drafted outlining the procedure to be used.

CHIEF DEPUTY: Circuit Clerk Mary Webb has requested that the position of Chief Deputy Clerk, a non-union employee be added to the Circuit Clerk's Office. The Personnel Committee is considering this request.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: In the absence of Committee Chairman Havera, Coordinator Gregg gave the committee report.

UPDATE ON MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS: A dinner meeting had taken place at the Moonlight Y Restaurant on March 30, 2000 with the Officials of Hillsboro, Butler, Taylor Springs, Schram City, and Irving. Animal control was a topic of concern at this dinner meeting, just as it was at the one held last month in Nokomis. Another concern expressed was how small communities can attract businesses and retain their citizens. The City Wide Clean up program, which is sponsored by a County \$500 reimbursement, was also discussed.

At the regular April 5th 2000 meeting, discussion took place on the pending sale of Hillsboro Glass. Coordinator Gregg stated that more information will be released to the public in the next couple of weeks.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee Chairman Blankenship gave the report as follows:

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE: Preparations are continuing for the cut over to the new phone systems for this weekend (April 15-17, 2000). Training will be set up and all phones will be installed and working within the next few weeks.

UPDATE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING: Discussion to implement a plan to inspect the buildings in the Courthouse Complex will take place at the next meeting. The committee will look at what work would need to be done in the Courthouse buildings for next five to ten years and begin reporting back to the board next month.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Jackson gave the report as follows:

GRANT FOR EARLY WEATHER WARNING SYSTEM: This \$50,000 grant is currently on the Governor's desk to be signed, which would allow the County to purchase an Early Weather Warning System. These warning receivers would be installed in churches, schools, nursing homes, and mobile home parks around the County.

UPDATE OF THE L.E.P.C.: There was a grant that allowed for a Professional Planner to come to the County to do work on the Emergency Operating Plan for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The work has been completed.

Jackson reported that ESDA has billed \$59,528.75 for the month of March, and \$44,647.00 had been collected. There were a total of 319 ambulance calls last month, with the most calls in Litchfield, which totaled 136 calls and the least in Raymond/Harvel which totaled 9 calls.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Ogden and second by Myers. All in favor, Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: County Board Chairman Cordani gave the report as follows:

H.B. 4144 STATUS: This bill would exempt a campground from the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners (I.A.C.O.) notified us of the bill. I.A.C.O. and UCCI did a lot of work for us by making phone calls and writing letters to Senators. State's Attorney Dobrinic and Cordani went to Springfield for the Senate Committee Hearing regarding this House

Bill. Dobrinic testified on the county's behalf and an amendment was put on this bill which pertains only to Montgomery County. After her testimony, the bill was put in House sub-committee. Cordani stated that this bill needs to be monitored because it may be brought up again in the fall. Board Chairman Cordani complimented Dobrinic for her fine representation of Montgomery County at the hearing.

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF REVIEW: Board Chairman Cordani received a letter from Carl Spears, stating that he was resigning from the Board of Review effective at the end of the 1999 session.

APPOINTMENTS

Dorothy Austin to M.C.H.A. - Board Chairman Cordani reported that Linda Shipman, who currently serves on the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board, will not continue and a replacement is needed. Cordani appointed Dorothy Austin to the M.C.H.A. Motion by Gartner and seconded by Niemeyer to approve the appointment of Dorothy Austin to the M.C.H.A. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

William E. Beeler to Raymond Fire Protection District: Board Chairman Cordani appointed William E. Beeler as a trustee to the Raymond Fire Protection District. **Motion by Hampton and seconded by Ogden** to approve the appointment of William E. Beeler. **All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, page 290).**

Merrill Meisenheimer to the Coffeen Fire Protection District: Board Chairman Cordani appointed Mr. Meisenheimer as trustee to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. **Motion by Myers and seconded by Blankenship** to approve the appointment of Merrill Meisenheimer as trustee on the Coffeen Fire Protection District from May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2003. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

PAY BILLS

Motion by Helgen and second by Niemeyer to pay the bills. **All in favor, motion carried.** (For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Reports Book for FY 2000).

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Painter, second by Johnson to adjourn until the May 9th, 2000 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 PM. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000 AT 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Montgomery County Board, held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 9th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken. All members were present as follows:

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Loren Niemeyer, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

Motion by Durbin and second by Branum to approve the mileage and per diem.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting's Approval:

Marley made correction to the April 11, 2000 meeting minutes on page 3 under "Transfer of Funds for Phone System" County Fund should read Court Fund. **Motion by Aumann and second by Ogden** to approve the April 11th, 2000 minutes as corrected. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE REPORT
9. 911 REPORT

Approval of 9 items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Hampton and second by White to approve the 9 items on the Consent Agenda.

All in favor, Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road and Bridge Committee: The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by the County Highway Department and were read by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani:

- 1.) Resolution #36-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,500.00 for 918 B-CA, Pitman R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$1,250.00).

Motion by Hampton and second by Webb. All in favor, Motion carried.

(See Resolution Book 1, Page 291).

- 2.) Resolution #37-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$7,000.00 for 919 B-CA, East Fork R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$3,500.00).**Motion by Branum and second by Durbin. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 293).
- 3.) Resolution #38-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,700.00 for 920 B-CA, Location A, Walshville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$850.00).
Motion by Heyen and second by Painter. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 295).
- 4.) Resolution #39-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,650.00 for 920 B-CA, Location B, Walshville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$825.00).
Motion by Painter and second by Heyen. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 297).
- 5.) Resolution #40-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,400.00 for 920 B-CA, Location C, Walshville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$700.00).
Motion by Painter and second by Heyen. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 299).
- 6.) Resolution #41-00, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$4,500.00 for 920 B-CA, Location D, Walshville R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,250.00).
Motion by Heyen and second by Painter. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 301).
- 7.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Montgomery County (Oconee Road – Audubon R.D.)(Old Str.#068-3003 – New Str.#068-3342)Local Federal Aid Matching Project Section 00-00114-00-BR, County File #915 B-CA.
Motion by Johnson and second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 303).
- 8.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Montgomery County (Schram City Road – East Fork R.D.) (Old Str.#068-3008 – New Str.#068-3343) Local Federal Aid Matching Bridge Project Section 00-00115-00-BR, County File #916 B-CA.
Motion by Niemeyer and second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 307).
- 9.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Montgomery County (Barnett Road – North Litchfield R.D.) (Old Str.#068-3043 – New Str.#068-3344) Local Federal Aid Matching Bridge Project Section 00-00116-00-BR, County File #917 B-CA.
Motion by Helgen and second by Gartner. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 311).
- 10.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Bois D' Arc R.D. (Old Str.#068-3055 – New Str.#068-3345) Local County Aid to Bridge Project Section 00-02122-00-BR, County File #921 B-CA.
Motion by Webb and second by Hampton. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 315).

Roach questioned Chairman Cordani as to why there are so many Preliminary Engineering Agreements that the County must fund, and asked if the next Highway Engineer can have the proper qualifications to do this work, thus avoiding sub-contract costs. Chairman Cordani responded that a Structural Engineer has to sign off on bigger bridge projects, so preliminary work must be sub-contracted, and Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Myers stated that if the new County Engineer meets the qualifications, some preliminary work for smaller bridge projects could be done at the local level.

- 11.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Hillsboro R.D. (Old Str.#068-NONE – New Str.#068-3346) Local County Aid to Bridge Project Section 00-08112-00-BR, County File #922 B-CA.

Motion by Niemeyer and second by Durbin. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 319).

- 12.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Irving R.D. (Old Str.#068-NONE – New Str.#068-3347) Local County Aid to Bridge Project Section 00-09114-00-BR, County File #923 B-CA.

Motion by White and second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 323).

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT: Chairman Roger Myers gave the report as follows:

Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; replacing pipe; pulling shoulders; picking up trash, and laying rock shoulders.

- 13.) **Traffic Counters:** Myers reported that the Highway Department received a request from the State of Illinois to put in traffic counters on various roads in the County. After discussion, it was felt they were not needed and no action was taken.
- 14.) **Flooring Bids:** Myers stated that the flooring in the front office of the Highway Department is in disrepair and needs replaced. Quotes were received from Held Sales for \$732.46 and from J & S Carpet for \$825.84. The Road and Bridge Committee recommends purchasing the flooring from Held Sales. **Motion by Myers and second by White, to replace flooring in the front office, from Held Sales for \$732.46. All in favor, Motion carried.**
- 15.) **Selling of Used Equipment:** Myers stated that a list of used Highway Department equipment was presented to the Committee for permission to sell at an Auction. A self-propelled roller that has been used by the County Fair Board Grounds crew will be offered to them for a small fee. **Motion by Myers and second by White for the Highway department to sell used Highway Department equipment at an Auction in Mulberry Grove on May 21st, 2000. All in favor, Motion carried.**
- 16.) **Curry Ice & Coal Settlement:** Myers reported that a settlement has been reached and the County will receive approximately \$69,000 for damages to the Mine Road Bridge (east of the Farmersville overpass) in May 1999. Acting Engineer Hamby will write a letter to the insurance company that this will release them from liability for damages on THIS ACCIDENT ONLY.
- 17.) **Cell Phone for Don Hamby:** Myers stated that the Committee discussed the advantages for Don Hamby to have a cell phone in order to make it easier to call the office, and they gave him permission to get one for \$25.00 per month, which would include 150 free minutes.
- 18.) **Rural Water Company:** Myers informed the Board that the Engineering company that is putting in the Rural Water line was given permission by the Committee to do some work for a service line near the Chapman T Trail in South Fillmore Township. Don Hamby will inspect the work when it is completed.

19.) **Highway Engineer Update:** Myers reported that the Committee had received three resumes for the County Highway Engineer Position. All three candidates were interviewed, and the committee felt that there was one strong candidate of the three. Amy McNeal was then given a second interview, and Committee members were very favorable about her qualifications. At a special meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 5:00 PM, the Road and Bridge Committee met with Ms. McNeal and offered her the job with a salary of \$62,500 with annual increases of 3.5%, pending her passing the oral and written tests that are required by the Illinois Department of Transportation. One week later, Chairman Cordani received word that she would accept the job and the appropriate written referral was sent to Springfield so she could be given the required I.D.O.T. testing, which she successfully passed. **Motion by Myers, second by Gartner** to offer Amy McNeal the position as County Highway Engineer at a salary of \$62,500 with a 3.5 percent raise yearly during a six year term beginning June 1, 2000. Much discussion followed regarding hiring Ms. McNeal as County Engineer, including the origin of County funds for her salary (Highway Fund); and her residential address (Rochester, IL). When asked if she will move to Montgomery County, Chairman Cordani responded that she will not, and will continue to live in Rochester, IL and provide her own transportation. Havera stated that he would have preferred to have her resume for the full board to review. Cordani responded that she is a licensed Professional Engineer and very well qualified with eleven years of service at I.D.O.T. In the past, she had received the I.D.O.T. "Engineer of the Year" award. She also has had experience working in Construction, Materials, and Planning. Havera voiced a concern that the County Employee Personnel Manual states that all employees are required to reside in the County, and if an exception would be made in this case, then perhaps the Employee manual would need to be changed to make this same policy available to all employees. Marley asked where the position was advertised, and Chairman Cordani responded in the local papers, in the Springfield paper, and posted at I.D.O.T. Johnson added that the position was also posted on the internet. White suggested advertising for the position again to see if any other candidates could be found and voiced his support for finding an engineer who would live in the County. Webb stated that since this is one of the higher paying jobs in the County, maybe it should be advertised again with the salary mentioned to entice more candidates, possibly someone with a Structural Engineering background who could save the County money on Preliminary Agreements. Gartner responded by saying that according to Mr. Fitzpatrick of I.D.O.T. a candidate who is both a Professional and Structural Engineer is not feasible, and stated that he felt that some of the members may be negative about hiring Ms. McNeal because she is a woman, not because of residency. Branum also responded by saying that an Engineer will not sign off on a Structural project or any big bridges because of liability concerns. Webb also wanted to know if we could share an Engineer with another County to save costs. Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Myers responded by saying that the Committee explored that, but feels our County is large enough and has enough work for a full time Engineer. Branum stated that the previous Engineer lived in the county, and the board should abide by the Personnel Manual policy and require County residency for all future hires. Aumann stated that he felt that the Committee had done their job, and had voted 5 to 1 to hire Ms. McNeal, and all county board members who need further information about an issue can attend all meetings, not just those who are designated committee members. Jackson called for the question. Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Voting "Yes" were: Cordani, Gartner, Hampton, Helgen, Heyen, Jackson, Johnson, Myers, Niemeyer, Aumann and Blankenship. Voting "No" were: Durbin, Havera, Jagodzinski, Marley, Ogden, Painter, Roach, Webb, White, and Branum. 11 Votes Aye, 10 Votes Nay. **Motion Carried.** (See Resolution Book 1, pages 326A-326C.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

1. **FY 1999 Audit Report:** Gartner introduced Hugh Satterlee and Amy Patton from R.M. Patton CPA, and Satterlee gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Financial Shape of the County from their completed FY1999 Audit. He reported that the County is in good shape, with the General Fund having a \$2,727,973 balance for 1999. The General Fund balance has increased \$442,310 from 1998. Satterlee

further explained a three page Financial Summary Report (**See Resolution Book 1, page 327**). Results from a special audit of the Circuit Clerk's Office and the Health Dept. also came out well. Satterlee recommended that the County Board take a look at future maintenance costs for the Historic Courthouse and plan accordingly. Chairman Cordani explained that the Building and Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee were now in the process of doing some long range planning. Cordani also asked Satterlee what amount their firm recommends to be reserved from the \$2.7 million General Fund balance for such long range projects. He stated that based on average monthly County expenditures, he would recommend approximately \$2,000,000 remain in active funds for County operations, and approximately \$700,000 put in reserve, but noted that this would be a County Board decision. In other recommendations, Satterlee also suggested the cross training of all County employees, asked County Board members to consider county building space limitation in long-range planning, and to utilize computerization in County Offices whenever feasible. He stated that the overall audit went well, with each office having all the required information and answering questions to the auditor's satisfaction. Chairman Cordani thanked Satterlee and Patton for the written and oral reports. He stated that the Building and Grounds Committee is researching future repairs and maintenance projects, and pledged that the County will plan to set aside funds needed for this purpose.

2. **Hiring of Juvenile Probation Officer:** Gartner reported that Probation Chief Managing Officer Lyn Lanter applied for a Grant for an additional Juvenile Probation Officer to help operate a new Diversion & Day Treatment Program for first time offenders recommended by area police departments. If the grant is awarded, the State will pay \$26,000 for the Salary and the County would pay \$6,034 for the benefits. The Finance Committee makes this recommendation to the Full County Board. **Motion by Havera and second by Blankenship** for the county to pay \$6,034 for the new Probation Officer's Benefits package with the understanding that should this grant be received, the State will pay for the entire salary. **20 members voting yes, Branum voting no, Motion carried.**
3. **Hiring of Summer Help for Network Administrator:** Gartner reported that the Committee recommends the hiring of Computer College Student Bret Dankowski to help cover during Bill Purcell's vacation and accumulated compensatory time. **Motion by Gartner and second by Helgen**, to hire Bret Dankowski at minimum wage (\$5.25 hr.) to help Bill Purcell for 10 weeks during Summer, 2000. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
4. **Release of Taxes on Property Transferred to City of Hillsboro:** Gartner reported that a commercial building in downtown Hillsboro that was deeded to the City of Hillsboro in 1999 is in disrepair and the city would like to start improvements. If the County would authorize the County Trustee Dennis Ballinger to surrender the Delinquent Tax Certificate of Purchase to the County Clerk, the City of Hillsboro has agreed to pay the Trustee fee of \$150 to the County. **Motion by Gartner and second by Niemeyer** to release the taxes owed to the County on property I.D. #08-201-377-00 that had been transferred to the City of Hillsboro. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
5. **Funding of Solid Waste Program:** Gartner reported that in last year's budget, \$28,000 was removed from the Solid Waste Management Line item. Health Director Mark Dugger went to the Committee and reported that he has hired a new Solid Waste Inspector and requested that funds be put back in next year's FY budget for this program. For this quarter however, the Finance Committee recommends transferring funds from the Waste Management EPA Inspector Fund to the Health Dept. Fund in the amount of \$4,500 for this program. **Motion by Gartner and second by Branum**, to transfer \$4,500 from the Waste Management Fund to the Health Department Fund for support of the Solid Waste Inspection Program from April 1st to June 30th, 2000. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

6. **Discussion of G.I.S. Mapping System:** Gartner referred to County Coordinator Don Gregg, who explained how this mapping system could benefit the County and the potential revenue it could generate. County maps are currently from a 25 year old aerial flyover which are sent each year to the Sidwell Company for update. The County receives about \$10,000 annually for its share of their map sales, but our annual costs for Sidwell services is about \$21,000. County Clerk Leitheiser reported that if legislation on the Governor's desk receives his endorsement, the county would have an option of adding a \$3.00 fee to each recorded document that must be used for G.I.S. implementation. Gregg reported that the immediate need for this system would be for parcel mapping. Approximate costs to implement this system would be \$6,500 for computer hardware/software and a new aerial flyover for the first year would cost about \$30,000. An additional employee with the appropriate qualifications would be needed for the Office of the Supervisor of Assessments, who in the first year would be inputting G.I.S. data. Gregg stated that he will contact a couple of local agencies that may be interested in a partnership in this project, and that a time line estimate of implementation will need to be completed before Budget Hearings in July, 2000.
7. **Coroner's Salary:** Gartner proposed a raise in the Coroner's Salary for the next elected term beginning December, 2000, which must be passed by the County Board this month in order for it to take effect. The Coroner presently makes \$18,850 per year, and the Finance Committee recommends giving a \$1,400 increase to \$20,250.00, which would be the same percentage increase as the other Officeholders received this past year. **Motion by Gartner and second by Jackson,** to raise the Coroner's current salary of \$18,850 to \$20,250 for the new term beginning December 1st, 2000. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

1. **Mowing of Cemeteries:** Helgen reported that according to an 1855 deed, it appears that the County owns Street Cemetery in Pitman Township and several calls were received by Coordinator Gregg that it needs mowed. There are currently no funds budgeted for this expense. As a result, the mowing was done with funds from the Waste Management Imprest Fund until this expense can be reviewed for the next budget hearings. **Motion by Helgen and second by Havera,** to use money from the Waste Management Imprest fund to mow Street Cemetery a few times this summer. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
2. **Issuing New Voter Cards:** Helgen reported that County Clerk Leitheiser brought the Committee a letter from the State Director of Election Information regarding the mandates and requirements for Voter verification. The Illinois Election Code provides that each County Clerk shall at least once every 2 years conduct a verification of voter registrations. As far as records can determine, this was last done in 1982. The process to send out voter cards for 18,355 actively registered County voters would need to be done 90 days before the Federal Election. Cards would cost about \$1,080 and postage to mail would cost about \$3,671. **Motion by Helgen and second by Gartner,** to have County Clerk Leitheiser proceed with the process to issue new Voter Cards. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
3. **E.P.A. Delegation Agreement:** Helgen reported that Health Department Director Mark Dugger brought the E.P.A. Delegation Agreement to the Committee and requested that the County renew its partnership with this program. **Motion by Helgen and second by Aumann,** to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the new IL EPA five-year agreement for a joint and cooperative Solid Waste Management site inspection, investigation and enforcement program. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows:

1. **Seminar for Office Holders:** Aumann reported that Chairman Cordani will schedule a seminar for Officeholders next month regarding Employee issues. A representative from UCCI will give this seminar free of charge.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

1. **Meeting with Waggoner, Farmersville, Raymond and Harvel:**

Havera announced the third dinner meeting to discuss Economic Development issues and concerns with municipality representatives from Waggoner, Farmersville, Raymond and Harvel will be held on Monday, June 5th 2000 at the Holiday Inn in Zanesville Township starting at 5:30 pm.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

1. **County Farm:** Blankenship reported that Jason Anderson gave a financial update on the County Farm and reported on some needed improvements to some terraces and risers. Anderson will file an application to the Conservation Reserve Program of the United States Department of Agriculture in order to get some funding for these improvements. Blankenship complimented Anderson on his fine work at the County Farm.
2. **Document Storage:** Blankenship reported that Circuit Clerk Mary Webb would like to change some of the Document Storage Plans that were previously made by former Circuit Clerk Dan Billington. Webb plans to store documents in the basement of the new Courthouse at this time and requested that County maintenance staff help transfer them from the Land Records Vault in the Historic Courthouse to their new location. The Committee gave Webb approval to utilize maintenance staff for this purpose.
3. **Long Range Planning:** Short term and long term repairs and maintenance items to the Historic Courthouse were discussed. Air conditioning replacement, storage, fire escape, sidewalks, new roof, weather seal on brick exterior, soffit area cleaning and wood trim replacement were all items of consideration. Estimates to replace the air conditioning at the Historic Courthouse will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

1. **Status of Weather Warning Grant:** Jackson was pleased to report that a Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$50,000 to be used by Macoupin and Montgomery County ESDA programs. An antenna will be placed on a tower Southeast of Carlinville in the next 30 days, and weather warning receivers will then be placed in all county schools, nursing homes, mobile home parks, community centers, 911 offices, hospitals, police and fire departments. He also reported that County Clerk Leitheiser is ready for the June 14th 2000 mailing notifying Nokomis/Witt Ambulance District residents about their Tax Increase Public Hearing. Jackson reported that there were 306 ambulance calls in April. Hillsboro had the most with 119 calls and Raymond/Harvel had the least with 9 calls. Litchfield had 113 calls for the month of April.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Johnson and second by Painter to approve the seven (7) Committee Reports. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

GUEST: Chairman Cordani introduced:

Linda Mitchell, Program Manager of C.E.F.S. – Mitchell presented the County Board with two documents that required their authorization. First, she asked for approval of Resolution 00-09r that authorizes an application to the Division of Public Transportation, I.D.O.T, in Springfield, Illinois for C.E.F.S. to provide operating assistance for public transportation in Montgomery County. **Motion by Havera and second by Aumann,** to adopt Resolution #00-09 authorizing C.E.F.S. to submit an application to I.D.O.T. for operating assistance for public transportation in Montgomery County. **All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 331).**

Mitchell then presented an Intergovernmental agreement in which Montgomery County (as well as the counties of Fayette, Clay, Moultrie, and Douglas) designates Shelby County as "Primary Participant" and the local recipient and distributor of Section 5311 funds. Shelby County will then disperse these funds to C.E.F.S., which will use them, in part, to provide public transportation services in Montgomery County. **Motion was made by Aumann and second by Jackson** to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement that designates Shelby County as "Primary Participant" of funds received by this grant and further designates Montgomery County as a "Participant" receiving public transportation services as a result of these funds. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 332).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Various Appointments:

Rick Vandenberg to Fillmore Community Fire Protection District: Chairman Cordani presented a letter from James Billingsley, President of the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District, who submitted the name of Rick Vanderbergh for his consideration for another three year term as trustee in the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District. Cordani re-appointed Vandenberg as trustee of said district. **Motion by Branum and second by Durbin**, to approve the re-appointment of Rick Vanderbergh to a three-year term as trustee in the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

John L. Welsh to Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District: Chairman Cordani received a letter from Ralph Bawden, legal counsel for the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District requesting the re-appointment of John L. Welsh as trustee for said district for a three year term, expiring May 5, 2003. Cordani re-appointed Welsh as trustee of said district. **Motion by Webb and second by Hampton**, to approve the re-appointment of John L. Welsh to a three-year term as trustee in the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES SCHEDULED FOR COMMISSION: As per a mandated statute, County Clerk Leitheiser read the list of names for both Democratic and Republican Election Judges for the two year commission term beginning in November, 2000. Leitheiser read the Democratic Election Judges by precinct, as submitted by Steven K. White, Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Chairman, and then read the list of Republican Election Judges by precinct, as submitted by Paul Tomazzoli, Montgomery County Republican Central Committee Chairman. **Motion by Johnson and second by Painter** to accept the Election Judges as read by County Clerk Leitheiser. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Ogden and second by Jackson to pay the bills. **All favor, Motion carried.** (For itemized listing of bills paid, please refer to Accounts Payable Reports Book for FY 2000.)

ADJOURN: **Motion by Johnson and second by Painter** to adjourn until the June 13th, 2000 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board, held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll Call was taken. Twenty Members present, one member absent as follows:

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White.

Members Absent: Loren Niemeyer

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

Motion by Aumann and second by Jackson to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, Motion carried.

Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting's Approval:

Motion by Branum and second by Helgen to approve the May 9th, 2000 minutes.
All in favor, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE'S REPORT

Approval of 8 Items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ogden and second by Hampton to approve the 8 items on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road and Bridge Committee: Chairman Roger Myers introduced newly hired County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal to the Full Board. Myers stated that Mrs. McNeal is married with two children and is from Montgomery County, being raised in Hillsboro. Her mother currently lives in Hillsboro, and her mother-in-law and father-in-law reside in Litchfield. He also stated that Mrs. McNeal graduated from the University of Illinois. Mrs. McNeal addressed the Board by stating her credentials and qualifications as follows: She graduated from the University of Illinois in May 1990 and worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation for four summers during her college term in which three (3) years were spent working in Construction and one (1) year in Planning. After graduation, Mrs. McNeal continued to work for the Department of Transportation where she worked in Materials for three (3) years and in Physical Research for three (3) years. During this time, she managed the Soil Testing Lab for one (1) year performing research projects and was responsible for determining the properties of soil to generate reports for the entire state. Mrs. McNeal then transferred within the Department of Transportation to Planning and Programming where she worked for three (3) years. This past year she had been working for the Bureau of Operations, where she performed duties in signing access control and in traffic policy.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal:

1. **Montgomery County Resolution # 00-10** - Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates for upcoming year as of June, 2000. **Motion by Myers and second by Johnson. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 334).**
2. **Resolution #42-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,482.92 for 909 B-CA, Location A, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% County Aid to Bridge Project; Amends Original Resolution #26-00 by \$482.92. Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$1,241.46). **Motion by Helgen and second by Myers. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 340).**
3. **Resolution #43-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,482.92 for 909 B-CA, Location B, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% County Aid to Bridge Project; Amends Original Resolution #27-00 by \$482.92. Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$1,241.46). **Motion by Jackson and second by Branum. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 342).**
4. **Resolution #44-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$182,952.00 Resolution #43-00, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,482.92 for 909 for 669 B-CA, Section 89-01131-00-BR, Audubon R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$18,295.20). **Motion by Aumann and second by Johnson. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 344).**
5. **Resolution #45-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$91,476.00 for 895 B-CA, Section 99-14120-00-BR, Rountree R.D., 80%-10%-10% Township Bridge Project; Montgomery County's Share = .1 (\$9,147.60). **Motion by Hampton and second by Ogden. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 346).**
6. **Resolution #46-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,200.00 for 924 B-CA, (C.H.#4 – Donnellson East) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$3,200.00). **Motion by Myers and second by Gartner. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 348).**

7. **Resolution #47-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$110,000.00 for 921 B-CA, Section 00-02122-00-BR, Bois D'Arc R.D., 80%-20% County Aid to Bridge Project. Montgomery County's Share = .8 (\$88,000.00). Removal and Replacement of Bridge.
Motion by Hampton and second by Webb. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 350).

8. **Resolution #48-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$110,000.00 for 922 B-CA, Section 00-08112-00-BR, Hillsboro R.D., 80%-20% County Aid to Bridge Project. Montgomery County's Share = .8 (\$88,000.00). Removal and replacement of a bridge 4 miles south of Hillsboro.
Motion by Blankenship and second by Myers. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 352).

9. **Resolution #49-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$110,000.00 for 923 B-CA, Section 00-09114-00-BR, Irving R.D., 80%-20% County Aid to Bridge Project. Montgomery County's Share = .8 (\$88,000.00). Removal and replacement of Bridge.
Motion by White and second by Durbin. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 354).

10. **Resolution #50-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$220,374.00 for 915 B-CA, Section 00-00114-00-BR, (Oconee Road C.H.#2 – Audubon) Montgomery County, 100% County Federal Aid Matching Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$220,374.00). Removal and replace of bridge and to widen it from 22 feet to 27 feet.
Motion by Johnson and second by Aumann. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 356).

11. **Resolution #51-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$178,794.00 for 916 B-CA, Section 00-00115-00-BR, (Schram City Road C.H.#8 – East Fork) Montgomery County, 100% County Federal Aid Matching Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$178,794.00). Removal and replacement of a Bridge southeast of Schram City and to widen it from 22 feet to 27 feet.
Motion by Branum and second by White. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 358).

12. **Resolution #52-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$132,293.00 for 917 B-CA, Section 00-00116-00-BR, (Barnett Road C.H.#25 – North Litchfield) Montgomery County, 100% County Federal Aid Matching Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$132,293.00). Removal and replacement of a bridge six miles northwest of Litchfield and to widen it from 22 feet to 27 feet.
Motion by Helgen and second by Jackson. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 360).

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairman Roger Myers gave the report as follows: Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; hauling chips; pushing out brush; back sloping; replacing pipe; hauling chip mix; laying rock shoulders; mowing R.O.W.; and picking up trash.

Painting of Building: Myers reported that a discussion took place on the need to paint the outside shed building at the Highway department. A quote for \$2,533 was received from Budd's Paint Service of Litchfield, to paint the 81' x 25' x 14' shed building. The quote includes paint, primer, sandblasting and labor. **Motion by Myers and second by White** for the Highway department to hire Budd's Paint Service to paint the outside highway shed building for \$2,533. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Chairman Cordani clarified the need for the Board to make and receive motions on any appropriation of funds over \$1000.

Purchase of New “Bat Wing”: Myers reported that the Highway Department received a bid from Sievers Equipment in the amount of \$8,878 for a new “bat wing” mower for the new tractor. Myers also stated that 75% - 80% of the County Roads could be mowed with this new “bat wing” and that the Road & Bridge Committee gave approval for \$5,652.25 that was received from the sale of used equipment at McDowell’s Auction Service last month to be used towards this purchase. **Motion by Myers and second by Helgen** approve the purchase of a new “bat wing” mower for the new tractor in the amount of \$8,878 from Sievers Equipment. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Flooring Purchases: Myers reported that approval was given to the Highway Department last month, to purchase new tile for the front office area for \$732.46 from Held Sales. He stated that the Highway Department would now like to use that tile for the foyer and bathroom areas, and requested permission to purchase carpet for the three office areas of Road Crew Superintendent Hamby, Engineer McNeal, and Clerical Staff Bev Seamon and Kristy DeLuka. The Highway Department received a quote of \$1,333.54 for carpet and installation from Held Sales for these office areas. **Motion by Myers and second by White** to allow the purchase of the new carpeting for the three office areas for \$1,333.54 from Held Sales. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Repairs to Mine Road Bridge: Myers reported that a quote for \$10,000 was received from Sparks & Wiewel to furnish all materials and labor to complete repairs to the Bridge on Mine Road near Farmersville. This proposal would also include repairs to the damaged guardrail. **Motion by Myers and second by Johnson** to hire Sparks and Wiewel to repair the Bridge on Mine Road near Farmersville for \$10,000. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Light on North Road: Myers stated that Mr. John Ragen from the Lake Glenn Shoals Association was in attendance this evening and that he came to the last Road & Bridge Committee meeting to request the County’s help in installing a light on the corner of North Road and Glenn Shoals Drive. Myers and Mr. Ragen were informed by Illinois Power that a light and transformer could be installed on the existing pole for \$300. The City of Hillsboro agreed to pay \$100 and requested the County to pay \$200. Myers reported that the Committee decided not to take any action on this proposal.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

G.I.S. Mapping System Update: Gartner reported that Supervisor of Assessments Julie Kiefer has contacted three Companies to come and present their G.I.S. Mapping Systems to a Special Finance Committee Meeting to be held on **Thursday, July 13th, 2000 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room.** Gartner stated that each company will have a specified time limit to present their proposal and suggested that anyone interested may come and listen to the presentations.

Budget Hearings: Gartner informed the Board that he asked Treasurer Jenkins to draft a form that will be sent to each Officeholder indicating their budget line items and amounts from this past fiscal year. Each Officeholder will be required to indicate the requested amount for each line item for the FY 2001 budget and the percent of increase or decrease from their last budget. Gartner further explained that if the budget line item increases are less than 5%, then the Officeholder may not need to meet with the Finance Committee, which would result in reducing the Budget Hearings from three days to two. Gartner also stated that the Main Offices would still need to be scheduled for the Budget Hearings, and that the Finance Committee will have the Employee Salary Budget for fiscal year 2001 completed in July.

R.O.E. Insurance Payment: Gartner reported that a disputed Insurance Payment for the Regional Office of Education had been resolved, and approval was given to pay the balance of \$1476.30 for Montgomery County’s portion, which is less than the original invoice that was in excess of \$9000. The committee instructed insurance agent Paul Hamrock to negotiate an agreement with Christian County to pay their

portion. **Motion by Gartner and second by Blankenship** to pay the balance of \$1,476.30 for Montgomery County's portion of the R.O.E. Insurance Payment. **All in favor, motion carried.**

R.O.E. Secretary: Gartner reported that Regional Office of Education Superintendent Dr. Springer has requested that R.O.E. Secretary Lena Baucum be hired by the county as a full-time employee, which would enable her to receive Health Insurance Benefits. Lena Baucum is currently paid by the County for three days a week and by R.O.E. grant funding for the remaining two days. Gartner further reported that Dr. Springer is willing to reimburse the county for their share of Ms. Baucum's Salary and a portion of the employer cost of the insurance premium. The only cost to the county will be approximately \$70.00 per month for her Health Insurance costs. The Finance Committee recommends that Ms. Baucum be hired as a full time County Employee contingent upon the continuation of Grant funding. **Motion by Gartner and second by Branum** to allow Dr. Springer to hire Lena Baucum as a full-time county employee, contingent on the availability of the R.O.E. Grant funding. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

Resolution Regarding Retired Mine Workers: Chairman Helgen informed the Board that he was in receipt of a Request from the United Mine Workers of America, for the Montgomery County Board to pass a Resolution to support pending legislation which would keep promised health care benefits for Retired Coal Miners. Helgen stated that he spoke earlier with Board Member Webb who works in the Coal Mining Industry, to get additional information regarding this Resolution. Helgen stated that Coal Miners' pensions are being depleted as a result of Coal Mine closures in other areas and that Mr. Webb wanted to research this further. Board Chairman Cordani stated that this Resolution could wait until next month for action if necessary. Webb replied that this Resolution does not have any effect on his employer, United Freeman Coal. **Motion by Helgen and second by Marley** that the County Board pass **Resolution #00-11**, to urge the Congress and the Executive Branch of the United States to work together to reform the financial structure of the Coal Act to ensure that Retired Coal Miners continue to receive the Health Care Benefits they were promised. **All in favor, Motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 1, Page 362).

Recycling Center Update: Helgen reported that there was a new employee at the recycling center, and that complaints regarding the overflow at the Litchfield Recycling Facility were discussed at their committee meeting. This facility is currently being cleaned out on Monday and Friday of each week, and the need for additional attention will be addressed. The County Recycling Program has been generating a good income on recycled cardboard and paper due to the high price of \$85.00 per ton for fiber. Glass hasn't been collected for some time now due to the expense and because it is dangerous to handle. Helgen also reported that Street Cemetery in Pitman Township was mowed for the second time last week for a cost of \$46.00 and was paid for out of the Waste Management Imprest Fund. The McCord Cemetery in rural Irving was also mowed and a downed tree will be burned when weather permits.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows:

Change in Personnel Manual: Chairman Aumann reported that discussion took place at their committee meeting regarding the requirement in the Employee Personnel Manual that all employees must live in Montgomery County. He reported that five county employees currently do not live in the county and stated that in some cases, it could be difficult to find a qualified employee for jobs that require a special skill or expertise. Based on this discussion the Personnel Committee recommends that this requirement be deleted from the Employee Personnel Manual. **Motion by Aumann and second by Gartner** to delete the residency clause from the Employee Handbook, that requires all County Employees to live in Montgomery County. Discussion followed. Havera agreed that in special circumstances it may be difficult to find a qualified employee who lives in the county, but stated that employment preference should be given to a qualified candidate who does reside in the county. Havera further explained that he would prefer changing the verbiage in the existing residency requirement rather than deleting it from the Employee Handbook entirely. Roach stated that he thought it was a shame to take this clause out of the Employee Handbook and stated

that it will take employment out of the county. Roach added that it would be okay for an employee to not live in the county if an expertise were involved. Marley voiced support for Havera's amendment to the residency clause. Aumann also agreed with Havera's revision to the residency clause and rescinded his previous Motion to *delete* this requirement from the Employee Handbook. Jackson moved that the question be called. **Motion by Havera and second by Aumann** to amend the residency clause in the Employee Handbook to read: "Although it is not necessary for employees to live within Montgomery County, preference will be given to those qualified individuals who do reside within the County". **19 members voted "yes," 1 member voted "no."** **Motion carried.**

Meeting Change: Chairman Aumann stated that he is rescheduling the next Personnel Committee meeting date from Thursday, June 22nd, 2000 to **Thursday, June 29th, 2000 at 8:00 AM in the County Board Room.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

Overview of Last Meeting with Local Officials: Chairman Havera reported that the Economic Development Committee had their third dinner meeting with officials from the Panhandle area on Monday, June 5th at the Holiday Inn in Zanesville Township. A lengthy discussion took place on the concerns about water access for rural residents and funding for city wide clean ups. The next dinner meeting is set for July 17th, 2000 at the Moonlight Y in Hillsboro and will include the local officials from Coffeen, Donnellson, Panama, Walshville and the townships in those areas. Lastly, Havera reported that there will be one more dinner meeting planned with Litchfield City and Township Officials, which will conclude this series of meetings.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

Improvements for County Farm: Chairman Blankenship stated that discussion took place at their committee meeting on the report from Jason Anderson about some repair work that is needed at the County Farm. Mr. Anderson is in the process of completing the FSA Grant Application to try to get funding for repair work on some terraces and risers at the County Farm. Blankenship reported that the County's share for this expense will be minimal and that the finalized grants will be turned in soon.

Parking Problem: Blankenship reported that lengthy discussion took place regarding the problem of limited parking around the Courthouse for county customers and employees. Mr. Ellis from the Farm Bureau has been in contact with Cordani, Gartner, and Blankenship with his concern regarding Courthouse staff and county customers using their parking lot during the day. Blankenship stated that he has driven by the Jail and the upper parking lot is primarily empty and he would prefer delegating employees to utilize the vacant spots at the Jail before the County spends any money to purchase additional parking areas. Blankenship also stated that the Committee will do some further research on parking availability to address the parking shortage problem.

Long Range Plan: Blankenship reported that the Building and Grounds Committee and Board Chairman Cordani will confer with County Auditor Patton on a procedure to implement a "Capital Improvement Plan Fund" with the surplus dollars that we are fortunate to have. The money will be set aside for planning maintenance and improvements to the Historic Courthouse.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

Resolution for Nokomis / Witt Ambulance District: Chairman Jackson stated that the ESDA/Ambulance Committee makes the recommendation that the Full Board pass **Resolution #00-12** for Nokomis / Witt Ambulance District. He explained that upon passage of this resolution, an advertisement will be printed in the Nokomis Free Press Progress newspaper on Wednesday, June 14th, 2000 and that notices will be mailed by County Clerk Leitheiser to all property owners in this Ambulance District advising them of this request for a tax levy increase. **Motion by Jackson and second by Jagodzinski to adopt Resolution #00-12 to**

give Witt/Nokomis Ambulance District, the authority to request a raise in their tax levy from \$.15 to a maximum of \$.30 per \$100 assessed valuation. Board Chairman Cordani stated that per the instructions of States Attorney Dobrinic, a roll call vote should be taken for this Resolution. **All members present voted "yes". Niemeyer was absent. Motion carried by roll call vote 20 to 0. (See Resolution Book 1, Page 363).**

Other ESDA Business: Jackson reported that the National Weather Service has requested the Early Warning Weather Signal Tower be located closer to Litchfield rather than near Carlinville as previously planned, in order to avoid overlap in the transmission signals. Negotiations are taking place with Telecom and Norfolk & Southern Santa Fe for the Tower. Jackson also reported that there were a total of 335 Ambulance calls last month, with Litchfield having the most calls of 139. Hillsboro had 112 calls, Nokomis/Witt had 56 calls and Raymond Ambulance District had 14 calls, along with the Farmersville District. He further reported that last month the ESDA / Ambulance office billed \$62,960 and collected \$36,856.67.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Myers and second by Ogden to approve the seven (7) Committee Reports.
All in favor, Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

W.I.B. Update: Board Chairman Cordani reported that the new W.I.B. Board is now in place and that committees have been organized. Cordani also stressed the importance of the Board because it controls services and funding for all employment services for citizens in our county. Cordani also thanked Member Webb for agreeing to serve on the W.I.B. Board.

VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS:

Board Chairman Cordani was asked by Mr. James Billingsley, President of the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District, to appoint Carter Hill as Trustee on the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term due to the resignation of Rick Vanderbergh. **Motion by Branum and second by White** to approve the appointment of Carter Hill to a three-year term as trustee in the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Jerry Wesley to Montgomery County Health Department Board: Board Chairman Cordani stated that he would like to appoint retired school superintendent Jerry Wesley to serve on the Public Health Department Board. **Motion by Marley and second by Havera** to approve the appointment of Jerry Wesley to the Montgomery County Health Department Board. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Tom Larson to Montgomery County Health Department Board: Cordani stated that he would like to appoint retired Health Department Director Tom Larson to serve on the Public Health Board. **Motion by Myers and second by Johnson** to approve the appointment of Tom Larson to the Montgomery County Health Department Board. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Mrs. Pat Wernsing to Montgomery County Health Department Board: Cordani stated that he would like to appoint Litchfield Registered Nurse Pat Wernsing to serve on the Public Health Board. **Motion by Gartner and second by Helgen** to approve the appointment of Pat Wernsing to the Montgomery County Health Department Board. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Board of Review Appointments:

Cordani stated he would like to appoint Attorney Gerald Patrick Huber of Hillsboro to serve as the Republican member on the Board of Review. **Motion by Blankenship and second by Myers** to appoint Gerald Patrick Huber to serve on the Board of Review for tax years 2000 and 2001.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Cordani also stated that he would like to appoint Real Estate Appraiser Bill Harpole of Hillsboro to serve as the Democrat member on the Board of Review. **Motion by Havera and second by Myers** to appoint Mr. Bill Harpole to serve on the Board of Review for tax years 2000 and 2001.

All in favor, Motion carried.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- 1. Special Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois for G.I.S. Mapping Presentation.**
- 2. The regular Personnel Committee Meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, June 29th, 2000 at 8:00 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.**
- 3. Public Hearing on Friday, June 30th, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Nokomis City Hall for the purpose of Conducting a Public Hearing on the Proposed Ambulance tax levy increase for the Witt/Nokomis Ambulance District.**

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Gartner and second by Aumann to pay the bills. **All in favor, Motion carried.** (For itemized listing of bills paid, please refer to Accounts Payable Reports Book for FY 2000)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board Chairman Cordani stated that the Full Board needed to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion by Helgen and second by Johnson** to go into Executive Session at 6:50 PM. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn the executive session by Helgen and second by Branum. All in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURN: **Motion by Painter and second by Johnson** to adjourn until the July 11th, 2000 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2000 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 11th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll Call was taken. Twenty Members present, one member absent as follows:

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glen Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White.

Member Absent: Loren Niemeyer

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Chairman Cordani announced the passing of Elmer Brown who had served on the Montgomery County Board for many years. Cordani stated that Mr. Brown had also served as Chairman in the past and had worked on the Board with many present members. On behalf of the Montgomery County Board, Cordani expressed his condolences and sympathy to Mr. Brown's family.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

**Motion by Durbin and second by Myers to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

**Motion by Aumann and second by Johnson to approve the June 13, 2000 minutes.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE'S REPORT
9. 911 REPORT

Approval of 9 Items on the Consent Agenda:

**Motion by Myers and second by Webb to approve the 9 items on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Highway Engineer Amy McNeal announced that she asked Don Hamby to be in attendance at tonight's meeting to recognize him for his hard work in taking charge to keep the Highway Department on track before she was hired. Ms. McNeal expressed her appreciation of Hamby's efforts in getting much needed work done on bridges so that funds would not be lost because of time constraints and his diligent work in making sure that county roads were maintained.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal:

1. **Resolution #53-00,** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$7,000.00 for 925 B-CA, North Litchfield R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$3,500.00). To replace two 5 foot pipes with one 7 foot pipe.
Motion by Helgen and second by Jackson. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 1).
2. **Resolution #54-00,** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$4,500.00 for 926 B-CA, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project, Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,250.00). To replace a box culvert with a 54 inch arch culvert.
Motion by Myers and second by Jagodzinski. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 3).
3. **Resolution #55-00,** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$1,700.00 for 911 B-CA, (C.H.#5 – Irving-Coffeen Intersection With Route 185) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$1,700.00). State Right of way that is a narrow intersection. The box culvert will be replaced to extend the radius of intersection to make it easier for buses to turn.
Motion by White and second by Durbin. All in favor, Motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 5).
4. **Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Ozurt and Stone:** for work on the Cloyd Bridge in Zanesville Township. The State inspected this bridge due to problems reported that it was sinking. McNeal stated that the Cloyd Bridge is now closed until repairs are made.
Motion by Branum and second by Gartner to accept the Preliminary Engineering Services agreement with Ozurt and Stone.
All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 7).

Road and Bridge Committee Report: Given by Steve Gartner who chaired the Road & Bridge Committee meeting in the absence of chairman Roger Myers as follows:

Nokomis/Raymond Blacktop: Gartner asked Engineer McNeal to explain the Montgomery County Highway Department's status with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding their jurisdiction of the Nokomis/Raymond Blacktop which is an unmarked state route. McNeal reported that per her conversation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, they have plans to repair this road with a 3.5" overlay which would only be a "band aid" fix for the next three to five years on a road that is in very poor condition with severe base failure. McNeal knew that the Nokomis/Raymond blacktop was earmarked in the "Illinois First" Program, but was unsure if any improvements were contingent upon Montgomery County taking jurisdiction of this road. McNeal will contact Senator Demuzio and Representative Hannig to obtain specific information about road improvements earmarked for the Nokomis/Raymond Blacktop in the Illinois First Program.

Purchase of two (2) Snow Plows: Gartner reported that the committee discussed and approved the purchase of two (2) new snowplows from Woody's Municipal Supply Company in Edwardsville, for \$3,850.00 each. This is the same price as others that were already ordered. **Motion by Gartner and second by Johnson to purchase two (2) new snowplows for \$7,700.00 from Woody's Municipal Supply Company in Edwardsville. All in favor, Motion carried.**

West County Line Road: Gartner reported on a proposal to improve 7/10 of a mile of West County Line Road near I-55 in South Litchfield Township. This road borders South Litchfield Township in Montgomery County and Cahokia Township in Macoupin County and is an outlet to Route 16. Due to the closing of Airport Road, several homes in this area will have restricted access to Route 16 and Litchfield, and therefore the committee is researching the possibility of paving this road. Gartner contacted the South Litchfield Township Road Commissioner who is willing to help with these improvements. Gartner also contacted representatives from Cahokia Township and Macoupin County and reported that both have elected not to participate with funding, labor, or equipment and will turn over their jurisdiction should Montgomery County improve this road. Jagodzinski questioned the response time for emergency vehicles should they need to use this road after it rains. Gartner replied that response time would be slower in an emergency due to the road's poor condition. Roach voiced his concern that the Airport should have checked with the township or county before closing Airport Road. Gartner responded by saying that the South Litchfield Road Commissioner or Township could not have intervened in the closing of Airport Road. Gartner asked County Engineer McNeal to look into cost estimates to improve West County Line Road and report at the next Road and Bridge Committee Meeting.

Montgomery County Forces have been replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; replacing pipe; hauling chip mix; mowing R.O.W.; and picking up trash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

Meeting on G.I.S. Mapping System: Gartner reminded everyone of the G.I.S. Mapping Presentations to be held on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse. Gartner also stated that by looking into the possibility of proceeding with the transition to G.I.S. Mapping, this will be one of the biggest projects the County will undertake.

2001 Budget: Gartner reported that each Officeholder was given a Budget Proposal Form to be completed for their requested FY 2001 Department Budget, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Budget hearings have been **rescheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2000 and Friday, July 21, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room.**

E.P.A. Inspection Program: Gartner reported that Health Department Director Mark Dugger came to the committee meeting to discuss the opening for the Solid Waste Inspector Position due to the resignation of Ryan Lawless. Board Chairman Cordani stated that further discussion of this issue will take place later in the meeting.

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

Old Jerusalem Cemetery Clean up: Helgen reported on a call he received regarding an abandoned cemetery in Walshville Township that needed cleaned up. The committee gave Coordinator Gregg permission to have the cemetery cleaned up by the same staff member cleaning McCord and Street Cemeteries.

Waste Inspector: Helgen reported that the H.W.E. Committee was advised by Mark Dugger of the resignation of the Solid Waste Inspector in June, 2000. All inspections were up to date at the time of his resignation. Discussion also took place on the possibility of transferring the responsibilities of this position from the Health Department to the Coordinator's Office.

Insurance Issues: Helgen stated that Health Department Director Mark Dugger voiced his concern about adequate coverage to cover liability for behavioral health employees. Dugger was advised to contact County Insurance Agent Hamrock or Insurance Representative Greg Peterson.

R.R. Crossings: Board Chairman Cordani reported that Board Member Hampton has advised him of a dangerous railroad intersection in Zanesville Township that is being used more now due to the closing of a bridge. Cordani has discussed this problem with County Engineer McNeal, and asked her to look into improvements at the railroad crossing. Cordani also asked Durbin to give an update on his Railroad Crossing Project, which involves surveying the condition of Union Pacific railroad crossings in Montgomery County. Cordani also thanked Durbin for taking the initiative to work on this project. Durbin reported that he has checked nearly half of the Union Pacific railroad crossings from Ohlman to Walshville and will give a full report when he has completed his inspection of each crossing. Durbin also stated that he has been recording the disposition of each crossing and has found many to be in poor condition with rotten railroad ties, chuck holes, and ruts.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows:

Employee Health Insurance: Chairman Aumann reported that the Personnel Committee discussed several different options of Employee Health Insurance Coverage and that no decisions were made by the Committee until more research is done.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

Old Kerr McGee Station in Raymond: Havera reported on the possibility of removing the surface structure from the site of the old Kerr McGee station. The site has underground tanks that are contaminated and will cost a great deal to clean up. Havera stated that the committee gave Coordinator Gregg the authority to negotiate with Raymond on the possibility of splitting the cost to remove this structure. Cordani stated that he had discussed this problem with Raymond Mayor Denny Held and looks forward to working together with Raymond to clean up this problem.

Dedication of Bike Trail: Havera reported that the grand opening of the Green Diamond Bike Trail and dedication of the trailhead park at Waggoner is scheduled to be held one weekend in August. He also stated that the Webb family will be in attendance on behalf of the late Phyllis Webb and that everyone will be notified of the exact date for the grand opening.

Funding for Income Surveys: Havera reported that the committee discussed and gave authorization to appropriate \$1000 for two college students to interview homeowners in four townships to complete Income Surveys for data required for the submission of DCCA grants. Havera stated that in the past, the County had received a lower score on grant submissions due to inadequate surveys, which often caused delays or loss of status for a grant. Cordani stated that the completion of accurate surveys will also help other projects such as the Montgomery County Rural Water Company as they seek and receive grants, and agreed that this expenditure is a good investment of County Funds.

Meeting with Local Officials Havera reported that the next dinner meeting with the local officials from Coffeen, Donnellson, Panama, and Walshville Officials is **Rescheduled for Thursday, August 10th, 2000 at 5:30 at the Moonlight Y Restaurant.**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

Update on Long Range Planning: Chairman Blankenship reported that the committee discussed a Request for Quotation that Coordinator Gregg prepared to be sent to all HVAC dealers in the County to replace the Air Conditioning units at the Historic Courthouse. This will enable the committee to receive some cost estimates to be incorporated into the budget. A formal notice of bid will be placed in local newspapers at a later date.

Parking Situation: Blankenship reported that Cordani and Gartner had met with Chuck Ellis from the Farm Bureau seeking a resolution to the problem of employees parking in the Farm Bureau lot. Gartner has been placed on the agenda for the Farm Bureau's July meeting and will report at the next committee meeting.

County Farm: Blankenship reported that County Farm Representative Jason Anderson is in the process of completing the grant paperwork

ESDA / AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

Update on Tax Hearing for Nokomis/Witt Ambulance District: Chairman Jackson reported that Cordani, Jackson, Ogden, Hampton, ESDA Director Traylor, and States Attorney Dobrinic were in attendance to represent Montgomery County at the Tax hearing was held in Nokomis on June 30, 2000 at 7:00 PM. Jackson also stated that three representatives from the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service along with six interested citizens were in attendance, and their questions and concerns were addressed. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes and the next step is to see if any petitions of objections will be filed within 60 days of the meeting from 51% of the registered voters and 51% of home owners in that district to the County Clerk's office. If there are no objections, the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance District may proceed with increment increases in the tax levy from 15 cents to up to 30 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Other ESDA Business: Jackson reported that Litchfield Ambulance Service received 127 calls in June 2000, Hillsboro received 109 calls, Nokomis/Witt received 50 calls, Raymond/Harvel received 4 calls and Farmersville/ Waggoner received 25 calls for a total of 315 ambulance calls in June. The Montgomery County Ambulance Service billed \$61,547.65 and collected \$48,999.83 in the month of June 2000.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Aumann and second by Ogden to accept the seven (7) committee reports.
All in favor, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Board Chairman Cordani as follows:

W.I.B. Update: Cordani reported that work on the Local Workforce Investment Board is progressing slowly, and expressed his frustration with some State and Federal "red tape" that is sometimes involved when trying to administer a program that was initially set up to have "local control." Cordani stated that in the long run this will be a good program to provide assistance for individuals who lose their job or need additional job training. Cordani and Webb both agreed that the Job Center in Litchfield does provide good assistance, and their hope is that through this W.I.B program, the Job Service will be able to be of even greater assistance in the future.

Concerns over Illegal Dumping and Junk Problems in the County:

Chairman Cordani stated that it has been difficult to keep a Solid Waste Inspector employed and would like to hire someone to fulfill these duties under the Coordinator's direction. This change would not affect the EPA Delegation Agreement as it still provides flexibility for administration within the County. Cordani stressed the need for a County employed inspector to keep an eye on the local Landfill instead of relying on Springfield to do these inspections. Cordani also stated his concerns about reports he has received regarding illegal dumping on county roads and farms, which is another good reason to hire a full time Inspector. In addition to their other duties, this County employee could implement and enforce a strong program which will crack down on illegal dumping or junkyards in the rural areas.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- 1. Budget Hearings: Time change to 9:00 AM on Thursday, July 20th and Friday, July 21st County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro.**
- 2. Coordinating Meeting – Monday, July 31, 2000 at 4:30 PM, County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro.**
- 3. Economic Development – Thursday, August 10, 2000 at 5:30 PM, Moonlight Y, Hillsboro.**
- 4. Finance Committee – Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro.**

APPOINTMENTS:

Board Chairman Cordani appointed Dr. Anthony Keele to the T.B. Board to serve a regular term.

Motion by Myers and second by Hampton to approve the appointment of Dr. Anthony Keele to the T.B. Board.

All in favor, Motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Gartner and second by Jackson to pay the bills. All in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Painter and second by Branum to adjourn until the August 8th, 2000 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2000 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 8th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll Call was taken. Eighteen Members present, three members absent as follows:

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Joe Cordani, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Ed Roach, David Webb and Dale White.

Members Absent: Bonnie Branum, Bob Durbin, and Loren Niemeyer

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

**Motion by Hampton and second by Aumann to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

**Motion by Aumann and second by Ogden to approve the July 11th, 2000 minutes.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Approval of 8 Items on the Consent Agenda:

**Motion by Jackson and second by Gartner to approve the 8 items on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal:

- 1.) **Resolution #56-00** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$13,500.00 for 928 B-CA, East Fork R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$6,750.00). Replacement of a 3' X 10' X 16' precast box with a 3' X 10' X 30' precast box on North 3rd Avenue east of the Red Ball Trail.
Motion by Myers and second by Painter. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 11).
- 2.) **Resolution #57-00** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,000.00 for 929 B-CA, Harvel R.D., 50%-50% Project, Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$2,500.00). Replaces a 7' X 4' X 19' (6") precast box with a 54" X 40' arch with beveled edges on Grainleg Avenue east of East 6th Road.
Motion by Hampton and second by Ogden. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 13).
- 3.) **Resolution #58-00** A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$24,000.00 for 927 B-CA, (Aluminum Box Culvert) Pitman R.D., 50%-50% Project, Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$12,000.00). Replaces a precast box with a 16' X 4' 3" X 27' Aluminum box at East 6th Road and Brown Trail.
Motion by Aumann and second by Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 15).

Road and Bridge Committee Report: At the request of Chairman Roger Myers, the Road and Bridge Committee Report was given by Engineer Amy McNeal as follows:

1. **July 4th Biathlon:** Engineer McNeal reported that Bonnie McClean and Jean Toberman from the Hillsboro 4th of July Committee addressed the Road and Bridge committee regarding the use of the North Road for the 4th of July Biathlon. McNeal stated that Mrs. McClean and Mrs. Toberman explained that their use of the Historic Courthouse at the beginning of the North Road route for the Biathlon best suited their needs due to the restroom facilities and electricity for their computer. After discussion, the committee passed a motion to allow the 4th of July Committee to continue using the North Road for the 4th of July Biathlon, with some time constraints for the road closure to be established at a later date.
2. **Agreement with Ameren CIPS:** Engineer McNeal reported that she had reached an agreement with Ameren CIPS to pay the County to make the necessary repairs on the Red Ball Trail where they have been using heavy equipment trucks to build their cooling pond. Ameren CIPS was originally going to make the repairs, however after McNeal evaluated the road condition, an agreement was reached and signed last week where Ameren CIPS would reimburse Montgomery County Highway Department approximately \$16,000 for materials and labor to make improvements to the Red Ball Trail. Board member Marley stated that he had a question from a concerned neighbor who lives on the Red Ball Trail regarding steam from the cooling ponds in the winter. Jagodzinski replied that the cooling ponds will not be in operation during the winter months and are only used to cool Coffeen Lake during the summer.
3. **Striping of County Roads:** Engineer McNeal stated that she has contacted Christian County to start striping approximately 38 miles of county blacktop roads, and that they will start the project next Wednesday on August 16, 2000. Prior Board approval was given at the April Meeting for Christian County to stripe the roads at their bid price of \$300.00 per mile which also includes materials and labor.

4. **Zanesville Township Bridge:** Engineer McNeal reported that she has requested that the “Historic Significance” status be removed from the closed Zanesville Township bridge. McNeal stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation would like for the County to choose another bridge to be given “Historic Significance” status, however McNeal doesn’t think another bridge in the county qualifies. IDOT will now contact the Historic Preservation Society to see if the Zanesville Bridge can be removed from the “Historic Significance” status in order for the bridge bids to be let on September 1st, 2000.
5. **Raymond Township Bridge:** Engineer McNeal reported that the Raymond Township Bridge project will be completed next week and that work continues on the Black Diamond Bridges, which should be completed before mid- September. At the request of IDOT, McNeal authorized a delayed start date of July 31, 2000 for the Black Diamond Bridge Trail Project due to rain and the late arrival of material.
6. **South Litchfield Township Road:** Engineer McNeal reported that she has worked up some cost estimates to pave the .78 of a mile of the county line dirt road in South Litchfield Township. The estimated cost for County work forces to pave a 12’ wide road with 8” aggregate base with 2 seal coats is approximately \$40,000. However, if the Illinois Department of Transportation requires a 16’ wide road with the 8” aggregate base and 2 seal coats, the estimated cost would be \$50,000 for County work forces to complete the job. McNeal also stated that she made another attempt to obtain Macoupin County participation to pave this road by contacting their Highway Engineer. The Macoupin County Engineer replied that they can not help with the pavement of this road because the Cahokia Township Highway Commissioner will not assist them. McNeal stated that board member Gartner has also contacted the Macoupin County Engineer and will contact some of the local Cahokia Township residents to try to get some interest in this project.
7. **St. John’s Bridge:** McNeal announced a pre-construction meeting concerning the St. John’s Bridge Project near Witt will be held on August 23, 2000.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Montgomery County Forces have been sealing & blade mixing, replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; replacing pipe; hauling chip mix; mowing R.O.W.; and picking up trash.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

Agreement with Patton and Company CPA: Chairman Gartner reported that the Finance Committee recommends hiring Patton and Associates to prepare the year FY 2000 County Audit for \$15,000 to \$16,000 and the Circuit Clerk Office’s FY 2000 Audit for \$4,500 to \$5,000. Gartner stated that the state mandates that audit for the Circuit Clerk’s Office be funded by the county and these quoted fees are in line with the fees for last year’s audit.

Motion by Gartner and second by White to hire Patton and Associates to prepare the FY 2000 County Audit for \$15,000 to \$16,000 and the FY 2000 Audit of the Circuit Clerk’s Office for \$4,500 to \$5,000.
All in favor, motion carried.

FY 2001 Budget: Gartner reported that the FY 2001 Budget is now 95% complete and will be presented to the full board in September so that it can be voted on in October 2000.

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

Update on R.R. Crossings: Chairman Helgen reported that Bob Durbin has submitted a summary and pictures of the disposition of 35 Union Pacific Railroad Crossings in Montgomery County. Helgen stated that Durbin has met with a Railroad Safety Specialist from the Illinois Commerce Commission who agreed that some of the crossings were in deplorable condition and will advise Durbin of what action will be taken to make improvements to these crossings. Durbin will have a full report for the Board at the September 2000 meeting.

Solid Waste Inspector: Helgen reported that Coordinator Don Gregg will be leaving the Solid Waste Operations and that the Committee has asked him to find a good replacement. Coordinator Gregg has submitted an advertisement for the Solid Waste Inspector position for Board review and approval. Helgen stated that the committee has been discussing the possibility of removing the Solid Waste Inspector position from the Health Department's responsibility and adding it to the County where this position could also incorporate management of the county recycling program. Health Department Director Mark Dugger expressed his appreciation to the Committee and to Coordinator Gregg for considering the transition of the Solid Waste Inspector position and feels that it would be a good marriage to combine the job with the duties of the Recycling Center Manager. Board Member Roach questioned the source of funding to pay for this position. Cordani replied that funding in the amount of \$23,000 will be received from an E.P.A. grant and funds are also generated from landfill host fees which range from \$28,000 to \$35,000 annually. Cordani also stated that this will pose no additional cost to the County as these funds will no longer be going to the Health Department and will instead be dispursed directly to the County. Cordani also feels this change is more efficient and will work smoothly. Helgen concluded his report by stating that a prison crew had been out to McCord Cemetery to burn a downed tree there.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows: There was no quorum for a Personnel meeting, however Aumann reported that the committee is considering the following business at this time:

Questions on the Family Leave Act: Chairman Aumann reported that questions have been brought forward from Supervisor of Assessments Julie Kiefer concerning the Family Leave Act. Aumann explained that further discussion and action will be taken at the next regular Personnel Committee meeting that has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2000 at 8:00 AM in the County Board Room.

Chairman Aumann reported that there will be a special Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 16th, 2000 at 8:00 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse to discuss proposals from Health Alliance for Employee Health Insurance.

Aumann also reported that Board Chairman Cordani has informed him that he has received a letter from the Fraternal Order of Police stating they will be sending a representative to the next regular Personnel Committee meeting to discuss scheduling meeting dates for contract negotiations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

Report on the opening of the Bike Trail: Chairman Havera asked Coordinator Gregg to give a report on the Grand Opening and dedication ceremony for the new Green Diamond Bike Trail that was held on Saturday, August 5, 2000 at the Waggoner Depot. Coordinator Gregg reported that the Grand Opening was well received with great press coverage, that a capacity crowd showed up in spite of the weather, and added that the rain held up long enough for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Coordinator Gregg also stated that he is proceeding with plans to complete the remainder of the trail before he leaves county employment and that he has put together some tools for a group of volunteers from Farmersville who have agreed to help maintain the Bike Trail.

Landscaping & Purchase Traffic Barricades: Havera reported that the committee discussed and voted to allocate up to \$5,000 for traffic barricades and landscaping at the trail entrance on the north side of Main Street. Havera explained these funds have already been budgeted, that the landscaping will help spruce up the area and that the barricade will prevent larger vehicles from making wide turns.

Motion by Webb and second by Heyen to allocate up to \$5,000 for traffic barricades and landscaping at the entrance of the Bike Trail on the north side of Main Street. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Letter of support for Legislation of Ag Products: Havera read the resolution in support of proposed legislation to establish economic incentives for start-up of community based ethanol-processing plants.

Motion by Painter and second by Johnson to adopt Resolution #2000-13 in support of the Illinois Farm Products Economic Development Act.

All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 17).

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

Parking Situation: Chairman Blankenship reported that further discussion had taken place regarding the parking conflicts around the courthouse. Gartner went to a regular meeting at the Farm Bureau to address their concerns regarding courthouse staff and county customers parking in their lot, and he informed the committee that the Farm Bureau currently pays about \$1200 to \$1500 to maintain the parking lot. As a compromise, he offered to seek board approval to help defray some of these costs to maintain the parking lot. The Farm Bureau would then agree to allow open parking on a first come, first serve basis for all parking spaces except for the ones next to the Farm Bureau Building. **Motion by Blankenship and second by Havera** to pay the Farm Bureau \$900 per year to help defray their maintenance costs on the parking lot in exchange for access to the open parking spaces excluding the ones adjacent to the building. Discussion followed: Gartner stated that the county helped pay for a portion of the costs to re-surface the Farm Bureau Parking lot a few years ago. Helgen commented that this will help the parking situation but not solve the shortage of parking and voiced concerns that senior citizens can not find parking around the Courthouse. Chairman Cordani stated that he has asked the City of Hillsboro to provide a few 30 minute parking spots on Courthouse Square to be used for county business only. Roach stated that county employees could possibly park in the city parking across the street. Cordani replied that employees are not required to do so at the present time. Jagodzinski stated that is difficult to find a place to park around the courthouse because employees park there. Blankenship called for the question. **All in favor, motion carried.**

ESDA / AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

Ambulance Service Report: Chairman Jackson reported that there were a total of 335 ambulance calls in the month of July as follows: Hillsboro had 106 calls, Litchfield had 157 calls, Nokomis/Witt had 46 calls, Raymond/Harvel had 8 calls and Famersville/Waggoner had 18 calls. The ambulance service billed \$63,154.45 and collected \$42,333.50 for the month of July.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Jackson and second by Aumann to accept the seven (7) committee reports.

All in favor, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Board Chairman Cordani as follows:

Chairman Cordani expressed best wishes to Coordinator Don Gregg in his future endeavors in relocating to California. Cordani stated that Gregg works with every committee and that he will talk with the committees for their ideas about the Coordinator position. Cordani also thanked the Finance Committee for simplifying the budget process which will allow the budget to be presented to the full board in September for approval in October. Cordani commented on the fantastic job everyone did on the Bike Trail and stated that this was just another example of what can be done with little money and intergovernmental cooperation.

Chairman Cordani reported that County Trustee Dennis Ballinger will have a tax sale on September 6th, 2000 to auction off two properties in Coffeen and Hillsboro due to some interested buyers that would like to start improvements on these properties and get them back on the tax rolls. The tax sale will be held in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse. Chairman Cordani thanked all the Board Members who showed an interest and attended the three hour G.I.S. mapping system presentation last month. Cordani stated that due to the steep learning curve and the very technical nature of this digital mapping system, he would like to appoint a Feasibility Committee to study this and report back to the Board in October with their recommendations. Cordani would like the G.I.S. Feasibility Committee to research how and when the County could implement this system and appointed the following to serve: Steve Gartner, Chairman; Bonnie Branum; Dave Jackson; Sandy Leitheiser; Julie Kiefer; and Jason Anderson. Board Member Ogden stated that the neighboring counties of Fayette, Bond and Madison are also using some form of the G.I.S. mapping system. Cordani stated that there are different degrees of use of the G.I.S mapping system and he feels that this is a more accurate way to go and should be better for taxpayers. Cordani also stated that by having the G.I.S. Feasibility Committee, it will allow us to take a look at this system to see how the county should proceed to avoid implementing a system we can't handle or afford and stressed that the county should proceed slowly and with caution. Cordani closed by reporting on a meeting he attended in Bond County with a locally led group regarding the Shoal Creek Watershed Conservation Area. This group would like to bring back the wetlands and wild life to the Shoal Creek area and stated that we should help and encourage the group with their efforts to initialize this good conservation program. Helgen responded that he agrees with the importance of community involvement in implementing a good economic development program and has witnessed improvements being accomplished in the Litchfield community because of such efforts.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

The Personnel Committee will have a special meeting on **Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 8:00 AM** in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, with Health Alliance regarding Employee Health Insurance.

The Personnel Committee has changed their regular meeting to **Thursday, August 31, 2000 at 8:00 AM** in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS:

Fillmore Fire Protection District: Chairman Cordani would like to appoint Mr. Bill Carlock as Treasurer and reappoint Mr. Danny Foster as Trustee/Secretary for three-year appointments to the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District.

Motion by Helgen and second by Roach to approve the above appointments. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Three County Water District: Chairman Cordani appoints Mr. Stanley Hughes and Mr. John Hamby for a three-year term to serve on the Three County Water District.

Motion by Helgen and second by Roach to approve the above appointments. **All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Havera and second by Gartner to pay the bills. All in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Painter and second by Hampton to adjourn until the September 12th, 2000 meeting, which will be held at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll Call was taken. Eighteen members present, three members absent as follows:

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Robert Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, and Dale White.

Members Absent: Loren Niemeyer, Ed Roach and Dave Webb.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

Motion by Aumann and second by Ogden to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Ed Roach arrives at 6:07 PM and turns in his per diem.

Motion by Ogden and second by Durbin to approve the mileage and per diem for Ed Roach.
All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Helgen and second by Hampton to approve the August 8th, 2000 minutes.
All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT
9. 911 REPORT

Approval of 9 Items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion by White and second by Johnson to approve the 9 items on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal:

- 1.) **Resolution #59-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$17,000.00 for 930 B-CA, (C.H.#9 – Red Ball Trail) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$17,000.00). Ameren CIPS has paid the County for these improvements to the Red Ball Trail due to the construction of the cooling ponds.
Motion by Myers and second by Jagodzinski. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 18).
- 2.) **Resolution #60-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$7,015.44 for 902 B-CA, Location A, Raymond R.D., 50%-50% County Aid to Bridge Project; Amends Original Resolution #21-00 by \$815.44. Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$3,507.72). Will Install pipe on North 19th Ave. in Raymond Township.
Motion by Branum and second by Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 20).
- 3.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Audubon R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 89-01131-00-BR, County File #669 B-CA.
Motion by Aumann and second by Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 21).
- 4.) Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for Rountree R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 99-14120-00-BR, County File #895 B-CA.
Motion by Hampton and second by Durbin. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 25).

Road and Bridge Committee Report: Given by Engineer Amy McNeal as follows:

1. **Purchase of Power Washer:** Engineer McNeal reported that the Highway Department has used a new power washer for the past week to clean off equipment. The department could use the new power washer to clean equipment after the season and to clean graffiti off of bridges. McNeal also reported that the power washer was used to clean a piece of equipment and the job was completed in one day, and reduced time and labor costs significantly.
Motion by Myers and second by White to purchase the gas powered washer for \$3895.00.
All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Update on Bridges:** Engineer McNeal stated that the Black Diamond Bridge will be completed this week, and the Zanesville Bridge will be let at a meeting to be held on Monday, September 25th, 2000 at 9:30 AM at the County Highway Department.
3. **Update on Roads:** McNeal reported that Christian County has completed the yellow striping on the County Road, and will complete the white stripes this month.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Montgomery County Forces have been sealing & blade mixing, replacing, repairing, & checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; replacing pipe; hauling chip mix; mowing R.O.W.; and picking up trash along county roads.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: At 6:15 PM, Chairman Cordani stepped down and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Gartner, who gave the Coordinating Committee report as follows:

Cordani stated that County Coordinator Don Gregg will be leaving his position after 6½ years and commented on the excellent job he has performed for Montgomery County. Cordani reported that discussion took place at the Coordinating Committee and H.W.E. Committee meetings on how to replace Gregg. Cordani stated that the County Coordinator must oversee the maintenance of building and grounds, coordinated services and custodians, enterprise zones and tax abatements, rural water projects, economic development, cemetery projects, animal control and everything else that Gregg did, except for the day to day operations of the Recycling Center which will fall under the new Solid Waste Inspector's responsibilities. Cordani stated that the Coordinating Committee recommends appointing Chris Daniels to the County Coordinator position starting next week. Cordani explained that Daniels has an extensive background in management, is very well qualified, and possesses the knowledge of the system and the office to make this a very cohesive move to step into Gregg's position.

Motion by Cordani and second by Painter to appoint Chris Daniels as County Coordinator starting next Thursday, September 21st, 2000. Discussion followed: Havera questioned the Waste Management Office budget and wanted to know the salaries for the Coordinator and Solid Waste Inspector. Cordani stated that the total revenues for the Waste Management Office for FY 2001 would be \$207,000 and expenses totaled \$176,000 leaving approximately \$31,000 surplus in the total budget. Cordani explained that the County Coordinator's salary would be \$26,000 and the Solid Waste Inspector/Recycling Manager would receive a yearly salary of \$24,000 once he is certified by the Illinois E.P.A. Cordani further explained that the only revenue generated in the Solid Waste Management Office is from host fees, the sales of commodities, a small reimbursement from the Montgomery County Water Company for billing services, and some grant funding from the Illinois E.P.A. for the Solid Waste Inspection Program. There are no revenues received from sales tax or property taxes. Havera asked about the approximate savings. Cordani explained that the Solid Waste Inspector program would receive approximately \$23,000 from the Illinois E.P.A that previously went to the Health Department, which will now be put into the Solid Waste Management Office. That money would be saved by putting one person over Environmental Services, open dumping, landfill inspection, and recycling. Cordani also explained that the County also gave the Health Department approximately \$28,000 per year to help support the Solid Waste Program, which we will no longer need to do. The consolidation of these jobs will save the county approximately \$21,000 per year. Health Department Administrator Mark Dugger is supportive of this change of responsibility and has offered to help us administer the Illinois E.P.A. grant. Gartner repeated that the motion had been made, and called for the question. **All in favor, motion carried.**

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

Meeting with E.P.A. Chairman Helgen reported that the committee met in a special meeting on September 1st, 2000 with representatives from the Illinois E.P.A. to discuss and review the Solid Waste Management Delegation Agreement.

Solid Waste Inspector: Helgen reported that the Committee had conducted interviews for the Solid Waste Inspector and unanimously voted to recommend the hiring of Duane Weller. **Motion by Helgen and second by White** to hire Duane Weller as the Solid Waste Inspector / Recycling Center Manager for an annual salary \$22,500 while in training and to increase it to \$24,000 per year after he is certified by the Illinois E.P.A. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Gartner steps down from the Chair and Cordani returns at 6:26 PM.

Railroad Crossing Update: Chairman Helgen thanked Bob Durbin for all his work to bring some attention to the needed improvements on the Union Pacific Railroad crossings. Durbin reported that he met with Dick Daniels, a safety specialist with the Illinois Commerce Commission on August 9th, and showed him pictures of many of the crossings in the county that are in poor condition. Durbin has also spoken with Union Pacific managers Dave McKearn and Rick Martin to see what improvements they can make on these crossings.

Cordani suggested working on a local level with Engineer Amy McNeal to contact the I.C.C. to help get some results and to meet with mayors throughout the county to make them aware of this problem.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

Montgomery County Senior Center: Chairman Gartner reported that Rex White came to the Finance Committee meeting to request \$10,000 for the Senior Center to help them complete repairs to their building. The Senior Center had received a \$30,000 grant from the Illinois First program and started some much needed repairs, only to find that there were some serious additional structural problems that would cost approximately \$10,000 more to repair. **Motion by Gartner and second by Branum** to approve \$10,000 for the Senior Center for the completion of repairs to their building. **All in favor, motion carried.**

FY 2001 Budget: Gartner reported that work is continuing on completing the budget, the county tax extension will be below the 5% increase, and no public hearing will be needed. He also stated that he hopes to have the budget ready for next month's Board meeting.

G.I.S. Mapping: Gartner stated that the G.I.S. Feasibility Committee will have their first meeting on Friday, September 15th, 2000 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room to discuss how to proceed with this project.

Tax Sale in March: Gartner reported that the board needed to take action to void the tax bills on 30 parcels now acquired for the county by the Montgomery County Trustee. **Motion by Gartner and second by Jackson** to void the tax bills on the 30 parcels now acquired by the county. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 2, page 29).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows:

Family Leave Act: Chairman Aumann reported that discussion took place on setting a policy for all county employees regarding the Family Leave Act. The committee will finish this discussion at their next regular meeting on September 28th, 2000 and make recommendations at the next full board meeting.

Negotiations with Sheriff's Deputies: Aumann reported that the Fraternal Order of Police Union representatives did not come to the Personnel Committee meeting to schedule dates for negotiations. Cordani stated that he had been informed that the Union Representative sent the Sheriff a letter with a few dates to meet, and will relay those potential meeting dates to the Personnel Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

Bike Trail Update: Chairman Havera stated that the entrance to the Bike Trail at Farmersville / Waggoner is currently being landscaped.

Local Official's Meeting: Havera reported that the Committee met on Thursday, August 10th, 2000 at the Moonlight Y with local officials from Panama, Walshville, Donnellson, and South Fillmore Township. The committee is currently in progress of scheduling the last dinner meeting with officials from the City of Litchfield.

Resolution of Support for Rural Water Company Grant: Havera read Resolution 2000-14, a resolution of support which allows Montgomery County Water Company to apply for their grant by the October 1, 2000 deadline. **Motion by Havera, second by Durbin** to approve the Resolution of Support for the Rural Water Company Grant. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 2, Page 31).

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

Preliminary Air Conditioning Estimates: Chairman Blankenship reported that one pre-estimate was received from Hiller Sheet Metal for about \$64,000 to replace the Air Conditioning units at the Historic Courthouse and the Highway Building. Blankenship explained that a request for pre-estimates was sent out to local contractors to get preliminary figures for budget purposes. Blankenship concluded that a few more pre-estimates are expected.

Request from Probation Office: Blankenship reported that the Building and Grounds committee gave permission to Probation Officer Kent Loveless to display a couple of banners on Courthouse Buildings that school children will make for Red Ribbon Week, which is October 23rd to October 31st, 2000.

ESDA / AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

Ambulance Tax Levies: Chairman Jackson reported that the Board needs to take action on passing the tax levies for the five ambulance areas. Each levy was passed as follows:

1. Resolution 2000-15, Hillsboro tax levy request for FY 2001 for \$101,000. **Motion by Jackson and second by Roach** to authorize \$101,000 for Hillsboro's ambulance tax levy for FY 2001. **All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, page 32).
2. Resolution 2000-16, Litchfield tax levy request for FY 2001 for \$70,000. **Motion by Roach and second by Helgen** to authorize \$70,000 for Litchfield's ambulance tax levy for FY 2001. **All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, page 36).
3. Resolution 2000-17, Nokomis / Witt tax levy request for FY 2001 for \$62,436. **Motion by Jackson and second by Aumann** to authorize \$62,436 for Nokomis / Witt's ambulance tax levy for FY 2001. **All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, page 41).
4. Resolution 2000-18, Farmersville / Waggoner tax levy request for FY 2001 for \$53,250. **Motion by Jackson and second by Hampton** to authorize \$53,250 for Farmersville / Waggoner's ambulance tax levy for FY 2001. **All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, page 43).
5. Resolution 2000-19, Raymond / Harvel tax levy request for FY 2001 for \$33,360. **Motion by Jackson and second by Ogden** to authorize \$33,360 for Raymond / Harvel's ambulance tax levy for FY 2001. **All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, page 45).

Jackson reported that there were a total of 310JI ambulance calls last month. Litchfield had 131 calls, Hillsboro had 120 calls, Nokomis / Witt had 38 calls, Farmersville/Waggoner had 13 calls and Raymond / Harvel reported 8 calls. The ESDA Ambulance Office collected \$40,822.76 and billed \$53,912.50 last month.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Havera and second by Heyen to accept the seven (7) committee reports.
All in favor, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Board Chairman Cordani as follows:

Chairman Cordani announced to Board Members that there was an Insurance Waiver Form that those who are not signing up for Employee Health Insurance needed to sign and turn in before leaving tonight.

Cordani stated that he was happy with the actions taken tonight to fill the Coordinator and Waste Inspector Positions. Cordani assured the board that Chris Daniels will do a good job in the Coordinator Position and that Duane Weller will also do a good job as the Solid Waste Inspector/ Recycling Program Manager. Cordani concluded by complimenting the H.W.E. committee in their work interviewing for the Solid Waste Inspector/Recycling Program Manager position, and stated he was happy to work with them as they completed this task.

Chairman Cordani reminded all in attendance that the October, 2000 Board Meeting will be return to a 9:00 AM start time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

G.I.S. Feasibility Committee: Will hold their first meeting on Friday, September 15, 2000 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse.

Road & Bridge Committee: A special meeting will be held on Monday, September 25th, 2000 at 9:30 AM at the Highway Department to let the Zanesville Township Bridge.

APPOINTMENTS:

Fillmore Fire Protection District: Chairman Cordani appointed Mr. Danny Foster as Secretary/ Treasurer to the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District. **Motion by Branum and second by White** to approve the appointment of Danny Foster as Secretary/Treasurer to the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Public Building Commission: Chairman Cordani appointed Mr. Eugene Knodle to the Public Building Commission for a five year term. **Motion by Gartner and second by Johnson** to approve the above appointment. **All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Heyen and second by Blankenship to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

RECESS:

Motion by Painter and second by Johnson to recess until October 10, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.
All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD

Minutes

For TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000 -- 9:00 am

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 10th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll call was taken. Sixteen members present. Five members absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Robert Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, David Jackson, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, and Ed Roach.

Members Absent: Steve Heyen, Dennis Jagodzinski, Loren Niemeyer, Dave Webb, Dale White.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

**Motion by Myers and second by Aumann to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

**Motion by Jackson and second by Branum to approve the September 12th, 2000 minutes.
All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Board Chairman Cordani read a letter that was sent to Sheriff Vazzi regarding the COPS program grant that will not be received for an additional deputy.
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE REPORT

Approval of 8 items on the Consent Agenda:

**Motion by Hampton and second by Johnson to approve the 8 items on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal:

1. **Resolution #61-00** – A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,550.00 for 931 B-CA, Location A & B (A-C.H. #9 – Chapman & B – C.H. #11 – Walshville “T” to Walshville) Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County’s Share – 1.0 (\$2,550.0) \$650.00 (A) \$1,900.00 (B)
Motion by Branum and second by Helgen. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 48).
2. **Resolution #62-00**, A resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,300.00 for 932 B-CA, Fillmore R.D., 50% - 50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share = .5 (1,150.00).
Motion by Branum and second by Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 51).
3. **Resolution #63-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,200.00 for 933 B-CA, Irving R.D. 50% - 50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share = .5 (\$1,600.00).
Motion by Durbin and second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 53).
4. **Resolution #64-00**, An amending resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,094.00 for 918 B-CA Pitman R.D., 50% - 50% Project; Montgomery County’s Share – (\$1,547.00). Amends Original Resolution #36-00 (\$2,500.00) Dated May 9th, 2000 by \$594.00.
Motion by Hampton and second by Ogden. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 55).
5. **Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Ozurt & Stone, Inc.** for Zanesville R.D. Township Bridge Project Section 94-19118-00-BR, County File #438 B-CA.
Motion by Ogden and second by Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 57).

Road and Bridge Committee Report: Given by Engineer Amy McNeal as follows:

6. **Tentative Dates for 2001:** McNeal stated that the Road & Bridge Committee discussed the tentative committee meeting dates for 2001.
7. **Culvert Computer Program:** Highway Engineer McNeal stated that the Road and Bridge Committee had given their permission to purchase a culvert inventory program for \$200.00. This program would allow the Highway Department to take a planned inventory of all county culverts complete with pictures and elevations. This program would also help keep track of their cleaning schedule.
8. **Rountree Township Bridge Letting:** Engineer McNeal reported that the Rountree Township Bridge is scheduled to be let on Wednesday, October 18th, 2000 at 9:30 AM at the County Highway Building. This township bridge is on Township Road 101 and is east of E. 15th Road. The right of way has been acquired and documents recorded.

9. **Fuel Letting on November 1st, 2000:** Engineer McNeal reported that the annual Fuel Letting will be held at the regular Road and Bridge meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 1st 2000 at 8:00 AM at the County Highway Building.
10. **Signs on Irving / Coffeen Road:** Engineer McNeal stated that due to the distress of semi-truck traffic on the Irving / Coffeen Road, the Road and Bridge Committee has given their approval to install “NO SEMIS” signs on that road. Ogden questioned if these signs would also state a weight limit for this road. Engineer McNeal replied that they would not, however the weight limit on these roads is 47,280 pounds unless otherwise posted and that the “NO SEMIS” signs will help deter some large trucks from using this road.
11. **County Roads:** Engineer McNeal reported that the striping of county roads is now complete.
12. **Macoupin County Contractors:** Engineer McNeal stated that she had checked out the references for Macoupin County Contractors Company who was the low bidder and awarded the Zanesville Township Bridge project. McNeal explained that Macoupin County Contractors were named “Contractor of the Year” for a re-surfacing job they completed in Macoupin County and that she has heard reports from the Illinois Department of Transportation that they are a very reputable company. They also have no affiliation with Staunton Fuel.

Engineer McNeal concluded her report by stating that Montgomery County forces have been sealing and blade mixing, replacing, repairing and checking signs; premix patching; hauling CA-6; replacing pipe, hauling chip mix; mowing R.O.W; and picking up trash along county roads.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Steve Gartner as follows:

1. **Motion to transfer from Capital Improvement Fund to Highway Department:** Gartner stated the need to make a motion to transfer \$2533.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Highway Department for the purpose of painting the shed building. **Motion by Gartner and second by Myers** to transfer \$2533.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Highway Department for the purpose of painting the shed building. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Resolution #00-20 to void taxes on Bike Trail:** Gartner referred to Resolution #00-20 to void property taxes on the Green Diamond Bike Trail for 1999 taxes, payable 2000. **Motion by Gartner and second by Hampton** to approve the resolution to void the property taxes on the Bike Trail. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 62).**
3. **Resolution #00-21 for Property Sale:** **Motion by Gartner and second by Aumann** to approve the Resolution #00-21 to sell Property ID# 03-000-474-00 from tax sale. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 63).**
4. **Resolution #00-22 for Property Sale:** **Motion by Jackson and second by Aumann** to approve the Resolution #00-22 to sell Property ID# 04-001-597-00 from tax sale. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 65).**

5. **FY2001 Budget and Tax Levies:** Gartner stated that the FY2001 budget was in each member's packet for review and that it can be voted on next month. Gartner reported that there was a tax extension of \$3,291,000 last year and that the major increases were in the ambulance districts, except for the Litchfield Ambulance district. There is a nine-month reserve in Social Security and the extension keeps us below the 5% requirement to hold a Truth in Taxation public hearing. Within the budget's approval, all non-union employees will receive a 4.25% pay increase and estimated funds have been set aside in the Buildings and Grounds fund for roof repairs and air conditioning replacement. **Motion by Helgen and second by Gartner** to post the FY 2001 budget in the County Clerk's office for public display. **All in favor, motion carried.** Board Chairman Cordani thanked Gartner, Aumann, Havera, Branum, and Jackson for all their hard work in working on the FY2001 Budget and stated that it is not an easy task and some difficult decisions had to be made.

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ed Helgen as follows:

1. **E.P.A. Training:** Chairman Helgen reported that Solid Waste Inspector Duane Weller has attended a two day seminar in Bloomington for EPA training and has gone out on a couple of inspections.
2. **Heat for Recycling Building:** Helgen reported that a heater has been obtained for the Recycling Center and they are looking in a couple of different ways to get it hooked up.
3. **Recycling Vehicles:** Helgen reported that the H.W.E Committee gave permission to put two of the recycling vehicles out for bid because they are not worth repairing. **Motion by Helgen and second by Durbin** to put the two recycling vehicles out for sealed bid. **All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Raises for Recycling employees:** Helgen reported that the H.W.E. Committee voted to raise the Recycling employee wages to take effect next pay cycle due to employee turnover. Due to this immediate increase, the Recycling Center employees will not be receiving a raise on December 1st, 2000 when the other County Employees receive their increases. **Motion by Helgen and second by Johnson** to raise the Crew Leader's salary from \$8.15 per hour to \$9.00 per hour, the driver raised from \$6.50 per hour to \$7.00 per hour and the two laborers from \$5.75 per hour to \$6.25 per hour, with an increase to \$6.75 after their probationary period. **All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Landfill permit for cell #7:** Helgen reported that the committee recommends the approval of the Landfill's permit for opening cell #7. Helgen stated that this is not an expansion of the landfill. Roach asked if this permit was granted by the Illinois E.P.A., and Helgen replied that this permit does have the IL EPA approval. **Motion by Helgen and second by Myers** to approve the permit for opening cell #7 at the Landfill. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Helgen concluded his report by stating that he inquired about a \$3,000 plus vet bill the County had received from Countryside Vet. Clinic for six dogs for a court case that was pending against the dogs' owner. Helgen reported that the case was now over and the bills should cease, and the county is hopeful it will be reimbursed for these bills from court fees.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Nelson Aumann as follows:

1. **Job descriptions and organizational charts:**
Chairman Aumann reported that the Personnel Committee has worked on a flow chart and job descriptions for employees in the Coordinated Services Department. These copies were in everyone's packet for review. Board Chairman Cordani added that it was necessary to put down in writing who reports to who and each employee's responsibilities. **Motion by Aumann and second by Painter** to approve the organizational chart and the job descriptions attached for the Coordinated Service Department Employees. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 72).**
2. **F.O.P. Negotiation Dates:** Chairman Aumann reported that a meeting has been set up for Tuesday, October 17th, 2000 at 6:00 PM in the PBC room of the Courthouse Complex for the purpose of establishing meeting dates for the F.O.P. Union contract negotiations. Board Chairman Cordani asked Sheriff Vazzi if he has received a list of their requests, and the Sheriff replied that he did have a copy and would forward it to the committee.
3. **Employee Award and Christmas Party:** Aumann stated that Coordinator Chris Daniels will order and organize the employee awards to be given at the Employee Christmas Party. Details on the Christmas party will be out soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

1. **Bike Trail Update:** Chairman Havera stated that there has been a request made to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an extension of the deadline for the grant on the Bike Trail. Chairman Cordani also reported that a reimbursement check for \$10,802.73 will soon be coming.
2. **Water Company Phase II:** Havera reported that the second rural water grant was signed October 1, 2000 for Phase II, which will allow for 120 new customers north of Hillsboro and that the water will be purchased from Witt.
3. **Meeting with Litchfield:** Havera reported that the final Economic Development Committee dinner meeting will be held with the City of Litchfield Officials on Thursday, October 26th, 2000 at 5:30 PM at the Gardens Restaurant in Litchfield.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sid Blankenship as follows:

Problems with Fiber Optics: Chairman Blankenship reported that Computer Administrator Bill Purcell had been working with Ushman Communications and ICTC to get the proper repairs to fiber optic lines for the courthouse phones. There have been some problems with the termination of the ends of these lines, and the county needs to establish which entity is responsible to fix them. Blankenship reported that there will be more information at the next meeting regarding the disposition of these fiber optic lines.

Call Accounting System: Blankenship reported that Coordinator Chris Daniels had received calls from other offices regarding the need for a phone call accounting system. Daniels will contact the offices to see how they will pay for this system.

Maintenance Procedures: Blankenship reported that the Building and Grounds Committee had discussed maintenance procedures and setting a policy for Maintenance Personnel's work hours, completion of log sheets, and the reporting procedure to County Coordinator Daniels.

Bid for cleaning Jail: Blankenship stated that the cleaning service contract for the jail will expire at the end of November 2000. He will contact Sheriff Vazzi to receive his recommendation about cleaning services for the next contract year.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Dave Jackson as follows:

Ameren CIPS cooling pond emergency plan: Chairman Jackson reported that ESDA Director Dale Traylor and Sheriff Vazzi have received the emergency plans for the Ameren CIPS cooling pond in East Fork Township.

Emergency exercise in Litchfield: Jackson reported that Emergency Services Personnel received a grade of 91 out of 100 possible points at the emergency exercise held recently in Litchfield. This good grade indicates that the forces are very well trained.

Antenna for Early Weather Warning Signal: Jackson stated that the antenna for the Early Weather Warning Signal will be placed on a tower at Ameren CIPS sometime in January 2001. Receivers will then be distributed to the nursing homes, schools, trailer parks, etc.

ESDA / Ambulance Report: Jackson reported that there were a total of 299 Ambulance calls in the month of September 2000. Hillsboro ambulance district had 108 calls, Litchfield had 121 calls, Nokomis/Witt had 43 calls, Raymond/Harvel had 7 calls and the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance District had received 20 calls. Jackson also reported that there was \$58,264.60 billed in the month of September, 2000 and \$32,382.50 was collected by the ESDA / Ambulance office during that month.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Aumann and second by Blankenship to approve the 7 Committee Reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Chairman Joe Cordani as follows:

Cordani reported that the G.I.S. Feasibility Committee has had two meetings and is planning a visit to the Christian County's Supervisor of Assessment's office for a demonstration of their G.I.S. Mapping System. Cordani stated that due to the many facets of a G.I.S. Mapping system, the committee wants to proceed with caution in order to absorb all the details to make a good recommendation to the full board. Cordani also explained that this research process will take longer than first anticipated, and he also stated that the committee is reviewing different ways to finance the project.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Tuesday, October 17th, 2000 at 9:30 AM – G.I.S. Feasibility Committee – Christian County
Tuesday, October 17th, 2000 at 6:00 PM – Personnel Committee – PBC Meeting Room
Wednesday, October 18th, 2000 at 9:30 AM – Road & Bridge Committee – Hwy. Bldg.
Wednesday, October 25th, 2000 at 8:00 AM – Personnel Committee – County Board Room
Thursday, October 26th, 2000 at 5:30 PM – Economic Development Committee - Litchfield

PAY BILLS

Motion by Havera and second by Durbin to approve the October 2000 bills. All in favor, motion carried.

RECESS

Motion by Painter and second by Johnson to recess until the November 14th Board Meeting to be held at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:43 AM.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2000 -- 9:00 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Joe Cordani.

Roll Call was taken. 18 members present, 3 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Sid Blankenship, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Bob Durbin, Steve Gartner, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Steve Heyen, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Eugene Johnson, Pat Marley, Roger Myers, Glenn Painter, Dave Webb, Dale White.

Members Absent: Loren Niemeyer, Dale Ogden, Ed Roach.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Resignation of County Board Member: Chairman Cordani read the resignation Letter from Loren Niemeyer. Cordani appointed Jamee Dunn to complete the 2 year term vacated by Loren Niemeyer in County Board District #6. Clerk Leitheiser gave the oath to Jamee Dunn. **Motion by Myers and second by Gartner** to approve the appointment of Jamee Dunn to the County Board to replace Loren Niemeyer. **All in favor, motion carried. With the appointment of Dunn, there were 19 members present, 2 absent.**

Mileage and per diem Approval:

Motion by Johnson and second by Hampton to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Corrected to read that Dale White was absent and Ed Roach was present at the October 2000 meeting.
Motion by Jackson and second by Myers. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT
2. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
3. COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S REPORT
4. SHERIFF'S REPORT
5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
6. T.B. DEPARTMENT REPORT
7. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT
8. PROBATION OFFICE REPORT
9. 911 REPORT

Approval of 9 Items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion by White second by Durbin to approve the 9 Office Reports on the Consent Agenda.
All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE: The following Resolutions were presented to the Montgomery County Board by County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal.

- 1.) **Resolution #65-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,700.00 for 934 B-CA, North Litchfield R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (\$3,350.00).
Motion by Helgen and second by Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 77).
- 2.) **Resolution #66-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,000.00 for 935 B-CA, C.H.#13 – Niemanville Trail or Niemanville South in Walshville, Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$5,000.00).
Motion by Branum and second by Heyen. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 79).
- 3.) **Resolution #67-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$7,762.43 for 925 B-CA, North Litchfield R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = (\$3,881.22). Amends Original Resolution #53-00 (\$7,000.00) Dated July 11th, 2000 Amends by \$762.43.
Motion by Aumann and second by Gartner. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 81).
- 4.) **Resolution #68-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$4,775.68 for 902 B-CA, Raymond R.D., Location B; 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = (\$2,387.84). Amends Original Resolution #20-00 (\$4,500.00) Dated March 14th, 2000 Amends by \$275.68.
Motion by Hampton and second by Webb. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 83).
- 5.) **Resolution #69-00**, A Resolution Exempting A Particular Project From A Project Labor Agreement; Section 94-19118-00-BR, A Road & Bridge Improvement Project for Zanesville Road District Bridge Project 738 B-CA to be exempted from the requirements of County Resolution #1996-7.
Motion by Gartner and second by Helgen. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 85).
- 6.) **Resolution #70-00**, A Resolution Exempting A Particular Project From A Project Labor Agreement; Section 99-14121-00-BR, A Road & Bridge Improvement Project for Rountree Road District Bridge Project 896 B-CA to be exempted from the requirements of County Resolution #1996-7.
Motion by Durbin and second by Aumann. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 86).

- 7.) **Resolution #71-00**, A Resolution to appropriate \$729,201.50 from Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the maintenance of Section 01-00000-00-GM for 2001 for Montgomery County. **Motion by Jackson and second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 87).
- 8.) **Resolution #72-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,357.63 for 926 B-CA, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = (\$2,678.81). Amends Original Resolution #54-00 (\$4,500.00) Dated July 11th, 2000 Amends by \$857.63. **Motion by White and second by Myers. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 88).
- 9.) **Resolution #73-00**, A Resolution to improve the Black Diamond Trail, Section 97-00110-00-RS (C.H.#3, FAS 732 & 1622)(Length 3.382 Miles) from 4.0 Miles East of Farmersville to the Christian County line. Designating this section of road as a Class III Highway as soon as that section is improved to sustain 80,000 pound load limits. **Motion by Webb and second by Hampton. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 90).

Road & Bridge Report: Given by Engineer McNeal as follows:

The Black Diamond Bridge is now open and the Zanesville & Rountree Bridges are underway.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gartner as follows:

FY 2001 Budget: Chairman Gartner reported that there is one small change in the FY 2001 budget for office #30 due to a math error of \$1,935, and gave the correct amount of \$91, 095 instead of \$89,160 for that office.

Motion by Gartner and second by Aumann to approve the FY 2001 Budget with the correction in office 30. All in favor, motion carried.
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 91).

Resolution #00-30, Adopting FY 2001 Financial Appropriation Ordinance: The Appropriation Ordinance was read by County Clerk Leitheiser upon the recommendation of State's Attorney Kathryn Dobrnic, who also recommended a roll call vote. **Motion by Gartner and second by Jackson to approve the FY 2001 Budget Resolutions. 19 Members present voting "Yes", zero members voting "No". All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 92).

Resolution #00-29, General Corporate Tax Levy: **Motion by Gartner and second by Helgen to approve the General Corporate Tax Levy Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 93).

Resolution #00-28, County Health Department Tax Levy: Chairman Gartner stated that the Health Department had requested a raise to \$280,000 but the Finance Committee only approved \$220,000. **Motion by Gartner and second by Durbin to approve the County Health Department Tax Levy Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.**
(See Resolution Book 2, Page 94).

Resolution #00-27, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Tax Levy: Motion by Gartner and second by Painter to approve the I.M.R.F. Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 95).

Resolution #00-26, Social Security Employer Contribution Fund Tax Levy: Motion by Gartner and second by Heyen, to approve the Social Security Employer Contribution Fund Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 96).

Resolution #00-23, Insurance Premiums for Specific Purposes Tax Levy: Motion by Branum and second by Durbin to approve the Insurance Premium for Specific Purposes Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 97).

Resolution #00-24, Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Fund Tax Levy: Motion by Gartner and second by Jackson to approve the T.B. Care and Treatment Fund Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 98).

Resolution #00-25, County Highway Fund Tax Levy: Motion by Gartner, second by Myers to approve the County Highway Fund Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 99).

Resolution #00-31, County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund Tax Levy: Motion by Myers and second by Gartner to approve the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 100).

Resolution #00-32, Special Aid to County Bridge Tax Levy: Motion by Jackson and second by White to approve the Special Aid to County Bridge Tax Levy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 101).

Resolutions #2000-15 to #2000-19, Ordinances for the Levy of Taxes for the Ambulance Districts Resolutions for the Ambulance Districts were approved at the September 12th, 2000 County Board meeting. (See Resolution Book 2, Pages 32-47).

Resolution #00-34, Levy of a Tax for the Paying of the Public Building Commission County Court Building Lease: Motion by Gartner and second by White to approve the tax levy for paying the Public Building Commission County Court Building Lease. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 102).

Resolution #00-33, Levy for the County Extension Service Tax: Motion by Durbin, second by Heyen to approve tax levy for the Montgomery County Extension Service. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 103).

Resolution #00-36, for the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor: Motion by Gartner, and second by Jackson to approve the resolution for the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 104).

Resolution #00-35, to set salaries for Department Heads: Motion by Marley and second by Hampton to set the salary for the Supervisor of Assessments to \$35,925 per year, Chief Probation Officer to \$49,368 per year, and the Assistant Probation Officers to \$120,069 for the FY 2001. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 106).

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Helgen as follows:

Recycling Center Hours: Chairman Helgen reported that the committee has changed the recycling center hours from 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM to 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM. These new hours are more convenient for Recycling Center customers.

Illinois County Risk Management Trust Payment: Helgen reported that the committee discussed and gave approval to pay the Property and Casualty Insurance Payment to ICRMT for \$162,560.00 and the Workers Compensation Premium for two months, for policy period December 1, 2000 to December 1, 2001. Durbin stated that this is the same amount as last year. Motion by Helgen and second by Durbin to approve the payment of the Property and Casualty Insurance Premium to ICRMT for \$162,560.00 and the Workers Compensation Premium for two months for policy period December 1, 2000 to December 1, 2001. All in favor, motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Aumann as follows:

F.O.P. Negotiations: Chairman Aumann reported that the committee had met on October 22nd and on October 23rd, 2000 with Sheriff's deputies regarding F.O.P. Union proposals and the negotiations are ongoing at this time. The next meeting will be held on November 20th, 2000 at 6:00 PM in the PBC meeting room of the Courthouse Complex in Hillsboro, and a November 27th, 2000 meeting will also be held, if needed.

Employee Internet Use Policy: Chairman Aumann reported that the committee has approved a new Policy and Regulations for employee internet use. Each Office holder will distribute the forms to their employees to sign and keep the signed copies on file. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 107).

Policy & Procedures for Coordinated Services Office: Aumann reported that the committee has reviewed and approved of the Policy and Procedures for the Coordinated Services Office. (See Resolution Book 2, Pages 108-112).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Havera as follows:

Resolution on Tax Abatement for Livingston Pipe & Tube in Hillsboro Glass Factory Site Purchase: Chairman Havera read the Resolution to Abate the County's portion of taxes for Livingston Pipe & Tube, based on an estimated fair market value of \$600,000. Chairman Cordani stated that Livingston Pipe & Tube Company did not ask for much as far as incentives to purchase the old glass factory and they wish to be good corporate citizens. Livingston Pipe & Tube Company will get an abatement of approximately \$37,000 over a 10 year period. Cordani also stated that Livingston Pipe and Tube is a good company with plans to bring 11-14 jobs to the area. Although the purchase is not final, the Hillsboro school district has already approved the abatement of their portion of the taxes. Motion by Blankenship and second by Painter to pass the resolution to abate Montgomery County's portion of taxes on the Livingston Pipe and Tube Property. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, Page 113).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Blankenship as follows:

Lease on County Farm: Chairman Blankenship reported that the Building and Grounds committee approved a three year lease with Jason Anderson to work the County Farm for the same terms as the last three year lease. Blankenship asked Anderson to address the County Board, and Anderson gave an update on the improvements that need to be made and explained the Conservation Reserve program he has submitted for funding these improvements. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Painter** to reinstate a three year lease with Jason Anderson to complete the work on the county farm. **All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Branum, second by Heyen** to allow the County Farm to proceed with the ten year Conservation Reserve Program (C.R.P.).

Fiber Optics Problems: Blankenship reported that Bill Purcell is currently working on resolving the problems with the fiber optic lines between the courthouse buildings.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Jackson as follows:

Jackson reported that the County Ambulance services had a quiet month overall last month, with the following number of calls logged in for the month: Litchfield, 129; Hillsboro, 103; Nokomis/Witt, 54; Raymond/Harvel, 14; and Farmersville/Waggoner, 25. The Ambulance service billed \$59,883.40 and collected \$43,732.49 for the month of October, 2000.

Approval of 7 Committee Reports

Motion by Havera and second by Heyen to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Board Chairman Cordani as follows:

Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) Update: Chairman Cordani stated that the G.I.S. Feasibility Committee had gone to Taylorville to see how Christian County was using its G.I.S computerized mapping system. The Committee will report their research findings to the County Board in the next two to three months.

Resignation of Duane Weller: Chairman Cordani read a resignation letter from Solid Waste Inspector/Recycling Center Supervisor Duane Weller, giving a two week notice.

Comments from Retiring Board Members and Officials: At the invitation of Chairman Cordani, retiring County Board members Heyen, Johnson, Blankenship, Gartner, Marley and County Official Kathryn Dobrinic were given the opportunity to comment on their experience in working with county government.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Cordani appointed **Dennis Jagodzinski to the 911 Board. Motion by Blankenship, second by Havera** to approve the appointment of Dennis Jagodzinski to the 911 Board. **All in favor, motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cordani announced the County Employee Christmas Party will be held on December 2nd, 2000 at the Hillsboro Country Club, and the Montgomery County Senior Citizens Christmas Party on December 9, 2000 at the Taylor Springs V.F.W.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Durbin and second by Helgen to approve payment of the bills. **All in favor, motion carried.** Chairman Cordani announced that as of December, 2000, per diem earned by Board Members will increase to \$60.00 per meeting.

Motion by Painter, second by Havera to adjourn until the December 4, 2000 re-organizational meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois. The regular County Board meeting for December, 2000 will be held on December 12th, 2000 meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

For TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2000 -- 9:00 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Mike Havera.

Roll call was taken. 20 members present, 1 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Jamee Dunn, Robert Durbin, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Ed Helgen, Keith Horn, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Bill Sielschott, Dale White.

Members Absent: Dave Webb

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and per diem Approval:

**Motion by Ogden, second by Aumann to approve the mileage and per diem.
All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Sielschott, second by Myers to approve the Minutes of the Previous Regular County Board held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2000 and the Re-Organizational Board Meeting held on Monday, December 4th, 2000. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Circuit Clerk's Report ---- Circuit Clerk Mary Webb was present for questions.**
- 2. County Treasurer's Report ---- Treasurer Ron Jenkins was present for questions.**
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ---- County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser was referred to for questions.**
- 4. Sheriff's Report ---- Sheriff Jim Vazzi was present for questions, and informed members the Sheriff's Department will be applying for a Law Enforcement Block Grant to purchase a 4 wheel drive vehicle.**
- 5. Health Department Report ---- Director Mark Dugger was present for questions.**
- 6. T.B. Department Report**
- 7. Public Defender's Report ---- Public Defender Dave Grigsby was present for questions.**
- 8. Probation Office Report ---- Probations Officer Lyn Lanter was present for questions.**
- 9. 911 Report ---- Director Greg Nimmo was present for questions.**

Approval of 9 Items on the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durbin, second by Jackson to approve the 9 Office Reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski as follows:

Jagodzinski reported that the County Board Rules Committee met Saturday, December 9th, 2000 to review the current rules governing County Board Meetings for December 2000 through December 2002. The Rules Committee recommends revision of Rule #11 to read: "All committees shall be appointed by the Chair", and also approved updated committee and contact information for all members. **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Branum** to approve the Rules and Regulations of the County Board with the revision of Rule #11 to read " All committees shall be appointed by the Chair". **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 116).**

Jagodzinski also reported that the Rules Committee also makes the recommendation to change the regular County Board Meeting time to 8:30 AM instead of 9:00 AM, with all meetings to remain on second Tuesday of each Month. Jagodzinski cited that night meetings had been tried and did not result in higher participation of members or the public, and noted that an earlier starting time would allow clerical staff and office holders more time to return to their daily routine. **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Painter** to change the Regularly Scheduled Monthly County Board Meeting to start at 8:30 AM on the second Tuesday of each Month starting January 2000 through December 2002. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman Havera thanked the Rules Committee for their time and effort. Because the members accomplished their goals, Chairman Havera dissolved the Temporary Rules Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chairman Bonnie Branum asked County Highway Engineer Amy McNeal to address the following resolutions.

1. **Resolution #74-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,500.00 for 936 B-CA, Grisham R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share - .5 (\$1,250.00). **Motion by Branum, second by Cordani. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 118).**
2. **Resolution #75-00**, A Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,500.00 for 937 B-CA, Hillsboro R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = .5 (2,000.00). **Motion by Painter, second by Myers. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 120).**
3. **Resolution #76-00**, An Amending Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$24,406.16 for 927 B-CA, Harvel/Pitman R.D., 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share – (12,203.08). **Motion by Aumann, second by Ogden. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 122).**

Road and Bridge Committee Report: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

4. **Discussion on Hiring Assistant Engineer:** Chairman Branum reported that after discussion, the Road and Bridge Committee recommends tabling the issue of hiring an Assistant Highway Engineer for 30 days until the next regularly scheduled meeting. **Motion by Branum second by White** to table discussion of hiring an Assistant Highway Engineer until the regular scheduled meeting in January. **All in favor, motion carried.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bill Sielschott at follows:

Five Year Plan for County Computers: Chairman Sielschott stated that Computer Technician Bill Purcell has presented a five-year plan for updating and replacing the computers in all the County Offices to the committee at their regular scheduled meeting. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Cordani** to approve the five-year plan as presented by Bill Purcell and that the FY 2001 expenditure for computers not exceed \$26,000 as was presented in the FY 2001 Budget. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Budget Books for FY 2001: Chairman Sielschott reported that Treasurer Jenkins has prepared the FY Budget Books, which are on each Board Member's desk and can be obtained by the public.

Copy Machine: Coordinator Chris Daniels reported at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 5th, 2000 and requested a copy machine in the Coordinated Services area to be used for copies prepared for the County Board, monthly packets, E.P.A. reports, and Computer services copies. She received quotes on a used machine from Tom Day Business Machines. Board member White asked how much a new one would cost, the age of the used machine, and about warranty information. Daniels stated a new machine would cost \$5,700, that the used machine was 2 years old and it would be purchased with a maintenance agreement rate of .0175 cents per copy. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Durbin** to approve the purchase of a used copy machine for the Coordinated Services Office per the November 2000 bid price of \$2,498.00 from Tom Day Business Machines. **All in favor, motion carried.**

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Durbin as follows:

Update on Elections: Chairman Durbin reported that County Clerk Leitheiser came to their meeting to provide an overview from the November 2000 Election. Discussion also took place on the voting equipment used in Montgomery County, compared to what is available in other counties and states. Durbin stated that because voting equipment with newer technology can exceed costs of \$100,000 to implement, the committee recommends that with 45 precincts in Montgomery County and no prior problems in the election tabulation, the current punch-card voting system should be retained.

Update on Recycling Center Heat: Chairman Durbin reported on the heating situation at the Recycling Center. The 400,000 BTU furnace that was obtained a couple of months ago by former Recycling Center Supervisor Duane Weller will be too costly to operate, as estimates received will be about \$100.00 a day to heat a building that is not insulated. Also, there is no natural gas available at the Recycling Center. Durbin and Chris Daniels visited the building to see what can be done about getting some heat. Durbin noted that the baling machine has hydraulic pumps that don't work as well when cold, and that certain sensitive fuses also tend to blow when the temperatures are too cold. A visit to the Recycling Center to get the employees suggestions on potential solutions will be made soon.

Tire Recycling: Durbin reported that discussion took place at the committee meeting regarding an offer made by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to co-sponsor a tire recycling drive in Montgomery County. Chris Daniels will contact the E.P.A. to schedule the drive in early April 2001 and will be responsible for getting this program advertised and publicized. Daniels will also get the information regarding the tire recycling drive to townships, cities, villages, and the Highway Department. The last tire recycling drive was held in the Illinois Power parking lot with a very good turnout, and this company will be contacted again for permission to use their facility.

U.C.C.I. Convention: Chairman Durbin informed all present that the U.C.C.I. Convention will be held on February 28, 2001 at the Springfield Radisson Hotel at 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to attend should let him know by the January, 2001 County Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman John Downs as follows:

F.O.P. Negotiations: Chairman Downs reported that the Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 11th, 2000 and that negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police Union are in the final stages, with members voting on the contract on December 13th, 2000. The Personnel Committee will have more to report after that meeting.

Solid Waste Inspector Position: Chairman Downs reported that the Solid Waste Inspector Position has been advertised this week in several area newspapers. The resumes are due to the Coordinated Services Office by Friday, December 22nd, 2000, at which time candidates will be selected for the Personnel and H.W.E. Committees to interview. Both Committees will then select a final candidate for the position.

2001 Holiday Schedule: Downs reported that the Personnel Committee has reviewed and discussed the Holiday Schedule for 2001 and recommends that Christmas Eve on Monday, December 24, 2001 be added as a County Holiday. The Holiday schedule from 2000 was followed with the exception of Election Day, which is not a Federal Holiday this year. County Board Chairman Havera read the complete proposed 2001 Holiday Schedule. **Motion by Downs, second by Ogden** to approve the 2001 Holiday Schedule which includes Christmas Eve, Monday December 24, 2001 as a County Holiday. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 2, page 124).**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Joe Cordani as follows:

Overview of Committee Responsibilities: Chairman Cordani reported that the Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, December 6th, 2000 to discuss their upcoming responsibilities and prior involvement in the Montgomery County Water Company, clean up grants and projects, the Bike Trail, enterprise zones, and business incentives. The committee also discussed some ideas for the future in the areas of business and new resident recruitment, tourism development, and improved coordination with area educators and private-sector employers.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Painter as follows:

Fiber Optics Problem: Chairman Painter reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met on Friday, December 8th, 2000 and discussed problems with the fiber optic lines between the buildings which are not terminated properly. Painter stated that Computer Technician Bill Purcell has had Ushman, ICTC and Regional Office Of Education Technicians out to assess the problem, and Ushman Communications has charged the county \$4729.60 to terminate the lines, and has not given any test results which would troubleshoot the problem. Invoice is pending payment until they send test results and complete the work according to our contract. Chris Daniels will write a letter to Ushman Communications informing them of this requirement.

Heating Situation in Courthouse: Chairman Painter reported that the committee was advised of some heating problems in the Historic Courthouse. Many offices were experiencing hot and cold spots. Painter also stated that Jim Lohman, who installed the new boiler a couple of years ago, was here recently to check out the system, and he will report his findings at the next Building and Grounds committee meeting.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski as follows:

Chairman Jagodzinski reported that the ESDA/Ambulance Committee met at 2:30 PM yesterday and noted the meeting day change starting in January to the first Tuesday of the Month. Jagodzinski stated that Director Dale Traylor gave an overview of the ESDA Office for the benefit of new board members, and passed out a lot of information that was discussed at length.

ESDA / Ambulance Office closed on Wednesday, December 13th, 2000: Chairman Jagodzinski reported that the committee gave permission for the ESDA Office staff to close the office on Wednesday, December 13th, 2000 to allow all staff to attend a workshop in Peoria that requires their participation every two years.

Report of Ambulance calls and billing in Montgomery County: Jagodzinski reported that there were 311 total ambulance calls for the month of November. A total of \$55,862.33 was billed by the office, and total collected was \$33,177.37.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Downs, second by Painter to accept the 7 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Chairman Havera as follows:

National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month – December 2000

Havera read the Resolution declaring December 2000 as the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month by the Montgomery County Board. **(See Resolution Book 2, page 125).**

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Chairman Havera announced that monthly H.W.E. Committee meetings will now start at 8:30 AM instead of 8:00 AM, beginning in January 2001. The day and location of the meetings remain unchanged.

APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Havera announced a request he had received from Kenneth Durbin of the Montgomery County Housing Board to appoint Charles O'Malley to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board, and asked County Board approval of his appointment. **Motion by Aumann, second by Durbin to approve the appointment of Charles O'Malley to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman Havera asked County Board approval of his appointment of Stephen Cullison, Larry McElroy and Tom Anderson to a new two-year term of service to the Board of Directors of the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service. **Motion by Branum, second by Cordani to approve the appointment of Stephen Cullison, Larry McElroy and Tom Anderson to a new two-year term as members of the Board of Directors of the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service. All in favor, motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chairman Havera announced that there were Directories for County Office Holders after the meeting with the new County Board Rules of Order, 2001 Calendars and other County Board information. He also wished all in attendance Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to pay the bills. **All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Motion by Aumann, second by Branum to adjourn the meeting until the Tuesday, January 9, 2001 meeting at 8:30 AM. **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at **9:35 AM.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Minutes

For Monday, December 4, 2000 -- 9:00 AM

The following are minutes from an adjourned re-organizational meeting held by the Montgomery County Board in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse on Monday, December 4, 2000 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting began with the swearing in of the following new and re-elected members: Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, and William Sielschott. Official Verbal Oath was administered by Judge Dennis Huber.

County Clerk Leitheiser calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Roll call was taken, with 20 members present: Nelson Aumann, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Jamee Dunn, Robert Durbin, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, William Sielschott, David Webb, and Dale White.

Absent was newly elected member Don Petty, who arrived after roll call was read, and was sworn in by County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser. With his arrival, **all 21 members were present.**

Clerk Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a temporary Chairman of the County Board. **Motion by Durbin, second by Branum** to nominate Dennis Jagodzinski as temporary Chairman of the County Board. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk Leitheiser asked that the nominations be closed. **Motion by Cordani, second by Sielschott** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Temporary Chairman Jagodzinski then called for nominations for County Board Chairman. **Motion by Painter, second by Webb** that Mike Havera be nominated as County Board Chairman. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Temporary Chairman Jagodzinski then asked three (3) more times for nominations. After receiving none, he asked that the nominations be closed. **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Cordani, second by Myers to elect Mike Havera as County Board Chairman by acclamation. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Newly elected County Board Chairman Havera thanked the members of the board for their trust and confidence, and thanked the voters of County Board District #2 for giving him the opportunity to serve on the County Board. He stated that he has been a member of the County Board for 16 years, and plans "to draw on his past experiences, both good and bad, in order to maintain a realistic perspective on what we can do and where we are going." He pledged to honestly communicate to board members his opinions as well as his concerns, and to be constantly aware that his recommendations and his decisions should reflect more than his own ego, but rather, that which is good for Montgomery County. He further stated that it is his intent and pledge to move this county forward accepting the challenges that these difficult times present while maintaining the high quality of service that our citizens deserve.

Chairman Havera introduced the following new County Board members: Don Petty from District #2; Frank Komor from District #5; Keith Horn from District #5; Ron Deabenderfer from District #6; John Downs from District #6; and Bill Seilschott from District #7. He then acknowledged the Board Members winning re-election: Dale Ogden from District #1; Bob Durbin from District #3; Dennis Jagodzinski from District #4; and Roger Myers from District #4.

Chairman Havera then announced that Dennis Jagodzinski will be the Vice-Chairman of the County Board and announced the County Board Committee Chairmen and members for the upcoming two years. (See Resolution Book 2, page 77).

Chairman Havera then acknowledged the County Office Holders who were in attendance: State's Attorney Jim Roberts; Sheriff Jim Vazzi; Treasurer Ron Jenkins; and Probations Officer Lyn Lanter.

Chairman Havera then appointed a temporary Rules Committee to review the County Board Rules and Regulations and make any recommendations for changes to the County Board at their December 12, 2000 meeting. The Committee will also recommend any change in the day and time of the monthly County Board meeting. The Committee Chairman will be Dennis Jagodzinski, and members are Bob Durbin and Glenn Painter. They will meet on Saturday, December 9, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman Havera then distributed and explained the County Board Manuals for the members, which included the various member assignments to area agencies, the County Board Calendar for FY2001, and dividers for all committee and County Board meeting minutes.

Chairman Havera also announced that the final draft of the County Employee Holiday Schedule will be passed at the December 12, 2000 regular board meeting.

Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Downs to adjourn the re-organizational meeting at 9:24 AM. **All in favor, motion carried.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 9:00 AM.