

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, January 11th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 11th, 2005 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, 18 members present, 3 absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett.

Members Absent: Nelson Aumann, Dennis Jagodzinski, Bill Sielschott.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of the December 14th, 2004 County Board Meeting: **Motion by Myers, second by Bone to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of the Special County Board Meeting: **Motion by Plunkett, second by Downs to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Special County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 22nd, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – submitted.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reported on the municipal, township and multi-township caucuses that will be held throughout Montgomery County this week.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report & Annual T.B. Report**– submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Petty, second by Horn to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Old Backhoe Update:** Branum stated that the new backhoe will be delivered in early February and the old backhoe will be put up for auction at Mulberry Grove.
2. **Motor Fuel Tax Bid Letting Date:** Branum stated that the Motor Fuel Tax Bid Letting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2005 at 9:30 AM.
3. **Highway Department Restrooms:** Branum reported that the committee also discussed the condition of the restrooms at the Highway Department.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman John Downs as follows:

1. **Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase Approval:** Downs reported that the Federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate has changed from 37.5 cents to 40.5 cents per mile. **Motion by Downs, second by Durbin to approve the IRS mileage reimbursement rate increase for Montgomery County from .37 cents to .40 cents per mile, effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Elections Update:** Durbin reported that Clerk Leitheiser was present at the committee meeting to discuss the options of clustering versus consolidating polling places in Montgomery County. The next step will be to further discuss the matter in special meeting with County Republican and Democratic Party chairmen Tim Mizera and Steve White.
2. **Recycling Revenues Update:** Durbin reported that \$94,650.09 in recycling revenues have been deposited for Fiscal Year 2004, and stated that the increases in revenues are due to the increased prices in cardboard, paper, etc.
3. **Recycling Center Updates:** Durbin reported that an advertisement will go out in the local papers stating the old baler at the Recycling Center will be sold and if anyone is interested, they should contact Coordinator Chris Daniels. State's Attorney Roberts will draw up a contract that will address the issues of county liability in the event of sale, the fact that the county will not be responsible for repairs, and that the Recycling Center will get all the baled cardboard the baler produces.
4. **Illinois Recycling Association Conference Update:** The committee approved Chris Daniels and Bob Durbin to attend the Illinois Recycling Association Conference in Springfield on June 7th and 8th, 2005.

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

1. **Newspaper Vending Machine for New Courthouse:** Painter stated that the committee approved the installation of a St. Louis Post-Dispatch vending machine at the Courthouse Complex.
2. **Johnson Controls Maintenance Contract Approval:** **Motion by Painter, second by Heaton** to approve the annual maintenance contract for \$4,140 with Johnson Controls for controls for the Courthouse Complex Heating and Air Conditioning system. **All in favor, motion carried.**

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman George Blankenship as follows:

1. **December Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for December 2004 is as follows: Total calls: 335; Total amount billed: \$125,018.75; Total amount collected: \$39,319.47.
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Blankenship reported that Public Aid payment information for this month is unavailable due to computer problems, and stated that Director Holmes submitted a letter to the MABAS (Mutual Alarm Box Alarm System) Organization for the County HazMat Team to become a member. If accepted, the HazMat Team could receive much needed equipment worth about \$100,000. The cost for MABAS Membership is around \$20.00 annually. Holmes will go to Peoria in February to represent Montgomery County at the annual MABAS meeting.

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

1. **Old Route 66 Scenic Byways Update:** Plunkett reported that IDOT wants to omit Montgomery County from the National Scenic Byways for Old Route 66, because the consensus was that Montgomery County was "not scenic enough to be considered as a National Scenic Byway." Plunkett stated that Litchfield's Economic Development Coordinator Tonya Flannery will be arguing that point to assist with the inclusion of Montgomery County's Route 66 on the National Scenic Byway, because many of the original businesses that were on Route 66 in its prime are still in business today.
2. **Enterprise Zone Expansion of Territory Update:** Plunkett stated that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 12th, 2005 at 6:00 PM at Litchfield City Hall for the purpose of discussing the proposed expansion of territory in the Litchfield area to the Enterprise Zone.
3. **CCI Update:** Plunkett reported that 16 of Montgomery County's 20 municipalities have signed on to be part of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation to date. The first Annual meeting of the Corporation will be held on Monday, January 31st, 2005 in the Extension Office in Hillsboro. U of I Extension contacts report that candidates for the Economic Development Corporation representative were interviewed last Friday.
4. **GIS Intergovernmental Agreement:** Plunkett stated that an Intergovernmental Agreement needed for municipality participation in GIS mapping projects will be ready for approval at next month's board meeting. Bruce Harris & Associates will be adding an additional 44 control points to the 21 existing control points as required under the county's vendor contract.

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

1. **Circuit Clerk Union Contract Update:** There will be a special Personnel Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 12th, at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse to continue Circuit Clerk's Union negotiations.
2. **F.O.P. Union Contract Recommendation:** **Motion by Downs, second by Helgen** to go into Executive Session to discuss the F.O.P. Union Contract. **All in favor, motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD - MINUTES AND AUDIO TAPE ARE KEPT SEALED IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE.

3. **Executive Session for F.O.P. Union Contract Discussion:** **Motion by Downs, second by Bathurst** to return from Executive Session. **All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **F.O.P. Union Contract Approval:** **Motion by Downs, second by Painter** to approve the F.O.P. Union Contract. **All in favor, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Durbin, second by Blankenship to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: There will be a Special Personnel Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 12th, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse to discuss the Circuit Clerk's Union Negotiations.

There will be a Public Hearing in Litchfield City Hall on Wednesday, January 12th, 2005 at 6:00 PM to discuss the addition of territory to the Montgomery County Enterprise Zone.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Bone, second by Helgen** to approve the appointment of Mike Plunkett to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Montgomery County. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Painter, second by Branum to approve the appointment of Ted Elizondo to the Litchfield Airport Authority to replace Dannie Lamb, who recently resigned. Elizondo's term will begin immediately and expire June 30th, 2008. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Public Comments: Havera asked if anyone in the audience had any comments, and there were none.

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Komor, second by Downs to pay all approved bills.** **All in favor, motion carried.**

For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 8th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Painter, second by Myers to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

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Roll call was taken, 21 members present, 0 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: No members were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Heaton, seconded by Dean to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Mary Webb was present for questions and reported that E-Pay is up and running, which is the fourth payment option method that allows people to pay their fines and/or fees twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici was present for questions, and informed the County Board that she will be taking a six week maternity leave in May or June, 2005.
9. **911 Report** – No report was submitted.

APPROVAL OF 8 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Painter, seconded by Bone to approve the 8 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Pipe Culvert & B-CA Letting Date:** Branum reported that there will be a Pipe Culvert & B-CA Letting on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2005 at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department.
2. **July Meeting Date Change:** Branum stated that the July 6th, 2005 Road and Bridge Committee meeting will be changed to Wednesday, June 29th, 2005 at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department
3. **Preliminary Engineering Agreement Approval:** The board approved the Preliminary Engineering Agreement to obtain the \$280,000 in grant money that will be used to improve the Farmersville Overpass. **Motion by Heaton, seconded by Ogden to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement For F.A.S. 732 (C.H. #17) Farmersville Overpass, Section 04-00125-00-RS, Montgomery County with Allen Henderson & Associates, Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 154-157).**
4. **Resolution #01-05:** **Motion by Komor, seconded by Dean to approve a Resolution to appropriate \$684,580.35 from Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the maintenance of Section 05-00000-00-GM for 2005 for Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 158).**

5. **Resolution #02-05: Motion by Petty, seconded by Aumann** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$2,500.00 for 1005 B-CA, C.H. #2 (Oconee Avenue)(Audubon Twp.)(Sec. 22), Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$2,500.00). This is on Oconee Avenue between East 26th and 27th, Road. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 159-160).**
6. **Resolution #03-05: Motion by Heaton, seconded by Sielschott** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,000.00 for 1006 B-CA, Location A&B, C.H. #3 (Black Diamond Trail)(Bois D'Arc Twp.)(Sec.7), Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$6,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 161-162).**
7. **Resolution #04-05: Motion by Myers, seconded by Downs** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$15,500.00 for 1007 B-CA, C.H. #18 (Witt West)(Butler Grove Twp.)(Sec. 1) Location A & C.H. #1 (Hillsboro North Road)(Butler Grove Twp.)(Sec. 11) Location B, Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$15,500.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 163-164).**
8. **Resolution #05-05: Motion by Petty, seconded by Durbin** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,000.00 for 1008 B-CA, C.H. #6 (Witt North)(E 19th Road)(Nokomis Twp.)(Sec. 30), Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$5,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 165-166).**
9. **Resolution #06-05: Motion by Blankenship, seconded by Plunkett** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,000.00 for 1009 B-CA, Location A & B, C.H. #21 (Elevator Road) (Walshville Twp.)(Sec. 23 & Sec. 26), Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$6,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 167-168).**
10. **Resolution #07-05: Motion by Branum, seconded by Durbin** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,000.00 for 1010 B-CA, C.H. #5 (Irving Road)(Irving Twp.)(Sec. 10), Montgomery County, 100% County Project; Montgomery County's Share = 1.0 (\$3,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 169-170).**
11. **Ameren Rail Line:** McNeal reported that the Illinois Commerce Commission has re-scheduled a hearing date originally set for February 9th, 2005 to March 1st, 2005 regarding the thirteen mile stretch of rail that Ameren wants to put in going to the Coffeen Power Plant.

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

1. **Harris Asset Trax Program/RCI Tech Company Approval:** Sielschott stated that the inventory program with GASBY was not successful, but Treasurer Jenkins was able to stop all affiliation with the Harris Asset Trax Program before county funds were committed. A new contract will be drawn up for an Asset Tracking Program meeting GASBY standards from RCI Tech Company. **Motion by Sielschott, seconded by Aumann** to approve the purchase of the Asset Tracking Program from RCI Tech Company for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Senior Citizen Social Services Tax Levy Update:** Sielschott reported that almost all Senior Clubs have been sent their levy funds. As soon as the expense reports are received by the county, then checks will be sent out to the Senior Clubs who submit a report.
3. **Veteran's Assistance Commission Update:** Sielschott stated that the VAC met last night, and a resignation from VAC Commission President Rex White was withdrawn, and the Commission was informed of their requirements to comply with the Open Meetings Act.
4. **2004 Taxes Payable 2005 Update:** Sielschott reported that the Board of Review is still holding hearings on complaints, but the time for submitting complaints has expired.

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

1. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Date:** Durbin reported that Montgomery County will be having another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 23rd, 2005 in the parking lot of the Litchfield Wal-Mart, which is observing Earth Day.
2. **Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Resolution #05-01 Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser read a resolution for the Help America Vote Act, which is required to be approved in order to qualify for \$143,000 in grant funding. **Motion by Downs, seconded by Helgen** to approve the Help America Vote Act Resolution. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 171-179).**
3. **Elections Update:** Durbin stated that County Clerk Leitheiser presented a County Polling Location Map to the committee to look over for the possible clustering or consolidating precincts. A special meeting with the HWE Committee and Republican and Democratic Party Chairmen has been set up for Monday, February 21st, 2005 at 6:00 PM at the Historic Courthouse in the County Board room to review the proposals.
4. **ICRMT – VAC Insurance:** Durbin reported on an Intergovernmental Agreement to allow the VAC Superintendent to participate in the county insurance program. The VAC will pay the premium to the Treasurer's Office out of the VAC budget. An Intergovernmental Agreement is being reviewed by the State's Attorney and will be presented at next month's Full Board meeting.
5. **Baler Lease Approval:** Durbin stated that there were only two inquiries for the use of Montgomery County's Recycling Center down-stroke balers. The committee approved the Baler Lease Agreement that would allow the two used down-stroke balers from the Recycling Center to be used by Alpine Engineering in Litchfield and Love Packages in Butler. **Motion by Durbin, seconded by Petty** to approve the Baler Lease Agreement of two-used County owned Down-Stroke balers. One will go to Alpine Engineering in Litchfield and the other to Love Packages in Butler. **All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Animal Control Update/Ordinance & City/Village Contract Update:** Durbin stated that discussion took place on establishing an Animal Control Procedure for the County Administrator. Letters were sent out advising municipalities of new contracts for the Animal Control Program. The committee approved the purchase of a new trap for animal control as the other one had been stolen. The animal control warden will chain the cages in his truck.

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

1. **Circuit Clerk Union Contract Update:** Downs stated that he has not heard anything regarding a new meeting date with the Circuit Clerk's Union Representative. The Union Representative had requested a meeting with John Downs, Mike Havera, Dan Sweet and a Union Insurance specialist regarding the County Employee Health Insurance. The meeting will be in the evening on Thursday, February 10th, 2005.

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

1. **Historic Courthouse Roof Repair:** Painter reported that a meeting was held on January 13th, 2005 with Architect David Lipe, who submitted new bid specifications and a Preliminary Cost estimate to re-bid the Historic Courthouse Roof Replacement. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Friday, Feb. 25th, at 2:00 PM at the Historic Courthouse with David Lipe for contractors to ask him questions. Bids will be opened on Friday, March 4th, at 8:00 AM, during the regular Buildings & Grounds meeting. Bids will be opened and reviewed at the meeting, but not awarded until David Lipe can review each one to see if specifications have been met.

ESDA (EMA)/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman George Blankenship as follows:

1. **April Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for January 2005 will be reported on at next month's meeting.
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Jagodzinski reported that Hillsboro Area Ambulance will be receiving Medicare payments for the month of January 2005 and Medicare has acknowledged the new provider

number for Hillsboro. A payment from September 2004 was received from the Credit Bureau in the amount of \$586.00. The total amount of collections for January 2005 was \$52,461.40. Jagodzinski complimented the Journal-News for the nice feature article about the HazMat Team training. As of Sunday, January 30th, 2005, the County HazMat Team had finished their Technical A Classes. ESDA received a certificate stating that Montgomery County has been accredited for two-years. Accreditation requires at least 48 hours of exercises and continuing education per year. Jagodzinski reported that the State of Illinois has now renamed ESDA from Emergency Service Disaster Agency to EMA, Emergency Management Agency. There will be a Continuing Education meeting on the Illinois earthquake program in Marion, Illinois on March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2005. Holmes reported to the committee that the EMA Office is in need of a better copier and the committee is researching this need. During a major incident, the Treasurer's Office will be the county's Resource Manager in a disaster and will make the necessary approvals for any purchases needed during this time. Joe Gasparich of Nokomis has been a tremendous resource to the county in several areas and will serve as a back up for EMA Director Holmes if she is unavailable. Chairman Havera or Vice Chairman Jagodzinski will need to go to one of the next NIMS/Unified Command Classes in order to be certified as a requirement for some grant funding.

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

1. **Waggoner Depot Roof Leak:** Plunkett reported that Mr. Micenheimer of Litchfield repaired the roof leak at the Waggoner Depot for a cost of \$75.00.
2. **Bike Trail Update:** Plunkett stated that Waggoner Mayor Max Stewart presented the committee with pictures of abuse to the Bike Trail at the Waggoner entrance. The committee discussed possibly installing concrete barriers at a couple of the Waggoner bike trail entrances to help prevent improper use.
3. **Old Route 66 Resolution of Support:** Plunkett reported that IDOT did not support the application for Old Route 66 to become a National Scenic Byway in Montgomery County, due to the commercialization of businesses on billboards along Route 66 in Litchfield. This point is still being argued, and in order for the Old Route 66 National Scenic Byway application to be considered for acceptance, the county needs to pass a Resolution of Support. The Resolution states the location of Route 66 in Montgomery County, the county's support of Route 66 as a byway, and that no new commercialized billboards would be put up along this route if it is accepted as a National Scenic Byway. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Blankenship** to approve a Resolution of Support for Route 66 in Montgomery County to become a National Scenic Byway. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 180-183).**
4. **Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Update:** Plunkett reported that the first Annual Economic Development Corporation meeting was held on Monday, January 31st, 2005 at the Extension Office. Amanda Cole was hired to begin work as the Economic Development Corporation Educator for Montgomery County as of 1/31/2005. Ms. Cole has a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Illinois University. The appointed Officers and Directors of the newly formed Corporation are as follows: Heather Hampton+Knodle – Chairman, Mike Plunkett - Vice Chair, Emily Battin - Secretary, Liz Huber - Treasurer, Nick Kuhns - Director, Bill Dees – Director, Scott Snow – Director, Jim Allen – Director, Bill Baran – Director, Randy Singler – Director, and John Galer –Director.
5. **Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Conference:** The committee approved sending County Coordinator Chris Daniels to the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Conference in Peoria on March 9th and 10th, 2005.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Horn, second by Blankenship to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Havera informed members about a newspaper article he had seen regarding Schutt Manufacturing of Litchfield, Illinois receiving an award for technology on football helmets. Schutt is the number one helmet contractor and has an exclusive contract with major league baseball for making bases.

Havera also reported on two free UCCI seminars, one on Conflict Management and the other on Public Budgeting that County Board members might like to attend. Havera stated that anyone wishing to attend the seminars would be reimbursed for mileage and paid per diem.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The regular Personnel meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 24th, at 8:30 AM has been changed to Wednesday, February 23rd at 8:30 AM in the County Board room.

APPOINTMENTS:

Public Comments: Chairman Havera asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. Mayor Bill Baran was granted approval to address the members. Baran applauded the County Board's leadership and financial commitment to the CCI program, and also commented that this program will enhance the development of retail and wholesale businesses in the communities. If a company comes into the county and wants to locate their business in Coffeen or any other participating town, this would benefit the whole county. He especially thanked the on going efforts and support from Heather Hampton-Knodle, Mike Plunkett and Chris Daniels with the CCI program. Baran then addressed the controversy over the board's decision to sell the county coal rights, and again complimented the Board for their actions in approving the sale of county-owned coal rights to Colt Coal, LLC. Baran stated that he was the Finance Chairman at the time when Chevron and Exxon paid the county to take the coal rights back, and commented that "coal was king twice before and I know it will be king again." In selling the coal rights, the county can now receive the tax benefits from that transfer. The sale also brings the prospect of jobs, a boost to the economy and population, which would mean more housing. Baran stated that he used to be a coal miner and commented on ground subsidence that is being reported in neighboring counties. He admitted the subsidence is from present mining and does look bad, but as for previous mining, the ground subsides and once reclaimed, as per State and Federal regulations, the farmland will drain and would be farmable again. Baran stated that mine companies have to get a subsidence agreement from the private landowner before they can long wall under private property. Baran thanked the board for allowing him to make these comments.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Aumann, second by Downs to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

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Motion by Painter, second by Myers to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

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Members Absent: No members were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Myers, second by Petty to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 8th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reminded everyone that today, March 8th, was the last day to register to vote and change address or name for the April 5th, 2005 Election.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – submitted.
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APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Bone to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Farm Bureau Update:** Randy Singler of Irving and Mark Bertolino of Nokomis were present to speak on behalf of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Tim Myers from Colt Coal Company attended to answer questions about the company's plans to negotiate with surface owners, as was State's Attorney Jim Roberts. Chairman Bill Sielschott reported that Singler and Bertolino along with several other concerned farmers were at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday to discuss some questions they had regarding the county's sale of the coal rights. The group of farmers prepared the main questions in writing in advance of the Finance Committee meeting, and written answers were provided to them at the Finance Committee meeting and discussed at length there. Chairman Sielschott stated that the County Board, State's Attorney Jim Roberts and Tim Myers with Colt Coal Company would answer any further questions the Farm Bureau may have to the best of their ability. Sielschott stated that he would read the questions and answers as they were stated at the Committee meeting, then the board would answer any other questions they may have at today's meeting. **All Questions and Answers read by Sielschott are available in Resolution Book 5, page 184-187).**

After reading the prepared Questions and Answers, Sielschott referenced those in attendance to the *Planned Coal Mine Subsidence in Illinois* Public Information Booklet that addresses surface subsidence caused by mining methods, including longwall mining. This booklet was compiled by the Illinois Mine Subsidence Research Program, which was established by the Illinois Coal Association and the Illinois Farm Bureau. Sielschott then opened the floor to questions from Montgomery County Farm Bureau President Randy Singler and Farm Bureau member Mark Bertolino.

Singler asked if prior to the County selling the coal rights if the board considered separating the subsidence rights from individual parcels before selling the coal rights. Sielschott responded that an Abstract was not completed on the parcels. State's Attorney Roberts agreed that the county sold the coal rights "as is," and did not consider any parcels individually, and stated that most severance of surface or subsidence rights were sold earlier in the 1900's. Roberts stated that the county can't be involved in negotiations between Colt and individual landowners.

Singler inquired whether the board thought that it had the right to jeopardize the economy for the people of Montgomery County, and Sielschott responded that the Board did what it felt was the right thing to do for the entire county, and referred to Colt Coal Company representative Tim Myers, who stated that when Colt Coal Company researched the purchase of the coal rights from Montgomery County one of the selling points was that the coal rights were being sold as a package, and Colt would not have purchased coal rights from individual landowners. Myers also stated that longwall mining does not jeopardize property values.

Bertolino stated that in order for Colt to negotiate with landowners on subsidence rights, the landowner must first own those rights or there will be no negotiation and Colt can go under the landowner's property without their authority. Roberts confirmed that the County can not negotiate with Colt on subsidence on the landowner's behalf, and by law that process must be between Colt and the landowner.

Bertolino stated that their understanding was that the majority of the coal and subsidence rights were sold between 1905 and 1920, and Roberts said that we do not know if that is accurate, since no Abstract search was done.

Bertolino said that Colt Coal Co. representative Morris spoke at the recent February 24th, 2005 meeting hosted by the Farm Bureau at the Taylor Springs K.C. Hall concerning the coal rights sale and Morris stated that the only land that would be purchased due to subsidence would be wetlands. Bertolino inquired whether this information was accurate. Colt Company representative Myers replied that Colt plans to first meet with landowners and to lease the ground prior to subsidence. Havera stated that Colt Coal must meet with landowners individually, and the coal company can not be required to purchase all mined surface property outright, which would leave no room for negotiation between both parties.

Bertolino informed members that farms where mining will occur could lose up to two growing seasons, which will devastate the farmer's finances, and even one growing season can not be eliminated. He also asked if it was true that if the coal mine goes through there would only be 170 mining jobs, and not 600 jobs as was promised, and asked how the county received 26,000 acres of coal rights beyond those deeded to the county from Exxon and Chevron. Sielschott answered that those coal rights properties were acquired through tax deeds, which were acquired by the Montgomery County Trustee at the annual Tax Sale. State law requires these properties to be advertised in local newspapers prior to the tax sale and then offered at the annual public tax sale auction, that the County Trustee cannot bid against a public bidder, and that the Trustee only acquires these properties because no one else bid. Bertolino asked why most of these properties acquired are in a contiguous area. Treasurer Ron Jenkins stated that most of these parcels just happen to be contiguous, but not all are in the same area, and cited the recent County Trustee acquisition of 12,000 acres of coal rights in Bois D'arc Township, which is far north of the county owned coal rights recently sold.

Singler informed the Board that the Farm Bureau does not have a policy on longwall mining or strip mining, and Sielschott read the reference about the Farm Bureau from the Introduction section of the *Planned Coal Mine Subsidence in Illinois* booklet.

Bertolino informed the board that the Farm Bureau is not against the mine, just against longwall mining. Room and pillar mining employs more miners, and if the County is trying to create more jobs, the County Board should advocate room and pillar mining. Havera stated that the County is not going to debate longwall

and room and pillar mining methods, which should be determined by the coal company and the landowner. Bertolino said that Colt Coal Company representative Morris stated at the Farm Bureau meeting that room and pillar mining is not an option for their company. Colt Company representative Myers stated that their company prefers longwall mining, which they consider the most predictable, uniform and safest method of mining. Bertolino said that their research shows that room and pillar mining is best, and cited that most municipalities sit on the top of room and pillar mined territory. Discussion followed concerning plans for draining wetland ground created by mining and refuse disposal and storage procedures and regulations. Bertolino stated that the approximate lifespan of a coal mine is 30 years, and asked Myers how many acres will be purchased for the mining site, and Myers replied that approximately 1000 acres will be purchased for each mine.

Havera stated that another coal company (Clean Coal Company) purchased 85,000 acres of coal in the eastern part of Montgomery County from Triple A Minerals early last year, and they have also bought coal rights properties contiguous to this territory in Fayette County from the Fayette County Board, as well as territory in Shelby County. Since the Montgomery County coal purchased by Clean Coal Company was purchased in a private transfer, if the coal company decides that they want to mine the coal and put the mouth of the mine in Fayette County there isn't anything Montgomery County can do about this to gain a dime of revenue, which is what has been occurring for years in Macoupin County. Bertolino asked if Colt Coal Company completes the transfer, but is in default of the contract with the county, will the county foreclose on the coal rights property, and Roberts assured him that if for any reason Colt is found in default of the contract, and coal rights would come back to the county. Bertolino stated his opinion that then the county would be able to sell to whom they want when they want.

Singler asked if each board member would stand and tell why he or she voted yes or no on the coal rights sale, and state if they have personally seen the property where subsidence has occurred in Macoupin County. Havera stated that he was not going to ask the board to fulfill that request, and instead asked members who had visited the Macoupin County subsided property to raise their hands, with many of the members raising their hands. Singler then asked how long the board studied the mine proposal, because some have said they only knew about it a week before the board voted on it. Havera stated that the county has had a lease agreement with Colt for several years, and due to the County Board Committee structure, each committee was not directly involved with the coal rights lease. The Economic Development, Finance, Coordinating and Mines and Minerals Committees have discussed the coal rights topic at length, but other non-related committees would not be involved because coal rights would not pertain to their committee's responsibilities. However, Havera stated that the vast majority of the board was well aware of the prospective sale of the coal rights.

Havera thanked Singler, Bertolino and members of the community for attending the board meeting.

County Board recessed for a short break 9:25 AM, reconvened at 9:35 AM:

2. **Pre-Audit Report Update:** County Auditor Whitey Patton presented a Pre-Audit Report for the board to review. **(For complete copy of Selected Financial Information for Presentation to Montgomery County Board, see Resolution Book 5, pages 188-191.)** Patton stated that this was the first year under GASB 34, the new law that requires intensive inventory and asset reporting. RCI Inc. has completed their inventory and placed value on all county assets which meet these GASB 34 requirements. After review of the General Fund balance over the last few years, Patton complimented board members and office holders for keeping costs down. Patton reported that there was an increase in Revenue of \$350,000 due to fines and fees, a decrease in expenses of \$90,000, the board is also trying to control health insurance costs. Patton reported that the only taxing district growing with sales tax revenue is Litchfield, he stated that internet sales also take away from municipal sales tax revenue. Patton stated that the board took tremendous strides in reducing general fund expenditures last year and will now face the challenge to go forward in the same direction, with an ending balance of \$4,478,363.00 in revenues and \$4,321,384.00 in expenses.
3. **Manufactured Homes Real Estate Tax Update:** Sielschott stated that the committee reviewed information on Senate Bill 192 regarding the Manufactured Homes Real Estate Tax Issue, and encouraged members to contact their Legislators concerning this bill, which would clarify the definition of a Mobile Home.

4. **City of Litchfield Quit Claim Deed Update:** Sielschott stated that the committee discussed parcel #11-100-719-05 in the City of Litchfield, which was deeded by the City to the County and to the Litchfield School District in error. State's Attorney Roberts will be consulted to prepare a deed which will transfer ownership to the Litchfield School District, and the committee should have finalization ready for the board's approval next month.
5. **GIS Map Sales Approval:** Sielschott deferred to Economic Development and GIS Committee Chairman Mike Plunkett, who reported that the GIS Committee received a request from an engineering firm wanting to purchase some aerial views of the northern section of Montgomery County, and the GIS committee met to devise a fee schedule for this information. Plunkett explained to the board that the county's price for the aerial views county wide is \$150,000 over a ten-year period, with 117 "tiles" (the term for the section of land individually mapped) in the entire county, at 175 acres per tile. At that rate, the cost to the county is \$128.00 per tile, and it would not be feasible to charge this amount. After researching other counties' charges, the Committee recommended cutting that cost in half and charging \$64.00 per tile, but putting a maximum cost of \$3,500 for the entire county. Plunkett stated that a Statement of Liability would be signed, as this is a licensed product and can only be used for what it initially is intended, with no other reproductions, copies or resale allowed. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Sielschott** to approve the contract license agreement and to approve the fee of \$64.00 per full tile picture with a ceiling fee of \$3,500 for the entire county. **All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **GIS Intergovernmental Agreement & Waiver Approval:** Plunkett stated that an Intergovernmental Agreement is being recommended by the Economic Development and GIS Oversight Committees and outlines the services and fees that would be charged to municipalities for GIS mapping services. The Economic Development and Finance Committees agreed that any municipality that joined the CCI Economic Development Corporation should get a waiver for these fees and would not require them to pay for the parcel mapping within their boundaries and up to one and half miles out of their city limits. A per parcel fee would be charged for anything after the one and a half mile radius. In turn, the municipality would give the county any information or mapping layers on changes to their zoning, sewer lines, water lines, etc... so that the mapping would be kept current. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Sielschott** to approve the GIS Intergovernmental Agreement and Waiver between Montgomery County and Municipalities that are members of the Economic Development Corporation. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of Agreement and Waiver, see Resolution Book 5, pages 192-198).**
7. **Montgomery County Fair Board Request Update:** Sielschott reported that the committee is researching a request made by the Fair Board regarding a fireworks display.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Trailer Purchase Approval:** Chairman Branum reported that the committee approved the purchase of a trailer for \$6,000 from Fuller Brothers Construction. **Motion by Branum, second by Painter** to purchase a trailer for \$6,000 from Fuller Brothers Construction. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Bat Wing Purchase Approval:** Branum reported that the committee approved the purchase of a new bat wing mower. **Motion by Branum, second by Komor** to approve the purchase of a new Bat Wing in the amount of \$10,300 from Sievers Equipment. **All in favor, motion carried.** Branum stated that the old mower will go to auction.
3. **Bike Trail Update:** Chairman Branum turned the floor over to Highway Engineer Amy McNeal who reported on a problem at the bike trail in Waggoner. McNeal reported that there is a building at the edge of the county's easement, and the owner of the building told McNeal that his building is 10 feet from the county's easement, which was incorrect. McNeal reported that some of the junk on the property could cause liability issues for the county, and the Sheriff's Department has been in contact with the owner regarding the debris. McNeal reported that there are also problems with some damages to the trail caused by ATV's. McNeal priced 6'x2'x2' concrete blocks to put in front of the entrance to the Bike Trail, which would allow a three-foot space between the blocks for bikes to get through. The problem with the concrete barriers is they could be pushed out of the way, which would defeat the purpose.

McNeal stated that board member Terry Bone suggested that the committee install a guardrail instead of concrete barriers, to offer a more permanent solution.

McNeal stated that the guardrail would be more expensive, but she would check into getting a used one at a reduced price and the committee is also looking into other barrier options, and working with Mayor Max Stewart to come to an agreement on this issue.

4. **Ameren Rail Line Update:** McNeal reported that the Status Hearing on the Ameren Rail Line issue has been moved to Thursday, March 10th, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the ICC Building, and she will attend, although no action is expected to be taken. McNeal has asked that the rail proposal address safety concerns, and she would like to see gates, lights and other warning devices used on this installation, as this is a bus route.
5. **Resolution #08-05:** **Motion by Branum, second by Blankenship** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$28,000.00 for 1011 B-CA, Fillmore R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$14,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 199-200).**
6. **Resolution #09-05:** **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,000.00 for 1012 B-CA, Fillmore R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$3,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 201-202).**
7. **Resolution #10-05:** **Motion by Painter, second by Aumann** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,000.00 for 1013 B-CA, Location A&B, Nokomis R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$3,000.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 203-204).**
8. **Resolution #11-05:** **Motion by Painter, second by Ogden** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$8,200.00 for 1014 B-CA, Raymond R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$4,100.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 205-206).**
9. **Resolution #12-05:** **Motion by Branum, second by Petty** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$5,600.00 for 1015 B-CA, Location A&B, Witt R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$2,800.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 207-208).**
10. **Resolution #13-05:** **Motion by Bone, second by Plunkett** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,500.00 for 1016 B-CA, C.H. #11 (Walshville Trail)(Grisham Twp.)(Sec. 6), Montgomery County, 10% County Project; Montgomery County's Share – 1.0 (\$3,500.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 209-210).**
11. **Resolution #14-05:** **Motion by Painter, second by Horn** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$10,050.00 for 1017 B-CA, Location A, B&C; South Litchfield R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$5,025.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 211-212).**
12. **Resolution #15-05:** **Motion by Downs, second by Blankenship** to approve a Resolution to appropriate an amount of \$3,750.00 for 1018 B-CA, Hillsboro R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$1,875.00). **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 213-214).**
13. **Old Backhoe Update:** Branum reported that the old backhoe was sold for \$6,600.00 at a recent auction, and an old Bat Wing will be going there for sale in the near future.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Durbin reported that absentee voting has begun for the April 5th, 2005 Consolidated Election. County Clerk Leitheiser will be teaching Election Judge Training sessions to those Judges working in the upcoming election on Tuesday, March 29th, 2005 at 9:00 AM, 1:30 PM and 6:00 PM at the University of Illinois Extension Office in Hillsboro. Leitheiser has also scheduled three demonstration sessions of the new Optical Scan Voting System for Election Judges on Thursday, April

21st, 2005. The voting system must be in place by the March 2006 Elections. Both regular and ADA Optical scan machines will be demonstrated.

2. **Animal Control Update:** Durbin stated that the committee discussed a draft of the County Animal Control Ordinance and will have State's Attorney Roberts review it before the next HWE meeting so the ordinance can be passed at the April Board meeting.
3. **EPA Update:** Durbin stated that Coordinator Chris Daniels reported to the committee on the semi-annual meeting that was held with Illinois EPA Grant Administrator Ellen Robinson and Regional Manager Dave Janssen. Janssen reported to Daniels that the quantity and quality of inspections are excellent and that quarterly requests for payments have been on time. Janssen also stated to Daniels that a GPS unit would need to be purchased for inspector Bill Gonet so that he can put the longitude and latitude coordinates on his inspection reports. The committee approved the purchase of a GPS Unit for \$350.00 from CDW Government Agencies, Inc. for the EPA program.

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

1. **Circuit Clerk Union Contract Update:** Downs reported that there will be a Special Personnel Committee on Wednesday, March 16th, 2005 at 6:30 PM in PBC meeting room to discuss the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract. Downs stated that the committee hopes to get the contract resolved.
2. **Thanks from Downs family:** Chairman Downs thanked the County Board members for the floral arrangement he and his family received at the recent passing of his grandson, Eric Schnarre.

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

1. **Historic Courthouse Roof Repair:** Painter reported that only one bid from Young's Roofing in Litchfield was received for the replacement of the Historic Courthouse Roof. Young's Roofing submitted a price of \$47,817.33 for the replacement of the roof and a bid of \$7,211.25 to replace the aluminum gutters and downspouts. The total bid presented was \$55,028.58. Architect David Lipe will take the bid as presented by Young's roofing and compare it to the bid specifications required to see if everything was included. The committee will review Lipe's report at the next regular committee meeting in April.

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

1. **April Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for January 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 426; Total amount billed: \$152,240.00; Total amount collected: \$52,461.40.
A summary of monthly operations for February 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 338; Total amount billed: \$134,090.00; Total amount collected: \$74,880.52.
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Jagodzinski reported that Montgomery County has been approved by IFSI to have one more Unified Command Class. The completion of the NIMS and Unified Command classes needs to be finished before October 1st 2005, or funding at either the state or federal level will be jeopardized. The date for the class will be Saturday, August 6th, 2005 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the VFW Hall in Taylor Springs. Mayors, Officials and County Board Members must show confirmation of class attendance October 1st, 2005 in order to receive future funding. Holmes is sending out letters to law enforcement, mayors, city councils and board members to advise them of the importance of attending this training session before October 1st, 2005.
3. **Payment for HazMat Equipment:** Grant money was received for the purchase of HazMat equipment. The cost of the equipment was \$27,660, which was purchased from Mac's Fire and Safety of Litchfield. **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Aumann to approve the payment of \$27,660 to Mac's Fire and Safety for HazMat equipment. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Copier for EMA Office:** Jagodzinski reported that the EMA Office is in need of a new copier. The county would pay half and the other half would come from the five ambulance districts. **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Dean to approve the purchase of a refurbished copy machine from Tom Day Business Machines for \$5,668.00 with the county portion not to exceed \$2,247.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

5. **Radio Donation from Mac's Fire and Safety:** Jagodzinski thanked Mac's Fire and Safety of Litchfield for the donation of a \$750.00 radio to the County Haz-Mat team.

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

1. **GIS Update:** Plunkett reported that the forty-four additional surveying checkpoints that Bruce Harris owes the county will be put in, and it will cost the county \$7,000 to pay for surveying services to place these additional control points.
2. **Bike Trail:** Both the Road & Bridge and Economic Development committees are working to address the problem of trespassing and vehicles parked at the entrance of the county bike trail in Waggoner.
3. **USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service of Illinois Award Update:** Plunkett reported that the Illini Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council received an award for "Best Project" at the USDA NRCS annual Academy Awards held in Decatur, and Coordinator Chris Daniels was there to accept the award. Illini Valley Chairman Shari Albrecht will attend the county board meeting in April to give an update and she will be bringing the award with her during her presentation.
4. **Mother Jones Festival Support Letter Approval:** Plunkett reported that the committee approved signing a support letter on behalf of the Mother Jones Festival that will be held June 23rd to June 26th, 2005 in Mt. Olive, Illinois. Montgomery County has been asked to write a support letter in a joint effort with Macoupin County to secure grant funding to help promote this festival. The festival will be running at the same time as the Route 66 Cruisin' Classic Car Show in Litchfield.
5. **CCI Update:** Plunkett stated that the newly formed Economic Development Corporation met last week, and one of the issues discussed was grant writing assistance for municipalities. The corporation decided to put together a pool of grant writers that would be able to assist the Economic Development Professional Amanda Cole with some of the requests for grant writing.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Downs, second by Sielschott to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Chairman Havera thanked everyone involved for their work in bringing the Economic Development package to the County, consisting of the coal mine, power plant and gasification plant. Havera stated that he realizes the anxiety of the landowners/farmers, but believes that a win-win situation can develop through the negotiation process between Colt Coal Company and landowners. Havera also reminded board members that they are responsible for decisions that affect all 30,000 Montgomery County residents as well as taxing districts, school districts, the unemployed, chambers of commerce and merchants that desperately need more revenue due to the county's current economic condition. He also feels sorry for the husband and wife who have no health insurance and have to go out and work for \$6.50 an hour while the grandmother stays at home and raises their children. Havera stated he is confident that this coal mine/power plant project will provide good jobs in our county so that families in this circumstance will be able to earn a good living and can raise their own quality of life.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Havera reminded the board of the Special Personnel Committee on Wednesday, March 16th, 2005 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of Circuit Clerk Union Contract negotiations.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Ogden, second by Painter** to approve the Resolution for Re-Appointment of Trustee Raymond A. Held to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 215-219).**

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Blankenship, second by Aumann to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Painter, second by Branum to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, April 12th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005 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, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Dave Heaton

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Plunkett, second by Bone to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – submitted.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and thanked everyone who helped with the April 5th, 2005 Election. Leitheiser reported that everything went smoothly, there were no problems with the punch cards, and this would be the last election with the punch card system
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Petty, second by Komor to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Economic Development Corporation Update:** Plunkett introduced Heather Hampton+Knodle, Chairman of the newly formed Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). Knodle gave an update on the elected officers for the MCEDC and on the operations of the corporation. Three handouts were given to board members regarding the MCEDC and their activities, along with a survey assessing Montgomery County's Economic Development needs. Knodle thanked the County Board for their leadership and financial support and explained how the county's role in supporting the MCEDC helped add 16 communities and numerous businesses to join the Economic Development Corporation. A budget has been set with policy and procedures still being reviewed and the Corporation has four standing committees: the Membership Committee, Funds Committee, Community Development Committee and the Economic Development Committee. The MCEDC has scheduled a semi-annual meeting for Wednesday, August 10th, 2005 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Also, the Corporation will be planning a golf tournament in August, 2005 at the Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond. Knodle stated that Montgomery County was also well represented at a Rural Development conference held in Peoria in March. Chairman Knodle, Treasurer Emily Battin, Montgomery County

Economic Development Professional Amanda Cole and County Coordinator Chris Daniels attended the conference, as well as Litchfield Economic Development Director Tanya Flannery and Litchfield Mayor John Dunkirk. Knodle informed members about several economic development issues facing Montgomery County, including the need for improved internet access, improving the state of our workforce, inventorying commercial properties for website access, addressing EPA underground tank cleanup procedures, and the completion of community profiles for participating municipalities. Knodle has developed a *Report Card* concept, which will look at business impacts on the community and inform community leaders on the perspective of new businesses as they research business locations. Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation coordinator Amanda Cole was also present and spoke briefly about the activities of the MCEDC, and both promised to communicate with County Board members on an on-going basis.

2. **Ameren Railroad Spur Update:** Plunkett reported that Ameren Real Estate Supervisor Jeff Jones was at the committee meeting and gave an overview on the reason Ameren is interested in building a 13 mile Railroad Spur to the Coffeen Power Plant. Jones also gave a project update and reported that Ameren has acquired part of the land needed for the spur.
3. **Bike Trail:** Plunkett stated that the committee discussed the concrete barriers that will be installed by the Highway Department at the Bike Trail in Waggoner, and said that there would be more information on the barriers during the Road and Bridge report.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Bike Trail Update:** Chairman Branum turned the floor over to Highway Engineer Amy McNeal, who reported that she had spoken with Waggoner Mayor Max Stewart regarding the barrier issue at the Bike Trail. McNeal stated that no guardrail is available for installation, so Mayor Stewart approved installing a concrete block barrier. The blocks will be ordered and installed by the Highway Department after McNeal determines how many blocks will be needed for side roads and entrances.
2. **Summer Help Update:** Branum reported on the need for summer help at the Highway Department. Kenny Pezold reported to the committee that he did not have summer help last year and would not need the help this summer either. The committee discussed and approved hiring Toby Goad of Hillsboro to help resident engineer Dustin Sefton this summer at the Highway Department.
3. **Used Mower Update:** Branum reported that the committee approved selling the used mower at the Highway Department, by putting it out for sealed bids to all the county Townships with the option to refuse any or all bids.

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

1. **Sheriff's/ESDA Car 2005 Budget Update:** Sielschott reported that the grand total for the Sheriff's Vehicles including trade-ins, equipment and computer costs is approximately \$20,000 short of the amount budgeted due to an oversight at budget hearings. Sielschott stated that the Sheriff can come up with about \$7,000 from his budget to help cover the shortfall with the remaining \$12,500 coming out of the Capital Improvement fund so that the county does not have to amend the budget. The Sheriff's old vehicles, which were to be traded in for about \$32,000, are now nine months older and the county will not get as much for them. Sielschott stated that the committee discussed selling the used Dodge Dakota driven by Undersheriff Robbins to the EMA Department and replacing it with another Explorer, however they decided instead to keep the Dodge Dakota in the Sheriff's Department and the EMA Department will budget for a used pickup truck in 2006.
2. **ROE 2006 Budget Report Update:** Sielschott stated that ROE Superintendent Greg Springer was present at the committee meeting to give an update on the Regional Office of Education 2006 Budget for Christian and Montgomery Counties. Christian County cut their budget allocation, however the law mandates that the county must supply secretary staff and office space for the Regional Office Superintendent. State's Attorney Roberts is checking on the level of support the county must give to the Regional Office, including asking the Attorney General's Office for an opinion regarding what is

considered “reasonable” expenses to fund the ROE Office. Montgomery County’s position is to pay their fair share, which is 44% of the total Regional Office of Education budget.

3. **2006 Budget Hearing Dates:** The FY 2006 Budget Hearing dates have been set for Wednesday, July 27th, Friday, July 29th, and Monday, August 1st, 2005.
4. **2006 Budget Discussion Update:** Sielschott stated that the committee discussed a letter that will be sent out to each office regarding some items to be looked at while preparing their fiscal year 2006 budgets. Sielschott stated that the money from the sale of coal rights will not be a factor in the fiscal year 2006 budget, because of too many unknowns. The county board would need to set priorities and look into some projects to earmark the money. The county’s assessed valuation will decrease due to the new state law increasing several taxpayer exemptions, and the county also plans to keep the levy under 105% to avoid Truth in Taxation requirements.
5. **GIS Survey Points Update/Approval:** Sielschott reported that the county originally had an agreement with Bruce Harris and Associates to put in 65 control points for the GIS Mapping system. Bruce Harris has already put in 21 of the 65 control points and will be installing the remaining 44, and will be responsible for paying McDonough-Whitlow Engineering to install the other forty-four control points. The County will be responsible for the cost associated with the document preparation to get the 21 control points that have already been installed and the remaining 44 control points recorded in the traditional Monument Record format. McDonough-Whitlow has given the County a proposal of \$7,150 to prepare the 65 Monument Records. The fees for preparing and recording each control point will be paid from the \$9,000 left from the IDOT grant monies. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Plunkett** to approve the proposal from McDonough-Whitlow for \$7,150 to prepare the Monument Records for the 65 GIS control points to be recorded in the County Clerk’s Office. **All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Montgomery County Fair Board Request Update:** Sielschott reported that during the Coordinating meeting, discussion took place regarding a request from the Montgomery County Fair Board asking the county to donate \$2,500 for a fireworks display for their 20th Anniversary Celebration. After some discussion on the matter, the committee did not feel that it could approve the request from the Fair Board, and will send it a letter regarding their decision.
7. **Approval of Resolution to Support the Application of the West Central Development Council for Economic Development Comprehensive Planning Activities:** Sielschott read a cover letter from West Central Development Council asking the county for their support on an application for Economic Development Comprehensive Planning Activities for the West Central Development Council. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Durbin** to accept the resolution of support for the application of the West Central Development Council for Economic Development Comprehensive Planning Activities. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 220).**

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

1. **Ohlman Polling Location Update:** Durbin reported that Marge Hobbs and Dennis Aumann of Ohlman addressed the committee regarding petitions they received to move the polling place from the White Settlement back to Ohlman, since the Village of Ohlman purchased the old Methodist church building and renovated it to be ADA accessible, which also serves as their village hall. There are currently 406 registered voters in Audubon Township, and the group canvassed 189 people in the township and most voters who were contacted agreed that the polling place should be moved to Ohlman. Committee members will check the remodeled facility and discuss the proposal at an upcoming meeting.
2. **Elections Update:** Durbin stated that Clerk Leitheiser addressed the committee regarding the Tuesday, April 5th, 2005 Election and reported that everything went well. Leitheiser will host a meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 at 6:30 PM in the County Board room to introduce the new voting system to County Board Members, Mayors, Township Officials, Precinct Committee representatives and the media.
3. **Veterans Assistance Commission Intergovernmental Agreement Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser read a resolution regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the VAC to participate in the County’s

Property and Casualty Insurance. **Motion by Durbin, second by Myers to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement that allows the VAC to participate in the County's Property and Casualty Insurance at a cost of \$500.00. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 221-222).**

4. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Update:** Durbin reported that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection for Montgomery County on Saturday, April 23rd, 2005 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Wal-Mart Parking Lot in Litchfield.

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

1. **Circuit Clerk's Union Contract Update:** Downs reported that the Personnel Committee met on March 16th, and April 7th to discuss the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract. The contract has not been settled and the Union has requested mediation regarding wages and Employee Health Insurance issues.
2. **Health Insurance Rates Update:** Downs reported that the new enrollment forms for Employee Health Insurance were sent out last week, discussion took place during the committee meeting on Health Insurance Premium rates and it was decided that there would be no rate increases to health insurance premiums this year.

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

1. **Approval of bid for the Historic Courthouse Roof Repair:** Painter reported that Young's Roofing in Litchfield submitted the only bid received by the Building and Grounds Committee for the Historic Courthouse roof repair. Young's Roofing submitted a bid of \$47,817.33 for the replacement of the roof and a bid of \$7,211.25 to replace the aluminum gutters and downspouts. The total bid presented was \$55,028.58. The committee discussed the concerns that the roofing contractor uses "legal U.S. aliens" and that the prevailing wage requirements must be followed. Architect David Lipe will be asked to check and enforce that the contractor's workers have the correct credentials and are paid prevailing wage. The money for the roof repair will come from the \$75,000 that was received from Illinois First Grant monies. **Motion by Painter, second by Komor** to approve the bid from Young's Roofing in the amount of \$47,817.33 for the replacement of the roof and a bid of \$7,211.25 to replace the aluminum gutters and downspouts for a total bid of \$55,028.58 contingent that workers are "legal US aliens" and that the contractor pay prevailing wage. Member Ron Deabenderfer stated that the wording "legal US aliens" should be changed. Havera asked for wording suggestions from the board, and member Mary Bathurst suggested using "Legal Documented Employees" or "Documented Workers." Chairman Havera agreed to the change, and asked Painter to rescind his previous motion. **Motion by Painter, second by Komor to rescind previous motion** to approve the bid from Young's Roofing in the amount of \$47,817.33 for the replacement of the roof and a bid of \$7,211.25 to replace the aluminum gutters and downspouts for a total bid of \$55,028.58 contingent that workers are "legal US aliens" and that the contractor pay prevailing wage. **All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Painter, second by Komor** to approve the bid from Young's Roofing in the amount of \$47,817.33 for the replacement of the roof and a bid of \$7,211.25 to replace the aluminum gutters and downspouts for a total bid of \$55,028.58 contingent that workers are Legal Documented Workers and that the contractor pay prevailing wage. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **April Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for March 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 420; Total amount billed: \$151,635.50; Total amount collected: \$91,449.58.
2. **5 County Ambulance District Agreements Approval:**
 - **Approval of the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service Agreement for \$146,000.00 – Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Downs** to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service Agreement in amount of \$146,000.00. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 223-226).**
 - **Approval of the Farmersville/Waggoner Area Ambulance Service Agreement \$55,350.00 – Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Ogden** to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Area

Ambulance Service Agreement in amount of \$55,350.00. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 5, pages 227-230).

- **Approval of the Nokomis/Witt Area Ambulance Service Agreement \$78,000.00 – Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Aumann** to approve the Nokomis/Witt Area Ambulance Service Agreement in amount of \$78,000.00. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 5, pages 231-234).
- **Approval of the Litchfield Area Ambulance Service Agreement \$120,000.00 – Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Sielschott** to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Service Agreement in amount of \$120,000.00. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 5, pages 235-238).
- **Approval of the Raymond/Harvel Area Ambulance Service Agreement \$33,360.00 – Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Dean** to approve the Raymond/Harvel Area Ambulance Service Agreement in amount of \$33,360.00. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 5, pages 239-242).

1. **EMA Directors Report:** Chairman Jagodzinski reported that the grant agreement for 2005 was received from IEMA. According to the agreement, EMA could receive up to \$14,636.39. Holmes and office assistant Cathy Ulrici attended a conference at Rend Lake in March. Holmes reported at the committee meeting that it would take at least a 7.5 earthquake to do extensive damage in Montgomery County. Montgomery County would be one of several counties that could provide resources to areas affected by such a disaster. Holmes recently met with area livestock breeders, to discuss how the county could protect humans and animals in case of accidental contamination of a herd. Jagodzinski reported that Montgomery County HazMat is now MABAS Division 56 level, and that MABAS has started the process to get funding for HazMat equipment. Holmes still needs at least one more Fire Service to sign on as a HazMat participant.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Helgen, second by Blankenship to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Havera reported on a Legislative Alert regarding Senate Bill 192 to support Legislation on Manufactured Homes and asked members to contact our Legislators.

Havera stated that any board member wishing to attend the meeting on April 20th introducing the new voting machines will be paid mileage and per diem. Also, any member wishing to attend the May 19th meeting addressing County Legal Issues from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the U of I Extension Office will also be considered a paid meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Myers** to re-appoint Ron Deabenderfer as Commissioner to the Montgomery County Public Building Commission. Mr. Deabenderfer's term will begin immediately and expire on September 30th, 2007. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Bone, second by Branum to re-appoint Glen Greenwood as trustee to the Coffeen Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 1st, 2005 and expiring on April 30th, 2008. **All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin** to pay all approved bills. **All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: **Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.**

Motion by Painter, second by Horn to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, May 10th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 10th, 2005 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, 21 members present, 0 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: None

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 Myers, second by Painter to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that the newly elected Township Officials list was updated and handed out to board members.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and handed out proposed changes in the County Resolution 88-16 Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance and the county Food Service Sanitation Ordinance. Satterlee stated that the Health Board will review and vote on changes at their next board meeting, and county liaison George Blankenship stated that the meeting date to review the changes has changed to the July 2005 Health Board meeting. After the Health Board approves the changes in the Ordinances, the proposals will be presented to the HWE Committee which will then recommend them to the Full Board.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Kathy Tapley was present for questions.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bone, second by Downs to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Public Transportation Ordinance #05-02 Approval:** Linda Mitchell, Chief Operations Officer for CEFS, was at the board meeting to present an Ordinance that authorizes an application to the Division of Public Transportation and Illinois Department of Transportation for operating assistance for public transportation in Montgomery County. (Clerk Leitheiser reads Ordinance). **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to accept the CEFS Ordinance to provide for Public Transportation in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 243).**

2. **Intergovernmental Agreement Approval:** Mitchell also presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between Shelby, Fayette, Clay, Moultrie, Douglas and Montgomery counties for the provision of public transportation. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Helgen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Shelby, Fayette, Clay, Moultrie, Douglas and Montgomery counties. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 244-245).**
3. **Approval of Resolution #05-03 to Establish a Uniform Real-Estate Transfer Tax:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported to the board about a Uniform Real Estate Transfer Tax Resolution that would impose a county tax in addition to an existing state tax on the property transfers of controlling interest, including ground leases. Public Act 93-657, effective on June 1, 2004, failed to authorize counties to collect the transfer tax, and in order to correct this oversight, the State of Illinois has passed Public Act 93-1099, which will become effective on June 1, 2005 which will authorize counties to impose the above listed tax. Clerk Leitheiser thanked State Legislators Hannig and Demuzio for their assistance in passing this law so that the county could receive the transfer tax monies already in place for other real estate transfers. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to approve the resolution to establish a Uniform Real Estate Transfer Tax for Montgomery County. Discussion, all in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book page 246).**
4. **Approval of Resolution #05-04 Establishing a Capitalization Policy:** Ron Jenkins stated that under GASB 34 legal requirements, the county needs to establish a policy for capitalizing the county's assets, which would be followed for every asset the county acquires over \$5,000.00. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Plunkett to approve the resolution establishing a Capitalization Policy for Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 247-248).**
5. **Approval to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID #04-001-250-00 in the City of Coffeen- Resolution 05-05:** **Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone to convey Tax Deed on parcel ID #04-001-250-00 in the City of Coffeen. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 249-252).**
6. **Approval to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID #10-001-204-00 in the City of Nokomis- Resolution 05-06:** **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to convey Tax Deed on parcel ID #10-001-204-00 in the City of Nokomis. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 253-254).**
7. **Approval to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID #19-000-137-00 in Zanesville Township- Resolution 05-07:** **Motion by Sielschott, second by Ogden to convey Tax Deed on parcel ID #19-000-137-00 in Zanesville Township. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 255-256).**
8. **Circuit Clerk AS4000 Computer System Approval:** Sielschott reported that the current computer system in the Circuit Clerk's Office which records fees and schedules for court purposes needs replaced. Circuit Clerk Mary Webb needs the approval of the County Board and the Chief Judge to replace the system, and submitted a proposal of approximately \$38,349.00 for hardware and software. Webb has \$251,000 in the Document Storage fund and \$284,000 in the Automation Fund that can be used to cover the cost of the system, so no monies would come out of the General Fund. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Myers to approve the purchase of a new AS4000 computer system from Levi Ray and Shoup, Inc., not to exceed \$40,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Senate Bill 75 Rental Housing Support Program Update:** Sielschott reported that Senate Bill 75 Rental Housing Support Program has passed both houses as of May 4th, 2005 and is awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill would go into effect on July 1, 2005 and require the county recorder to collect a \$10.00 surcharge for recording all real estate documents, with 50 cents to be deposited into the county's general fund, 50 cents to the Recorder's fund and the remaining \$9.00 sent to the State of Illinois to the Rental Housing Support Program Fund.
10. **Statewide Records Fee Schedule Update:** Sielschott reported that Clerk Leitheiser had submitted a survey spreadsheet at the committee meeting that showed Recording Fees for each county in Illinois. Montgomery County currently charges \$29.00 for the first four pages for recording fees, which puts the county in the middle range of other county recording fees, which vary from \$15.00 to \$45.00 statewide.

11. **2006 Budget Update:** The Finance Committee will be sending out a letter to Office Holders at the end of May regarding the Fiscal Year 2006 budget hearings. Sielschott stated that the letter is intended only as a *guideline* to aid Office Holders in making out their budgets.
12. **Real Estate Taxation Update:** Sielschott reported that the *Tentative* County Equalized Assessed Valuation is \$306,054,000. The Equalized Assessed Valuation decreased about \$9,000,000 as a result of lower Farmland assessments and increase in exemptions due to Public Act 93-715. The abstract has been sent to the State Department of Revenue and the County Clerk's Office is waiting on the final multiplier. Sielschott stated that assessors had their books turned in on time and thanked the Supervisor of Assessments office and the County Clerk's office for doing a good job. The *Tentative* Real Estate tax schedule is as follows: Tax bills will go out in early June and the first installment will be due July 22nd, 2005 with the second installment due on September 2nd, 2005. Sielschott reiterated that these dates are *Tentative*.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Award of 1998 15' Model #2615 Legend Bat Wing Mower:** Branum reported that the committee decided to put the bat wing mower out for bid since there were some townships interested in purchasing it. Two bids were received from East Fork Township and Butler Grove Township, with East Fork's bid was \$2,751.00 and Butler Grove's bid was \$2,503.57. **Motion by Branum, second by Blankenship to sell the Bat Wing mower to East Fork Township for \$2,751.00. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Farmersville Overpass Update:** Branum referred to Engineer McNeal to update the board on the Farmersville Overpass project. McNeal stated that she hired a consultant to review the needed repairs to the Overpass approaches. The consultant gave an estimate of \$360,000 to repair with partial depth patches. McNeal then put in an application to get grant money to fix the approaches, and the grant money was received for approximately 80% of the project in the amount of \$286,000. IDOT is now informing her that the county must fix the approaches to their specifications and remove all of the pavement and add a 4" overlay. This would include tearing out and replacing the median. McNeal stated that just to upgrade the west side of the overpass to the State specifications would cost approximately \$600,000 and not \$360,000 as was previously projected for the entire project, and said that IDOT initially had the Farmersville overpass upgrade in their budget, but when they discovered that the county owned the approaches, they scrapped the project. McNeal went to DCEO to see about getting more grant funds and was told that they cannot give out any more money for the project and that the county does not need to abide by the IDOT mandate since the county does not have the funds for that kind of an upgrade. McNeal stated that the Road and Bridge Committee thought it would be a good idea to invite Hannig, Demuzio, DCEO, IDOT and Chairman Havera to the next committee meeting on June 8th, 2005 at 8:30 AM to hopefully resolve the issue. Plunkett asked about the shoddy aggregate material that was initially put into the overpass, and if the material was bad in the first place then shouldn't the State replace it and also, does the State have the legal right to tell the county how to fix its roads. McNeal stated that most of the overpasses were installed with this aggregate at that time and the State interprets the county agreement to mean that they have jurisdiction on how the approaches must be repaired or upgraded.

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

1. **Polling Place ADA Requirements Update:** Durbin, Clerk Leitheiser and Springfield Center for Independent Living Accessibility Advocate Starla Norris went to each polling location last week to evaluate the buildings for ADA accessibility. Leitheiser will be checking into grants and other sources to generate revenue to help bring polling locations up to ADA code.
2. **Voting System Proposal Approval:** Durbin reported that Clerk Leitheiser presented a proposal for twenty-eight new voting machines and related equipment and software for the county's new election system. The cost for the tabulation equipment, software, printer and election services is \$187,456. Sielschott asked Leitheiser if there is enough money in this year's budget for the machines. Leitheiser stated that with the money the county will receive in Title I HAVA funding from the Illinois State Board

of Elections and an additional grant of \$7,000, the county will receive approximately \$151,000 to help with the cost of the machines. The rest of the money would come out of the County Clerk's Election fund. **Motion by Durbin, second by Petty to approve the purchase of 28, M-100 voting system units from Election Systems & Software for \$187,456. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Township Supervisor Compensation for Polling Place Setup Approval:** Durbin reported on a State Statute which affirms that a County Board shall compensate a township supervisor who oversees the setup of election equipment in a township with two or more polling places. The compensation is \$115.00, the same rate as an election judge. Mel Grimm and Lenny Kurfiss from Hillsboro Township had attended the HWE Committee meeting and stated that Hillsboro Township's insurance will not cover the liability on the new voting ballot boxes that would be stored at their facility. County Insurance representative Hamrock will check on the county's insurance off-site coverage of this equipment. The committee feels that the county should work with the townships to store election ballot boxes if the county insurance will cover equipment at a different location and to compensate the townships that have two or more polling places. The committee feels that compensating the six townships is the law and Leitheiser should offer the compensation for townships that oversee two or more polling locations. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to approve the compensation for Townships that oversee two or more polling locations. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Zanesville Polling Place Elimination Update:** Durbin reported that the State ADA Representative recommended moving the Zanesville Polling place due to problems complying with ADA requirements. Leitheiser will check on the Pleasant Hill Church in Zanesville Township to see if they will allow the Polling Place in their facility and report back to the committee next month.
5. **Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Durbin reported that the committee is very close to passing the Animal Control Ordinance, however due to new State Legislative bills being presented including HB 315, the committee will wait to see if these bills pass to incorporate them in the County Ordinance. Chairman Havera stated that the ordinance needs to be presented next month and the committee can make amendments to the ordinance as needed later and directed Durbin to bring an ordinance proposal next month.
6. **Animal Control Warden Backup Update:** The committee gave approval for a current recycling center employee to provide animal control warden services when the animal control warden is ill, on vacation, etc...
7. **Recycling Update:** Coordinator Daniels reported at the committee meeting that a couple of new vendors have offered higher prices due to the increase of commingled recycled plastic. The committee authorized Daniels to negotiate and approve the best price for a load of recycled plastic when a full load is ready to be shipped.

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

1. **Consociate Care Group Approval:** Downs stated that Steve Spinner and Travis Schmid with Consociate Care Group were at the committee meeting and presented data regarding the progress of the County Employee Health Insurance from the last several months. Downs reported that insurance costs are running well and on target. Spinner and Schmid also reported on the county's reinsurance proposal exhibit. Spinner recommends going higher than the current \$35,000 Specific Deductible to possibly \$40,000 or \$45,000. **Motion by Downs, second by Painter to raise the Specific Deductible from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for the 2005 – 2006 Plan year effective June 1, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Mediation Circuit Clerk's Union Contract Update:** Downs reported on the mediation hearing that took place on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2005, regarding the Circuit Clerk's union contract. A tentative agreement was reached and the Circuit Clerk's union will make the changes to the contract that were agreed to with the committee reviewing these changes before the union employees vote on the contract.

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

1. **Historic Courthouse Roof Repair Update:** Chairman Painter reported that Young's Roofing brought in the signed contract on Thursday, May 5th, 2005 with a bid bond check. Architect David Lipe will review the contract and then get a projected start date from Young's Roofing.

2. **Parking Lot Entrance Update:** Measurements for the concrete entrance to the new parking lot have been taken and the committee will approve bids for the work this summer after the courthouse roof is completed.
3. **Prisoner Medical Expense Resolution #05-08 Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser read a resolution that would allow the County to reimburse medical costs at the Public Aid rates according to State Statute 730 ILCS 125/17 Section 17. After the resolution has passed, Sheriff Vazzi will work with Public Aid to establish the rates. **Motion by Painter, second by Heaton to approve the resolution for the county to reimburse for prisoner medical expenses at the Public Aid rate. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 257).**
4. **Historic Courthouse ADA Compliance Update:** Painter stated that Clerk Leitheiser reported on legislation dealing with polling locations and ADA codes. An ADA representative from Springfield has worked with Clerk Leitheiser and HWE Chairman Bob Durbin in reviewing all polling places in the county for ADA accessibility. Leitheiser and Durbin will meet with the ADA representative to review conditions in the Historic Courthouse for ADA compliance on Wednesday, May 25th, 2005 at 9:30 AM.

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

1. **April Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for April 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 331; Total amount billed: \$124,702.50; Total amount collected: \$80,023.17.
2. **Approval of the Emergency Operations Plan and Adoption of the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Procedures Manual:** Clerk Leitheiser read a Promulgation Document for the board to pass the Emergency Operations Plan for Montgomery County and approve the Emergency Operations Procedures manual. **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Dean to approve the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan and Manual. All in favor, motion carried.** Vice Chairman Jagodzinski and County Board Chairman Mike Havera each have an Emergency Operations manual at their homes in case of a disaster. **(For copy of Promulgation Document, see Resolution Book 5, pages 258-261).**
3. **EMA Directors Report:** Jagodzinski reported that the collections from Public Aid this month were \$731.29. Holmes received word that the Illinois Comptroller's Office will not release any more Public Aid funds until July, 2005. The total collections for the month of April were \$80,023.17, which includes \$731.29 received from Public Aid. Jagodzinski reported that a letter was sent out to the five Ambulance agencies regarding getting reports in on time. Jagodzinski reported that they have received Litchfield's Ambulance budget for 2006, and all Budgets need to be received by July 1st, 2005. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is having their 25th anniversary in September. The committee approved recognizing ARES with a plaque or framed document to commemorate the services rendered to the County over the last 25 years. There has been a request made by a Christian County resident to be a non-county resident volunteer, however the committee felt that to be a volunteer a person must live in Montgomery County. Jagodzinski reported that the Montgomery County HazMat Team has been accepted by the MABAS Organization of the Special Operations Division. The team will be receiving equipment in excess of \$175,000.00 from MABAS. Some of the equipment received includes Level A suits, radios, detection equipment, SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and absorption packs. Holmes went to Chicago last Thursday to collect the equipment donation and was surprised to learn that the MABAS organization gave HazMat twice as much equipment as they had originally been made aware of, equaling well over a quarter of a million dollars. The HazMat Team will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 24th, 2005 at the Taylor Springs Community Center from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$2.50 for children under 12 years of age and \$5.00 for adults. Tickets can be purchased from any HAZMAT Team member or at the door. The team may be raffling off a 4-wheeler and have a 50/50 drawing. The HazMat Team will rent booth space at various homecomings throughout

the summer and demo/display some of their equipment. There is a correction on Training Sites for the HazMat tech. B class, with the class being held the last two weekends in October in Nokomis and not in Taylor Springs, as was originally announced.

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

1. **Economic Development Corporation Update:** Plunkett stated that the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation will be hosting a Small Business seminar on Monday, May 16th, 2005 at 5:30 PM at LLCC. General Session speakers will include: Chris Daniels – Montgomery County Enterprise Zone, Tome Henderson - State Enterprise Zone and TIF Districts and Sandy Leitheiser - Registering Assumed Business Names. Guest speakers will be presenting information on Human Resource Issues, Writing a Business Plan, Retention and Expansion Grants/Loans and Marketing your business. The MCEDC will also be hosting a seminar with the Illinois EPA on Incentives for municipalities and site owners for redeveloping Brownfields, including underground storage tanks. So far, response has been good with 10 individuals signed up who are interested in starting businesses.
2. **Ameren Railroad Spur Update:** State's Attorney Roberts attended a hearing at the Illinois Commerce Commission which will be followed up with a bus tour of the entire planned railroad spur route, which includes 11 crossings over 10 township roads and 1 county road. The price per crossing construction would start at a minimum of \$1,800 and could be as much as \$60,000 per crossing with flashing lights and cross bars.
3. **Bike Trail Update:** The concrete blocks that will be installed in front of entrances at the Bike Trail have been ordered by the Highway Department.
4. **County Web Site Update:** The committee approved Richard Slepicka to update the Calendar, County events, new board member information and add links to the county web site.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Havera thanked the Hillsboro 2000 and Beyond Committee for their work on the flower bed in front of the Historic Courthouse each year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Havera stated that he will not be at the June Full Board meeting and that Vice Chairman Jagodzinski will chair the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Aumann, second by Painter to approve the appointment of Dale Ogden to the Board of Review to serve the sessions of 2005 and 2006. All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin to approve the re-appointment of William Dooley to the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District for a three-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Aumann, second by Petty to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Painter, second by Myers to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, June 14th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14th, 2005 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski.

Roll call was taken, 19 members present, 2 absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Mike Havera and Nelson Aumann.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Blankenship, second by Branum to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Mary Webb was present for questions
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and stated that he will present the Private Sewage Disposal System and Food Service Sanitation Ordinances at the July HWE Committee meeting for approval.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Kathy Tapley was present for questions.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Myers, second by Painter to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Preliminary Subdivision Update:** Branum stated that Dan Peters presented a proposal of a subdivision on Duff's Lane near WSMI radio station. Peters will put his final plats together and come to the June 29th, 2005 Road and Bridge meeting and be put on the August Full Board agenda.
2. **Road & Bridge Meeting Date Change:** The Road & Bridge Committee meeting that was originally set for Wednesday, July 6th has been moved to Wednesday, June 29th at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department.
3. **Farmersville Overpass Project Update:** Branum deferred to Engineer McNeal to report on the Farmersville Overpass Project. McNeal stated that in a meeting with Road and Bridge Committee members, Chairman Havera, Representative Hannig, Rodney Davis from John Shimkus's office, Terry Fountain of IDOT and John McCarthy – DCEO, discussion took place about the need to find more funds to repair the Farmersville Overpass. Allen Henderson and Associates consultant Chris Kohlrus also attended the Road and Bridge committee meeting and stated that the county could do both sides of the overpass with the grant money they received, but it would only have a five year life. Another option would be to go with what IDOT is mandating and do the west side of the overpass with a 20 year life expectancy for \$600,000 and pay another \$300,000 to \$400,000 for the east side of the overpass. McNeal stated that she is preparing a letter to the coal mines to request more funds from them to repair

the overpass. If the county cannot find the means to repair the overpass as mandated by IDOT, then there will be no other choice but to reduce the weight limit on the overpass, which will greatly affect the coal mines. McNeal also stated that the mouth of the mine is in Macoupin County and they reap all the taxes from the mine, but are not willing to help with funding for repairs.

4. **Resolution #16-05 Approval to Amend Resolution #11-05:** Resolution #16-05 an amending resolution to appropriate an amount of \$10,537.94 for 1014 B-CA, Raymond R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% project; Montgomery County's share = 0.5 (\$5,268.97). The project was first appropriated for \$8,200 as Montgomery County's share being \$4,100. Due to more aggregate and concrete needed to secure the project an increase of \$2,300 was added to the amount. **Motion by Branum, second by Dean to approve Resolution #16-05, which Amends Resolution #11-05. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 262-263).**

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

1. **Audit Proposal Approval:** County Auditor Whitey Patton presented the Fiscal Year 2004 Audit Report to the board. Patton stated that GASB 34 is requiring that governments need to start reporting their assets like businesses, and that the county currently has over \$18 million of capital assets, with over \$1 million depreciated this past year. Patton stated the county needs to plan for major expenditures and prioritize purchases, and stressed cross training employees to the board. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to approve the Fiscal Year 2004 Audit Report as presented by Patton and Company. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **SB 75 Rental Housing Surcharge Program Update:** Sielschott reported that a bill passed both houses that, if the governor signs it into law, will raise the recording fee by \$10.00 starting on July 1st for the Rental Housing Support Program Act. \$9.00 of the new fee will be sent monthly to the Department of Revenue to implement a State Housing Support program, with the county keeping \$1.00, of which .50 cents goes to General Fund and .50 cents goes to the Recorder's Document Storage Fund.
3. **Mana-Link for G.I.S. Mapping Update:** Sielschott stated that Mana-Link, which would connect G.I.S. with the county's current parcel system, is needed to update the system on a nightly basis. Currently the Manatron system updates once per year. Information Systems Manager Bill Purcell told the committee that this system will be put in at no cost to the county, as it is in the contract for GIS Vendor Harris to pay for this link.
4. **Senior Citizens Budget Letters for '06 and Ambulance and Extension Levies:** Sielschott reported that letters went out to all Senior Clubs on June 2nd, 2005 to request their Fiscal Year 2005 Revenues and Expenses and to submit a budget for Fiscal Year 2006.
5. **Senate Bill 192 Update:** Sielschott reported that Senate Bill 192 regarding Manufactured Homes had to be amended so that bill died in this past legislative session.

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

1. **New Clustered Polling Place List Update (42 Precincts/26 Polling Places):** County Clerk Leitheiser referred to a list of precincts which would be clustered into 26 polling locations. The list was distributed to board members. Leitheiser asked members to be prepared to vote their approval of the Polling Place List at the July 12th, 2005 meeting. **(See Attached Proposed Clustered Precincts – Contact List, Book 5, page 264).**
2. **Polling Place Rent Approval:** Durbin recommended increasing the Polling Place rent from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per use of buildings for elections. Durbin stated that this would save the county around \$150.00 per year. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bone to approve the increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for rent per Polling Place for elections.**
3. **Polling Place Contract Approval:** Leitheiser stated that several Polling Place representatives made a request for a written agreement and proof of insurance, so she wrote such an Agreement and gathered insurance information from the county's insurance company, which was presented and approved by the HWE committee and State's Attorney Roberts. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to approve the Polling Place Contract. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Voting Machine Purchase/Illinois State Board of Elections Grants Update:** Durbin reported that the new voting machines and equipment will be delivered this Thursday morning. Arrangements were made to store the bins at the recycling center for one week and deliver them to Townships on Thursday and Friday of next week. Durbin reported that one of the recycling trucks and recycling employees would assist in distributing the machines. A few units will be delivered to all county libraries for display and training purposes. The remaining bins will be delivered to the Townships. Leitheiser will talk to the PrimeTimers Group and will share a booth with the HazMat Team at the Montgomery County Fair to give demonstrations of the new voting machine. Next month John Keith, Chairman for the State Board of Elections will be at the County Board meeting to present a grant funds check in the amount of approximately \$151,000 to reimburse the county for the voting equipment purchase.
5. **Bike Trail Dump Site Clean Up Update:** Durbin reported that there has been some trash illegally dumped on the county owned bike trail property North of Litchfield. The committee approved sending Recycling Center employees with the proper tools and safety equipment there with a pick up truck to clean it up. Member Helgen volunteered to meet the employees at the dump site with his bucket tractor to help scoop up and load trash.
6. **Illinois Recycling Association Conference Update:** Durbin and Daniels attended an Illinois Recycling Association Conference in Springfield. Durbin reviewed what was discussed at the conference:
 - Safety and Health Program Evaluation – Illinois Department of Labor: The committee approved to have the Illinois Department of Labor give a three hour Safety and Health Program course on proper use of a forklift to Recycling Center Employees. This program is free to counties and municipalities.
 - Plastic bottle and can drop off containers – Committee discussed getting portable collection containers that could be put at the county fair and homecoming events to collect cans and bottles.
 - IRA – MRF Operating Manual: Durbin reported that the committee discussed a presentation at the conference by Patrick Engineering regarding a State-wide operating procedure manual for Recycling Centers. Durbin and Daniels learned that Montgomery County’s facility was one of eleven recycling centers that the Engineering Company interviewed for their survey.

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

1. **Prevailing Wage Resolution Approval:** Downs stated that it was time again to approve the Prevailing Wage Rates for the county. Member Helgen inquired how the Prevailing Wage Rates are set. Leitheiser reported that the Illinois Department of Labor provides the county with the Prevailing Wage Rates. **Motion by Downs, second by Painter to approve the Prevailing Wage Rates as set by the Illinois Department of Labor for Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 266-272).**
2. **New Plan Option for Deferred Compensation Update:** Downs stated that the committee approved a few minor changes to the Deferred Compensation Plan offered to county employees. Downs reported that there is no fee to the county for this service.
3. **Circuit Clerk Union Contract Update:** Downs reported that the Circuit Clerk’s Office employees voted down the proposed contract that was mediated last month. A tentative agreement was reached in a special Personnel meeting on June 1st. Dan Sweet will draw up the contract as agreed and present it to the Personnel Committee for review and it will then go to County Board members for a vote.

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

1. **Courthouse Windows Update:** Painter reported that Lloyd Meyer had obtained a catalog from which to purchase parts for the Historic Courthouse windows. Painter stated that the committee discussed putting some screws in the top part of the window frames to stabilize them.

2. **Historic Courthouse Roof Update:** Painter reported that the replacement of the Historic Courthouse Roof is now complete. The committee discussed and approved the installation of copper flashing to be installed around a couple of the courthouse towers and windows.
3. **Historic Courthouse Building Update:** Painter stated that Lloyd Meyer has been working on getting some quotes for a small list of work to be done on the Historic Courthouse to make it ADA Compliant.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chair George Blankenship as follows:

1. **April Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for May 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 395; Total amount billed: \$135,475.50; Total amount collected: \$70,667.02.
2. **EMA Directors Report:** Blankenship reported that no notices have been sent out since January, 2005 because of the overflow of calls and paperwork that has increased. Holmes will put together a proposal so that the committee can look it over and come up with the best solution to the problem. Blankenship stated that Ambulance Budgets for Litchfield, Nokomis/Witt, Raymond/Harvel and Farmersville/Waggoner are in, but the county is still waiting on Hillsboro's. A bench trial with the Macoupin County Credit Bureau was held on June 9th, 2005 in Macoupin County Court regarding an outstanding ambulance account, and judgment was made in the county's favor. Blankenship reported that there were some liability issues regarding the purchase of a response vehicle versus a trailer. State's Attorney Roberts' recommendation would be a self propelled vehicle, which would also carry equipment needed for the HazMat team. The county would need to use one of their own vehicles to pull the trailer. Holmes will look at prices on a HazMat trailer and a ¾ ton pick up truck that would be able to pull the trailer when needed.

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

1. **Update of Support for the Stipulated Agreement and Settlement of the Coffeen and Western Railroad Company:** Plunkett reported that the county requests railroad crossings that would cost \$60,000 each, with construction to include cross bars, flashing lights and bells, and the ICC will decide what they plan to do at their next meeting on July 14th at the ICC office.
2. **Concrete Barriers at Bike Trail Update:** Plunkett stated that Waggoner Mayor Durston would like permission to paint the concrete barriers that were installed at the Bike Trail entrance. Chris Daniels will check with Mayor Durston to see what they have in mind for painting, get estimates and take digital photos of the barriers for the committee to review.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski as follows:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The Road and Bridge Committee meeting that was regularly scheduled for Wednesday, July 6th, 2005 has been changed to Wednesday, June 29th, 2005 at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Durbin, second by Plunkett to approve the re-appointment of Joyce Matthews to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Sielschott, second by Myers to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 12th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Painter, second by Branum to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, July 12th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 12th, 2005 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, 21 members present, 0 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Downs, second by Myers to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Mary Webb was present for questions
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that the new voting system is being received very well at various county events.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted. Under-Sheriff Rick Robbins was present.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Kathy Tapley was present for questions.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bone, second by Jagodzinski to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **State Board of Elections Check Presentation by SBE Vice-Chairman John Keith:** County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser introduced State Board of Elections Vice-Chairman John Keith, who presented the county with two grant checks totaling \$151,294.90 for the purchase of the new Optical Scan voting system that will replace the punch card system. Mr. Keith stated that this grant will help the county be in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act, and announced good news that the State Board of Elections will be allocating \$5,000 per precinct to be used for ADA voting equipment. Keith finished by thanking Clerk Leitheiser for her dedication to the county and the voters.
2. **Polling Place & Precinct Clustering Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser stated that at last month's full board meeting a list of new polling locations was handed out to board members for their review. Since last month, there was one change to the list, after Rountree Township Supervisor Clarence Keiser requested the County Clerk contact Rountree voters about their polling place preference. Clerk Leitheiser then sent out a survey and the results showed of 181 Rountree voters, 12 voters who responded preferred Irving and 34 preferred Nokomis. The board was given a new list with the 42

precincts that were clustered into 26 polling locations. **Motion by Durbin, second by Petty to Cluster the 42 Precincts into 26 polling locations as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Food & Sanitation Ordinance Recommendation/Update:** County Board Chairman Havera stated that a special HWE Committee meeting will be held to discuss the newly proposed Food & Sanitation Ordinance. Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee reviewed some of the newly proposed Food & Sanitation Ordinances and fees along with the Sewage Disposal System. Currently the Health Department does not charge for food permits or inspections, and the proposed ordinance will have a charge for each food permit in a fee structure that will depend on the risk category designated for each food establishment. The fee structure descends down in cost and in risk to medium, low, seasonal, etc.... The HWE Committee will discuss the newly proposed ordinance at the special meeting, and their recommendation will be presented to the Full Board in August for a vote.

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

1. **Taser Gun Purchase Approval:** Sielschott stated that Under-Sheriff Rick Robbins was at the committee meeting to give a presentation on Taser Guns and to request the purchase of 11 guns for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Sielschott reported that there had been some incidents involving county deputies where they were injured and the Taser Guns could have been useful in apprehending the suspects. Under-Sheriff Robbins stated to the board that the Sheriff's Department would have two deputies trained as instructors on Taser Gun use who would train the other deputies. Sielschott stated that insurance had been checked and Taser Gun use would be covered at no extra cost. Sielschott stated that 12 taser guns would be purchased, but one will be purchased from the Task Force fund. **Motion to approve the purchase of 11 Taser Guns and Taser Gun Instructor training for 2 deputies on the use of the Taser Guns for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Mana-Link for G.I.S. Mapping Update:** Sielschott stated that Economic Development Chairman Mike Plunkett would report on the Mana-Link for G.I.S. mapping.
3. **Rental Housing Support Surcharge Law Effective Aug 1 '05:** Sielschott reported that Governor Blagojevich signed a Rental Housing Support Surcharge Law that will go into effect Aug 1st, 2005. As a result, an additional \$10.00 surcharge will be added to any "Real-Estate" related document received by the County Clerk and Recorder's Office for recordation on or after August 1st, 2005. \$9.00 will go to the State of Illinois Rental Housing Support Fund, 50 cents will go into the County's General Fund and 50 cents will go to the County Clerk's Recordkeeping Improvement Fund.
4. **Approval to Void Tax Bills Acquired by County Trustee on 80 Parcels:** Sielschott stated that the county needs to void the tax bills on 80 parcels: 28 parcels were not sold at the county auction, 31 parcels are coal rights that the County received, 5 parcels were sold at an auction this year and 16 sold last year that are the county's responsibility. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship to approve voiding 80 Tax Bills as previously presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 273-275).**
5. **Approval to Convey Tax Deeds on Parcel ID#'s 02-000-685-20, & 04-001-594-00:** County Clerk Leitheiser read **Resolution 05-10** to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID #02-000-685-20. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Helgen to approve Resolution 05-11 to convey tax deed on Parcel ID #02-000-685-20 in the Village of Farmersville. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 276-277).** County Clerk Leitheiser read **Resolution 05-11** to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID #04-001-594-00. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone to convey tax deed on Parcel ID #04-001-594-00 in the City of Coffeen. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 278-279).**
6. **ROE FY06 Budget Discussion:** Sielschott reported that there is a tentative budget agreement for the Regional Office of Education with Christian and Montgomery Counties. Christian County has agreed to pay 55% as their portion of the ROE budget and the Montgomery County portion is 45% of the ROE budget.

7. **Delinquent Property Discussion:** Sielschott reported that the committee discussed and approved allowing the Economic Development Committee to proceed with their efforts to help the Village of Raymond get the underground storage tanks cleaned up at the Old Kerr McGee Gas Station site.
8. **Budget Discussion for FY06:** Sielschott reminded the board that budget hearings are set for Wednesday, July 27th, Friday, July 29th, and Monday, August 1st, 2005.
9. **Financial Projections for FY05:** Sielschott thanked everyone in the Supervisor of Assessments' Office, the County Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's Office in helping to get the tax bills out in a timely manner.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Computer Purchase Update:** The committee discussed and approved the purchase of a lap top computer for Assistant Engineer Dustin Sefton for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00. **Motion by Branum, second by Komor to approve the purchase of a lap top computer for Assistant Engineer Dustin Sefton not to exceed \$1,200.00. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Township Bridge Letting Date:** The Letting Date for Township Bridges has been set for Monday, July 18th, 2005 at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department.

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

1. **Parking Lot Entrance Bid Approval:** Painter stated that the committee discussed the one bid from Lynch Construction for the concrete work on the parking lot entrance for \$3,800. The entrance to the parking lot is located on the east side of the street across from the Courthouse Complex. **Motion by Painter, second by Myers to approve the \$3,800 bid by Lynch Construction for concrete work on Courthouse Complex parking lot.**
2. **Americall Communications Proposal for Alarm Paging System Approval:** Painter reported that the committee reviewed a proposal from Americall Communication to install a new paging system for the phones in the Historic Courthouse for emergency purposes. The money to purchase and install the paging system will be paid from the grant received for the Historic Courthouse repairs. **Motion by Painter, second by Heaton to approve the All-Call Alarm Paging System to be installed by Americall Communications in an amount not to exceed \$5,300. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for June 2005 is as follows: **Total calls: 326; Total amount billed: \$130,494.50; Total amount collected: \$68,956.52.**
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Jagodzinski stated that payment has been received from the Credit Bureau for April, 2005 in the amount of \$525.29 and Public Aid sent in their first payment for the month for \$3.92 with 49 denials. The last payment received for the month of June was \$431.20 and Public Aid is backlogged by 7 ½ months. All 5 Ambulance Budgets have been turned in. Jagodzinski stated that the County HazMat Team will be working at area Homecomings this summer to promote HazMat, and helped County Clerk Leitheiser demonstrate the new voting system at the Montgomery County Fair. Four of the County HazMat members traveled to Glenview for training with MABAS on their new equipment, and were taught how to calibrate and repair metering devices and how to repair other equipment the county received from MABAS. MABAS sent back another \$300,000 in equipment for HAZMAT use. This gives Montgomery County a total of \$543,175.00 in equipment given to the HazMat Team by the MABAS Organization. Training for HazMat has been paid for through grants at no cost to the county in the amount of \$13,325.00, which does not include the October 2005 training to be held in Nokomis for the Tech. B Class. Jagodzinski stated that ITTF will be sending out a new VHS radio (Mobile Unit) for interoperability among other agencies. The county GIS enhancement will soon provide a GIS system for each county EOC to enhance Mapping and Disaster Damage Assessment Projects, and equipment provided under this project will involve either a desktop or laptop computer and

a plotter printer. EMA will soon be connected to the EM.net Center, which is an emergency warning center, and should receive any DHS (Department of Homeland Security) warnings and all updates from State and Federal DHS offices. Jagodzinski reported that the Unified Command Class has 16 people signed up for the Saturday, August 6th, 2005 class. The deadline for sign-up will be Wednesday, July 20th, 2005.

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

1. **Old Kerr McGee Gas Station in Raymond Update:** Plunkett reported that the committee discussed and approved working with the Village of Raymond on applying for Brownfield grant funds to clean up the old Kerr McGee Gas station. The county will pay Trustee Ballinger \$661.04 to get the deed released and will also pay \$600.00 for ½ of the grant application fee, to assist with returning the property to private property tax rolls. Member Toby Dean, who also is a Raymond Council Member, reported that Raymond's Village Council voted to pay the other half of the application fee at their last meeting, and stated that there has been an increased interest in the property since talk of a clean up began.
2. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Plunkett reported that DCEO (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) has approved the application to include the City of Coffeen in the Montgomery County Enterprise Zone, and the Mayor of Coffeen will now be a voting member on the Montgomery County Enterprise Zone Committee. The next application will be to add the territory on the west side of I-55 near Litchfield.
3. **Ameren Railroad Line:** Plunkett reported that the final hearing for ICC on the Ameren Railroad line will be held on Thursday, July 21st, 2005 in Springfield, IL.
4. **Raymond GIS:** The Village of Raymond has signed an Intergovernmental Agreement and License Agreement with Montgomery County for GIS services which will cover the village limits and 1 ½ miles out of the village limits. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Deabenderfer to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement and License Agreement with the Village of Raymond for GIS Mapping Services. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 280-283).**

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

1. **Approval of Agreement with Consociate Care Group as the County's 3rd Party Administrator for Health Insurance:** Downs stated that the county needed to enter into an Agreement with Consociate Care Group as the County's 3rd Party Administrator for Health Insurance. Havera stated that Consociate has led the county in the right direction on the health insurance. **Motion by Downs, second by Aumann to enter into an Agreement with Consociate Care Group as the County's 3rd Party Administrator for Health Insurance. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Circuit Clerk Union Contract Approval:** Downs stated that the board would need to go into Executive Session to discuss approving the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract.
 - **Motion by Downs, second by Bathurst for the Full Board to go into Executive Session to discuss the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract. All in favor, motion carried.****EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD – Audio taped session and sealed written minutes taken.**
 - **Motion by Downs, second by Painter for the Full Board to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Motion by Downs, second by Painter to approve the Contract with the Circuit Clerk's Union Local #148. All in favor, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Blankenship, second by Aumann to approve the 7 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

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

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Havera reported that the Coordinating Meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, 2005 has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 21st, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Branum, second by Blankenship to approve the appointment of Aaron Janssen as a trustee to the Fillmore Community Fire Protection District for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Sielschott, second by Painter to approve the appointment of Harold Lankutis as a commissioner to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Gerry Clevenger, who resigned. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Komor, second by Bone to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Painter, second by Heaton to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, August 9th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 9th, 2005 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, 19 members present, 2 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Bonnie Branum, Dennis Jagodzinski.

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 Downs, second by Bathurst to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – submitted
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Kathy Tapley was present for questions and stated that after 8 years of service to Montgomery County she will be leaving on August 22nd, 2005 to go full-time with her fitness center business. T.B. Dept. Secretary Jodi Huber will be taking over Tapley's position.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Painter, second by Heaton to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Litchfield TIF Proposed Expansion:** Plunkett reported that Litchfield TIF representative Mike Fleming was present at the committee meeting to ask for their support for the expansion of the TIF District in the downtown area of the City of Litchfield. The committee agreed to support the City of Litchfield's TIF expansion.
2. **Business Potential Update:** Plunkett reported that Richard Small was at the committee meeting to discuss the business development potential in the county and that Small would be working with various State of Illinois services and Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation representative Amanda Cole to assist in economic development projects.
3. **William Schluckebier - Concerns:** Plunkett reported that William Schluckebier was present at the committee meeting to ask to be put on the Full Board agenda and to discuss issues regarding long-wall mining in the county. Plunkett stated that the County plans to help the farmers by keeping the residents

informed of any progress that is being made with the Coal Mine project, and to help make sure the company has the proper permits and follows all legal procedures as the project proceeds. Plunkett stated

that title searchers for Colt Coal Company have been working diligently and have completed abstract titles on one township to date. Plunkett reported that initially it was thought that the biggest percentage of the coal rights transferred by the county had subsidence rights attached, but after research was completed in the one township, the company has found that 20% of the subsidence rights went with the coal and 80% of the subsidence rights have been retained with the land ownership. This information will assist landowners as they negotiate subsidence and mining activity with the coal company. Plunkett reported that on Monday, William Schluckebier had come to the County Clerk's office and stated that there would be no need to put him on the agenda that he would not be speaking at the county board meeting. County Board Chairman Havera asked if Mr. Schluckebier was present, and if this was still his intention. Scott Schluckebier, William Schluckebier's son, read from a prepared handwritten statement that he had brought with him to the meeting. **(See Handwritten Copied Attachment – Book 5, page 284).**

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Glenn Painter as follows:

1. **Purchase of new Welder for the Highway Departments Shop:** Painter stated that the committee gave approval to purchase a new welder at the Highway Department for \$1,500 to \$2,000.

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

1. **Request for Matching Funds for Central Illinois Public Transit Approval:** Sielschott stated that the committee recommended approving \$3,000 for matching funds for the CEFS Central Illinois Public Transit for Senior Citizens, with funds available from the county's Senior Citizens' Levy. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone to approve \$3,000 for the Central Illinois Public Transit for FY 2006. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **2005 and 2006 Audit Proposal Approval:** Sielschott reported that the Fiscal Year 2005 proposal will be the same as 2004, for \$33,500 to \$34,000, which also includes audits of the Health Department and Circuit Clerk's Office. The proposal for Fiscal Year 2006 will be for \$33,500 to \$35,500. Sielschott stated that in a survey done of five other counties, the proposal from Patton and Company is comparable. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to accept the two year proposal for \$33,500 to \$35,500 from Whitey Patton for Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2006 audits. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Manatron/GIS Proposal Approval/Update:** Sielschott reported that Information Systems Manager Bill Purcell presented a proposal to have a Manalink connect between Manatron and GIS to do nightly updates. A total charge of \$5,850 will be needed for the Manalink Software and professional installation services and will also cost approximately \$2,000 a year for the software to be maintained. Sielschott stated that GIS vendor Bruce Harris and Associates will reimburse the county a total of \$5,000 for the system. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Durbin to pay the \$5,850 for the Manalink software and \$2,000 per year for Software Support services out of the G.I.S. fund. Bruce Harris & Associates will reimburse \$5,000 to the Montgomery County GIS Fund. All in favor, motion carried. (See Book 5, pages 284A to 284F).**
4. **Approval to Void Tax Bills for Bike Trail:** **Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship to approve the Resolution to void the tax bill on Parcel ID #12-000-405-05 for the Bike Trail. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 285).**
5. **ON Point – Utility Right of Way Presentation:** Sielschott reported that Jeff Monroe with ON Point, a company that reviews utility bills for possible savings to governmental entities and others, gave a presentation at the committee meeting. Sielschott stated that ON Point was able to find savings and reimbursements totaling \$90,000 for Sangamon County, and said that although Sangamon County is much larger than Montgomery County it would be in our county's best interest to see what they could find. ON Point works only on a percentage basis, so if any savings are found, they would get 50% of the certified savings and 25% of any reimbursements for the first year. The committee plans to give State's Attorney Roberts this information for further review.

6. **Irving Property Update/Approval:** Sielschott reported that the committee gave approval for the Village of Irving to acquire a small parcel of property from the County Trustee for approximately \$250.00.
7. **2006 Levy for 2005 Taxes Update:** Sielschott stated that the levy for 2006, although tentative at this time, will most likely not need a Truth in Taxation Hearing with the levy at 2.4130% higher than last year's tax extension. The levy would need to reach 5% before a hearing would be necessary.
8. **Repair of Courthouse Complex Courtroom Chairs Update:** Sielschott stated that Judge Long requested that the courtroom chairs be repaired and will pay for this out of the court fund. The committee approved Judge Long's proposal to go ahead with the repairs.

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

1. **EPA Grant Increase:** Durbin reported that Illinois EPA Grant money will increase from \$24,226 per year to \$39,775 for State Fiscal Year 2006.
2. **Food & Sanitation Ordinance Approval- #05-13:** Durbin presented the Ordinance for approval. Havera asked County Board Member Liaison for the Montgomery County Health Board Blankenship if the Health Board had voted unanimously to approve the Food and Sanitation Ordinance, and he responded affirmatively. Plunkett inquired about when the Ordinance would take effect. Health Department Director Satterlee stated that the Ordinance would be effective immediately, but the Health Department would not fully enforce its provisions until January 1, 2006 because some permits are still effective until the first of the year. **Motion by Durbin, second by Blankenship to approve Food & Sanitation Ordinance #05-13 for Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 286-303).**
3. **Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance Approval- #05-14:** Durbin reported that the Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance was also met with full Health Board support, with the same understanding that the provisions of the Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance would not be fully enforced until January 1, 2006. **Motion by Durbin, second by Blankenship to approve Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance #05-14 for Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 304-317).**

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

1. **F.O.I. Request Forms Policy Update:** Downs stated that a policy was implemented many years ago regarding Freedom of Information Requests and that the policy and forms will remain the same.
2. **Personnel Files Discussion:** Downs stated that the committee discussed creating a request form for Personnel files and will be looking into different formats.

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

1. **Masonry Work for Around Cannon:** Painter reported that Alan's Landscape and Lawns repaired the stones and leveled the sand around the cannon on the south side of the Historic Courthouse for \$330.50.
2. **Concrete Work at New Parking Lot:** Lynch Construction has completed concrete work to the entrance of the new parking lot in the amount of \$4,168.90.
3. **ADA Recommendations:** Lloyd Meyer will do the work to comply with ADA recommendations for the Historic Courthouse and will also complete necessary work to reinforce the building's upper windows. Havera asked if the county had received all of the \$75,000 Illinois First grant monies. Coordinator Daniels stated that the county has only received half of the grant and will not receive the remaining half until all the invoices from the roof replacement have been turned in to the State of Illinois, which she has submitted, and she anticipates payment of the remaining half in the next two weeks. Daniels reported that \$5,000 has already been spent for a new air conditioning unit for the Historic Courthouse, and the remainder of the money will be used for the lighting required by ADA.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Ron Deabenderfer as follows:

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for July 2005 is as follows: **Total calls: 343; Total amount billed: \$117,462.00; Total amount collected: \$58,413.97.**
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Deabenderfer reported that Montgomery County has been chosen by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to host a Training Class on Emergency Planning, which will be held in October or November. Holmes and Cathy Ulrici will attend the Regional IEMA meeting on August 5th, 2005 in Wood River at the new 911 Communications site. Deabenderfer reported that there are 37 people registered for the Unified Command Class on August 6th. Holmes will be out of the office on September 7th and 8th due to an IEMA Conference in Springfield.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Aumann, second by Dean to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Painter, second by Myers to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**
For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: **Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.**

Motion by Painter, second by Blankenship to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, September 13th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 13th, 2005 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, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Keith Horn.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Myers, second by Aumann to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – submitted.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Jodi Huber was present for questions.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – Banee Ulrici was present for questions.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bone, second by Downs to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Final Plat for Subdivision Approval:** Branum stated that the committee reviewed and discussed plans for Duff's Lane Addition in the Litchfield area as presented by Dan Peters. **Motion by Branum, second by Helgen to approve the subdivision plat plans for the Duff's Lane Addition as presented to the Road and Bridge Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Proposed Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Dates for 2006:** Branum reported that the committee approved the 2006 Road and Bridge Committee meeting dates and times. The committee will meet on the Wednesday before the Full Board meeting every month at 8:30 AM at the Highway Department.
3. **Oil and Chip Update:** Branum reported that the county has finished oiling and chipping for the season.

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

1. **On Point Telephone Communications Approval:** Sielschott reported that the committee discussed the contract agreement for services with On Point LLC, the company proposing to review the county's telecommunication expenses. According to the contract, On Point would be paid from the savings found from telecommunications expenses, which would be from a twelve month period and from the savings for a twelve month period for any credits or refunds. State's Attorney Roberts has looked over the contract and has given the committee his approval, and Treasurer Jenkins has checked On Point's references with favorable results. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to approve the contract**

agreement with On Point LLC to review the County's Telecommunication expenses. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 318-320.)

2. **2006 Budget Review and Possible Changes:** Sielschott reviewed the proposed 2006 budget, and stated that revenue increases have been reported due to the sale of the county's coal rights and increases in county fines and fees collection and sales tax. He stated that the county will need to anticipate expenses for some capital equipment. Some changes to the budget will be added to the expenses categories including the addition of a maintenance truck, EMA truck, Jail console, Recycling Truck (grant should offset purchase expense), and new Voting Equipment and Elections expenses. Another expense increase will be in the Animal Control Budget, with the upcoming passage of the Animal Control Ordinance, which will also change the Recycling Budget. Salary increases are set at 3.5%, except in a couple of cases where job duty has changed.
3. **Mana-Link Data entry temporary part-time position:** Sielschott stated that the new Mana-Link system that has been installed to make the county's current tax system and the GIS system link together is in need of some 5,000 changes. The addresses of properties on some tax bills reflect the mailing address of the taxpayer and do not reflect the physical address of the property owned. These changes will require the county to hire a temporary part-time person to input the data and make some 5,000 changes that will take approximately one year at 30 hours a week for a temporary part-time position. The person will need to be accurate in changing live data and knowledgeable about property legal descriptions. The work will proceed until the job is completed and no benefits are available for the part-time position. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Plunkett to hire a temporary part-time data entry person for the GIS data entry project for \$10.00 per hour for 30 hours per week until the project is completed. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **2006 Estimated Taxes to be Levied:** Sielschott reported that the tentative Fiscal Year 2006 Levy will be at .0876%, which is less than was reported last month due to the recent exclusion of Election Costs from the Truth in Taxation requirement. Sielschott also stated that due to Hurricane Katrina, the county's Property, Liability and Casualty Insurance will most likely increase by 2007, so in anticipation, the county increased the insurance cost by \$50,000. Sielschott reported that the proposed budget will be on display for review by the County Clerk's office for the next twenty days, but there does not look as if there will be any changes.

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

1. **HAVA ADA Voting Equipment Resolution #05-15 Approval:** Durbin reported that County Clerk Leitheiser will be applying for a grant for the ADA voting machines that cost approximately \$4,950 per unit. The county can apply for \$5,000 in grant money, which is available for each machine. The grant deadline is September 30th, 2005 and can be extended to October 31st, 2005 if needed. The grant money can only be used for ADA equipment at this time, but Leitheiser is asking for more polling place needs to be included. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bone to approve the HAVA ADA Voting Equipment Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, pages 321-328.)**
2. **Animal Control Ordinance Discussion with Stacey Ballard:** Durbin reported that Stacy Ballard with the Department of Agriculture and Buzie Bertagnolli, Deputy Administrator of Macoupin County Animal Control, attended the committee meeting to answer any questions they had regarding House Bill 315 and the new Illinois Animal Control State Statutes. The committee has been working toward the passage of an Animal Control Ordinance for the past few years. Governor Blagojevich just signed House Bill 315 on August 23rd, 2005, which has imposed spaying and neutering fees and public safety fines on dog and cat owners. The bill puts into effect a \$10.00 differential fee for intact dogs and cats, and \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 public safety fines to go toward a Pet Population Control Fund. The county has the option to begin their own County Animal Population Control Fund and keep the money in the county, so that the county can use that money for spaying and neutering clinics and programs and education and other costs associated with sterilizing, vaccinating and micro-chipping dogs and cats in the county. Ballard told the committee that once the county has adopted an Animal Control Ordinance, then the program could eventually bring in enough revenue to pay for itself. State's Attorney Jim

Roberts has a draft copy of the proposed County Animal Control Ordinance and is reviewing it at this time. The committee will review the Ordinance in a special meeting to be announced at a later date and seek its passage at the October 2005 Full Board meeting. Durbin asked that the HWE Committee members remain after the board meeting to schedule a date and time for the special HWE Committee meeting.

3. **Landfill Open House:** Durbin reported that there will be an Open House at the Litchfield-Hillsboro Landfill on Thursday, September 15th, 2005 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and encouraged interested members to attend.

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

1. **Highway Department Grievance Update:** Downs stated that there was a special Road and Bridge Committee meeting to discuss personnel issues at the Highway Department.
2. **Request Form to Review Personnel Files Approval:** Downs stated that the committee discussed a memo that was sent out to office holders regarding policy of county employees requesting to review their personnel files.

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

1. **Wheelchair Donation for use at Historic Courthouse:** Chairman Painter stated that a wheelchair was donated by Ronald Williams of rural Coffeen to be used at the Historic Courthouse for those who may need assistance in getting to offices throughout the Historic Courthouse.
2. **ADA Accessibility Update:** Painter reported that the committee discussed efforts being made to correct some ADA concerns at the Historic Courthouse.
3. **Emergency Lighting:** Painter stated that the committee discussed installing emergency lighting in the Historic Courthouse. **Motion by Painter, second by Komor for Lyerla Electric to install emergency lighting in the Historic Courthouse for \$5,206.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for August 2005 is as follows: **Total calls: 353; Total amount billed: \$145,560.00; Total amount collected: \$60,901.79.**
2. **Director Holmes Report as presented by Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski:** Jagodzinski stated that last month when there was a power outage problem in the area, a family from Hillsboro needed electricity for medical reasons and was in need of a generator. Director Holmes was called by 911 to see if EMA could help. Holmes took the EMA generator to the house and left it with the family for a couple of days to make sure they would have power. Holmes consulted with State's Attorney Roberts to see if there would be any liability to the county and Roberts reported to Holmes that there were none. Holmes will begin logging when the generator has been loaned out and used for future similar needs. Jagodzinski reported that EMA Director Holmes was called for assistance of Firefighters in the gulf region. Seven of Montgomery County's Firefighters were sent to the gulf in order to help in the relief efforts: Matt Hoffman of Nokomis, Dave Beal of Hillsboro, Gary Gile of Coffeen, Russ Ringhausen of Coffeen, Vern DeWitt of Coffeen, Kenny Lohman of Hillsboro and Chad Smith of Taylor Springs. Jagodzinski stated that reports are showing that it is not a good situation down there at all, but that the county is doing what it can to support these efforts. Greg Nimmo and Diana Holmes have opened the County's Emergency Operations Center, and EMA will be coordinating county resources to deploy to the Gulf Region if needed. Director Holmes may be going to the coast sometime during the last part of September. Jagodzinski will be talking with the Personnel Committee regarding the county policy regarding employees being deployed to disaster areas. There was a telecommunications problem on August 16th, 2005, when the whole county was without some cellular services and all of Consolidated Communications systems. There will also be a meeting on September 20th, 2005 to discuss the situation and to better serve the county if this should ever be a problem again.
3. **Approval of the County's 5 Ambulance Service Levies:**
 - a. **Resolution #05-16 for Litchfield Ambulance Service:** **Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Helgen** to approve the Litchfield Ambulance Service Area Levy in the Amount of \$120,000 for 2006. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 329).**

- b. **Resolution #05-17 for Hillsboro Ambulance Service:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Downs to approve the Hillsboro Ambulance Service Area Levy in the Amount of \$150,000 for 2006. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 330).
- c. **Resolution #05-18 for Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Durbin to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Service Area Levy in the Amount of \$78,000 for 2006. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 331).
- d. **Resolution #05-19 for Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Service:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Dean to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Service Area Levy in the Amount of \$33,360 for 2006. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 332).
- e. **Resolution #05-20 for Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Service:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Heaton to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Service Area Levy in the Amount of \$58,000 for 2006. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 333).

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

- 4. **Bike Trail Update:** Chairman Plunkett reported that the bike trail is in need of re-oiling and will be closed for a few days in the next two weeks for that purpose.
- 5. **Raymond/Kerr McGee Update:** Plunkett reported that a soil sample was taken and tested at the Raymond/Kerr McGee site and high levels of contamination were found. Based on their findings, the Engineer feels that the site could get cleaned up with a grant that would require little or no matching in kind funds from Raymond and/or the county.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Havera was asked by Supervisor of Assessments Officer Julie Kiefer to thank board members for their kindness, flowers, thoughts and prayers in the passing of her son, Charlie Kiefer.

Havera reported that there will be a Lincoln Presidential Library Museum tour hosted by U.C.C.I. on Friday, October 21st, 2005 for six members wishing to attend, and stated this would not be a paid meeting. Any member seeking to sign up should contact Chris Daniels so that she may register them.

Havera reported that there will be a Montgomery County Regional Growth and Development Corporation ground breaking ceremony for Freedom Place II in Litchfield on Monday, September 26th, 2005 at 3:30 PM for anyone wanting to attend.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Myers, second by Painter to approve the re-appointment of Carl Bruntjen to Union Drainage District #1, Township of Pitman and Zanesville for a term that will expire on September 4th, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Painter, second by Heaton to approve the re-appointment of Terry Goby to Union Drainage District #1, Township of Pitman and Zanesville for a term that will expire on September 2nd, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Blankenship, second by Aumann to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

RECESS: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Petty, second by Bathurst to recess the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting recessed at 9:20 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, October 11th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

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

Roll call was taken, 21 members present, 0 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: none

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 Bone, second by Myers to approve the Minutes of the Previously Recessed County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions and reported that the annual Tax Sale will be held on Monday, November 14th, 2005 at 9:00 AM in the County Board room.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and reported that Wednesday would be the first Flu Shot Clinic, which would be held at the K.C. Hall in Taylor Springs.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Plunkett, second by Branum to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Economic Interest Website Request:** Sielschott stated that all Elected and Appointed County Officials are required to file an Economic Interest form with the County Clerk's Office each year. The State has amended the statute requiring the requestor of a copy of a filed Economic Interest form to complete a form which tells the purpose of their request and sends a copy to the filer of the Economic Interest form. At the request of a local constituent, the committee discussed putting copies of Montgomery County's Economic Interest forms on the county website, as is done by the Illinois Secretary of State. Sielschott reported that there would be an estimated cost of \$4,000 to provide the forms on the website and there is no legal mandate to do so. Since the information is currently available for public review in the County Clerk and Recorder's Office, the committee feels there is no need to incur the added expense of putting this information on the county website.
2. **Health Insurance Report:** Sielschott reported that per Consociate Care Group, insurance costs appear to be going down again, after a recent major spike in insurance costs.

3. **2005 Appropriation Amendment Approval:** Sielschott stated that the committee discussed a Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2005 Financial Appropriation Ordinance. The appropriation amendment information will be available for review for 30 days in the County Clerk's Office before the board passes the ordinance at the November Full Board meeting. Sielschott reviewed with the board the individual reasons for the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget.
4. **2006 Budget Changes Update:** Finance Chairman Sielschott reported on the few changes to the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, and that those changes would also be available for review in the County Clerk's Office, along with the entire tentative budget. The 2006 budget will be passed at the November Full Board meeting.
5. **Adopt the FY2006 Aggregate Levy:** The Fiscal Year 2006 Aggregate Levy is \$3,844,695. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to adopt the Fiscal Year 2006 Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$3,844,695. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Montgomery County Animal Control Ordinance #05-21 Approval:** Durbin reported that the committee discussed the newly proposed Animal Control Ordinance with State's Attorney Roberts at a special Meeting on October 3rd, 2005. The provisions of House Bill 315, now signed into State Law by the Governor in August, 2005, has been incorporated into the county animal control ordinance. Durbin reported that the county may start a County Animal Population Control Fund for the purpose of keeping a dog and cat registration differential fee, and the ordinance sets that fee at \$10.00 minimum, which an owner will pay for the registration of an intact dog or cat. County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser read the Montgomery County Animal Control Ordinance. **Motion by Durbin, second by Painter to approve the Montgomery County Animal Control Ordinance and Resolution. Discussion – Member Helgen inquired if municipalities would be affected by this Ordinance. Durbin reported that no municipality with their own ordinance (Hillsboro and Litchfield) will be affected by the county ordinance, only unincorporated areas of the county or municipalities that have no animal control ordinance of their own. The county does not enforce any municipal ordinances. Voice vote was taken with 20 Ayes, 1 No – member Bonnie Branum, motion carried. (For copy of resolution, see Book 5, page 334).**
2. **Appoint Montgomery County Animal Control Administrator:** The HWE Committee recommended County Coordinator Chris Daniels as the Montgomery County Animal Control Administrator. **Motion by Durbin, second by Downs to appoint the Montgomery County Coordinator as the Animal Control Administrator. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Polling Places' ADA Parking Bid Specification Advertisement Approval:** Durbin stated that the grant monies for the election ADA Automark equipment will be for \$5,000 per unit for 42 precincts, which is \$210,000. The grant money initially was to be used only for the purchase of the Automarks, and if the county made the choice to only comply with the Federal Help America Vote Act and place one unit per polling place and not follow the State of Illinois recommendation that there be one unit per precinct, the remaining unused funds would have to be sent back to the State of Illinois. However State ADA Grant requirements for these funds have recently changed and the excess monies can now be used for other polling place ADA improvements. Durbin reported that the committee discussed a proposal by Clerk Leitheiser to advertise for bids to upgrade some polling places' parking lots to meet ADA Specifications. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to advertise for bids for parking lot improvements to meet ADA Specifications. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Approval of 2006 Holiday Schedule:** **Motion by Downs, second by Bathurst to accept the 2006 Holiday Schedule as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 335).**
2. **Jailer's/Dispatcher's Union Contract Update:** Downs stated that the Jailers/Dispatchers' Union contract will end on November 30th, 2005, and that the Jailers/Dispatchers are seeking to change Union Representation to the F.O.P. The entire group will have to vote to change union representation, and this vote will occur on November 17th, 2005. Should this vote pass, all Jailers/Dispatchers and FOP

members will negotiate their contract at the same time, which would eliminate one union from contract negotiation with the county.

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

1. **ADA Update:** Painter reported that ADA signs have been ordered for the Historic Courthouse since this building will be used for early voting, with all costs to pay for the signage coming from an Illinois State Board of Elections grant in the amount of \$955.00.

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

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for September 2005 is as follows:
Total calls: 344; Total amount billed: \$135,563.00; Total amount collected: \$82,337.66.

2. **Director Holmes Report:**

- a. **Request for Identification Vests for Fire, EMS & EMA:** Jagodzinski reported that a total of 18 identification vests were ordered and will be kept in the EMA office. Total cost for the vests came to \$374.00. The vests are needed so that County Emergency Personnel can be easily identified for any type of disaster response.

- b. **FY05 Agreement with IEMA:** Jagodzinski reported that EMA will receive a fifth payment of \$17,403.13 from IEMA, due to the pro-active involvement of the county in forming a Haz-Mat team and in providing other emergency services.

- c. **Deployment to Gulf:** Jagodzinski reported that Holmes is still on standby for Deployment to the Louisiana or Mississippi Gulf region.

- d. **Mock Distribution of Emergency Medication:** Holmes reported that EMA will be participating with the County Health Department on Friday, October 14th, 2005 in a mock distribution of emergency medication.

- e. **Communications Class:** EMA will hold a communication class at the request of the Public Health Department on Friday, October 21st at the Health Department.

- f. **Communications Meeting:** Jagodzinski stated that there was a Communications Meeting with local hospitals and emergency services held on Tuesday, September 20th, 2005 to discuss better coordination and procedure should another phone outage occur in Montgomery County similar to the Consolidated Communications recent outage.

- g. **IEMA Conference:** There was an IEMA Conference on September 6th, 7th and 8th, 2005 that Director Holmes attended.

- h. **Illinois Terrorism Task Force:** The Illinois Terrorism Task Force and the State of Illinois will now require all schools to review their Emergency Plans and increase the number of exercises that they have.

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

1. **Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) Update:** Plunkett reported that Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Professional representative Amanda Cole was present at the committee meeting and shared handout information with members outlining the MCEDC's progress on Business Retention, Business Recruitment and Entrepreneurship. Cole discussed plans to achieve goals toward these three phases of business ownership, and also reported on other community Economic Development related projects going on around Montgomery County, including an upcoming Customer Service seminar and brown bag lunch meetings. Cole started her employment with MCEDC in February of 2005 and has had 83 businesses contact her on business expansion and relocation to date.

2. **Resolution #05-22 Approval of the Amendment to the Economic Development Act of 1965 and change of the West Central Illinois Valley Regional Planning Commission name to West Central Development Council, Inc.:** Plunkett stated the Mike Cavanaugh with the West Central Illinois Regional Planning Commission has provided grant assistance to many municipalities in the county for CDAP funds, and that agency requests the county approve this Resolution, which Plunkett read to members. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Myers to approve the Resolution Amending the Economic Development Act of 1965 and changing the West Central Illinois Valley Regional Planning Commission name to West Central Development Council, Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 336).**

3. **Raymond Kerr McGee Site Cleanup Update:** Plunkett reported that due to the level of contamination at the Kerr McGee cleanup site in Raymond, the site has qualified for special Illinois EPA funding of approximately \$33,000 and clean up efforts should be completed by the end of December, 2005.
4. **G.I.S. Oversight Committee Update:** Plunkett stated that the GIS Oversight Committee discussed linking the current county tax program information to the county's new GIS system. Data entry needs to be completed in order to match addresses with the Manatron Tax system to GIS. The Finance Committee placed funds for a temporary part-time position in the 2006 budget. Three applicants for the position will be interviewed on Thursday, October 13th, 2005. The data entry position will require 30 hours of work per week, and the position would last approximately one year.
5. **Bike Trail Update:** Plunkett reported that Highway Commissioner Tony Krager from Pitman Township will be contacted to see if the bike trail has been oiled. State's Attorney Roberts will contact an attorney in writing who is representing an injured individual who was hurt on the bike trail at 1:30 AM. Plunkett reported that there are signs posted on the trail that read "Ride at Your Own Risk."
6. **Route 66 Byways Update:** The County received a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Recreation Planning representative Marla Gursh confirming that the Historic Route 66 in Illinois including the Montgomery County portion is officially considered a new National Scenic Byway. The next meeting for the Southern Region committee to discuss promotion efforts for the Route 66 Scenic Byway will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2005 at 10:00 am at Lincoln Land Community College in Litchfield, Illinois.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Annual Safety Meeting:** The annual Safety meeting with the Highway Department Union Steward, the Union Secretary, County Engineer Giesing and the Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee Branum has been scheduled for Monday, October 17th, 2005 at 8:00 AM at the Highway Department.
2. **Discuss Personnel Issues:** Branum recommended the board go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Branum, second by Downs to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss Personnel Issues. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:20 AM.
4. **Executive Session:** Motion by Plunkett, second by Jagodzinski to return from EXECUTIVE SESSION. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:45 AM.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Durbin, second by Horn to approve the 7 committee reports. Discussion – Dean reported that the Special Road & Bridge Meeting minutes for August 29th, 2005 showed a meeting time of 8:30 AM and needs to be changed to 6:00 PM, which is when the meeting was held. All in favor, motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PAY BILLS: Motion by Sielschott, second by Painter to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

RECESS: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, 2005 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.

Motion by Painter, second by Blankenship to recess the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting recessed at 9:50 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, November 8th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 8th, 2005 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, 21 members present, 0 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Painter, second by Myers to approve the Minutes of the Previously Recessed County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions and reported that the annual Tax Sale will be held on Monday, November 14th, 2005 at 9:00 AM in the County Board room.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and complimented the Health Department's Nursing staff on their professionalism in administering the Flu Vaccination clinics throughout the county. Leitheiser was present at some of the clinics demonstrating the new voting equipment.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – Jodi Huber was present for questions.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Petty, second by Durbin to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

1. **Landfill Update:** Tim Johnson from Litchfield-Hillsboro Landfill was present to give an update of the current capacity of the landfill. Johnson stated that since Allied Waste took over the landfill in 1999, they have made great improvements there, and currently own 352 acres of land, but confirmed that only 60 acres has been permitted. Johnson reported that there are 7 cells in use at the landfill, except 18 acres on the east and southeast sides that are in final closure. With the current acceptance of approximately 200 tons per day brought into the landfill, it is estimated that the life expectancy of the landfill could be as much as 32 more years. 95% to 98% of the waste that is hauled into the landfill is from Montgomery County. Johnson stated that there has been some concern regarding the moving of some dirt toward the entrance into the landfill, but reported that the dirt is from a "borrow pit" to be used as cover for cells that are in the process of being closed. Currently, methane gas is burned off of 22 active gas wells at the landfill and 5 more will be added in December. Member Helgen asked about a cemetery that is in the area of the landfill. Johnson reported that there is a cemetery on the property, but it is not in the

permitted area. The landfill is open from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday and occasionally on Saturdays when a Holiday has interrupted one of the work days. Member Deabenderfer asked about the steps that are taken when toxic waste is involved as trash is hauled to the landfill, and Johnson assured him the landfill follows all federal and state regulations relating to toxic waste. Member Don Petty stated that he has been in the waste hauling business for 46 years and reported that the Litchfield-Hillsboro landfill is better than any other landfill in the area. Petty stated that if the landfill was to move out of Montgomery County, local residents would pay a lot more for trash pick up and removal. Rita Boucher attended the HWE Committee meeting with concerns about the landfill and was invited to attend the full board meeting to air her concerns, but did not show.

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

1. **Cathy Edmiston:** Sielschott reported that Cathy Edmiston came to the Finance Committee meeting to speak on issues she has with the potential of longwall mining in Montgomery County. Edmiston asked that she be put on the Full Board Agenda to speak to all the members about her concerns. Sielschott turned the floor over to Ms. Edmiston. **(See Attached Copied Statement as read by Cathy Edmiston at the Full Board meeting, Book 5, pages 337-339.)** Havera asked Ms. Edmiston about research she may have completed on the longwall mines located in Illinois. Edmiston replied she had not. Illinois personally. Havera stated that according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, over the past 30 to 40 years there have been 12 longwall mines in Illinois with no major problems reported to date. Havera stated that the make up of the soil in Illinois is different from the soil in Pennsylvania. Edmiston stated that an attorney told her that the county still owns the coal rights and that the coal company only has an option agreement with Montgomery County. Havera stated that the county is under contract with the coal company and not an option agreement, and that the contract allows them to use whatever mining method allowed by federal and state regulations. Chairman Havera stated that the coal company has informed him that only 40% of the coal rights that the county sold has subsidence rights with the coal rights and the other 60% of the coal rights did not have subsidence rights attached, so the coal company will have to negotiate with the individual landowners to obtain subsidence rights. Some audience members responded to the comments made by Havera regarding the issue of subsidence rights and stated that the money did not matter, and that they wanted room and pillar mining versus longwall mining because of the possible permanent destruction it could cause to the surface of the land. Havera stated that he would have liked to see room and pillar mining opposed to longwall mining because it would mean more jobs, but the county is under contract with the coal company and it is now between the coal company and the landowners. Havera also stated that the county has never advocated longwall mining. An audience member asked why the board did not make known publicly that they preferred room and pillar instead of longwall mining. State's Attorney Roberts stated that the county signed a contract with the coal company, Colt Coal, LLC, and are now under legal obligation to keep that contract and sell those coal rights. Only Colt Coal, LLC now has the option of not exercising the contract, which will complete the sale in full.
2. **Court Appointed Council Update/Approval:** Sielschott reported that Judge Long was present at the Finance Committee to discuss Court Appointed Councils. Judge Long stated that the Court Appointed Councils are seeking an increase in fees for Conflict Public Defender work. Court Appointed Judges have been getting paid \$60.00 per hour for Conflict Public Defender work for the past three years, and are seeking to raise this amount to \$65.00 per hour. The current expense is about \$100,000 per year for Court Appointed Council. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Petty to compensate the Court Appointed Councilors at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for Conflict Public Defender work. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Senior Citizen Mileage for Meal Delivery Approval:** Sielschott stated that there was a request for mileage reimbursement for home delivered meals for the Golden Circle Nutrition program, after the budget & levy were set. Sielschott stated that the committee had decided to reimburse mileage at \$.20 per mile, which will come out of Golden Circle Nutrition's budget for FY 2006 and the full mileage expense at \$.40 per mile would be budgeted and levied for Fiscal Year 2007. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Petty to approve .20 cents per mile reimbursement for meal deliveries for the Fiscal**

- Year 2006 and to budget and levy accordingly for monies to come out of the current budget amount of the Senior Citizen mileage expense in Fiscal Year 2007. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Resolution #05-23, Approval to Convey Tax Deed on Parcel ID# 13-000-530-00 located in the Village of Raymond:** Motion by Sielschott, second by Ogden to convey tax deed on parcel ID #13-000-530-00 located in the Village of Raymond. All in favor motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 340-343).
 5. **Resolution #05-24 to Amend Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Ordinance:** Sielschott reported that the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Ordinance needed to be amended. Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to approve the Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 344).
 6. **Approval of FY 2006 Levies:** *Resolutions read by State's Attorney Jim Roberts:*
 7. **Resolution #05-25:** Resolution adopting Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Appropriation Ordinance totaling the sum of \$16,343,263.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 345).
 8. **Resolution #05-26:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the General Corporate Fund for the current taxable year, in the sum of \$637,875.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 346).
 9. **Resolution #05-27:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Health Department, in the sum of \$315,000.00 Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 347).
 10. **Resolution #05-28:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, in the sum of \$700,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Painter. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 348).
 11. **Resolution #05-29:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Social Security Fund, in the sum of \$500,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 349).
 12. **Resolution #05-30:** Resolution to pass tax levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums, in the sum of \$300,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Durbin. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 350).
 13. **Resolution #05-31:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Fund, in the sum of \$64,460.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 351).
 14. **Resolution #05-32:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Highway Fund, in the sum of \$315,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 352).
 15. **Resolution #05-33:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund, in the sum of \$157,500.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Jagodzinski. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 353).
 16. **Resolution #05-34:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund, in the sum of \$157,500.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Heaton. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 354).
 17. **Resolution #05-35:** Resolution to pass a levy for the County Extension Service, in the sum of \$146,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Deabenderfer. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 355).
 18. **Resolution #05-36:** Resolution to pass levy for Senior Citizen Social Services in the sum of \$50,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 356).
 19. **Resolution #05-37:** Resolution to pass levy for Veterans Assistance in the sum of \$62,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Ogden. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 357).
 20. **Resolution #05-38:** Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments - \$42,860.00, Probation Officer - \$38,920.00, and Assistant Probation Officers -

\$133,558.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 358).

21. **Resolution #05-39:** Resolution to Authorize State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of money not to exceed \$11,000.00. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Plunkett. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 359-360).**
22. **PASSING THE FY 2006 Budget & Revisions:** **Motion by Sielschott, second by Jagodzinski** to approve the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget and Revisions, which includes all the for mentioned levies and appropriations. **All in favor, motion carried.**
23. **Enterprise Zone Mapping Update/Approval:** The committee discussed the approval of hiring Bruce Harris and Associates to put the Enterprise Zone legal descriptions on the GIS Mapping systems for approximately \$5,700. The fee will come out of the GIS fund for Fiscal Year 2006. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to approve the hiring of Bruce Harris and Associates to put the Enterprise Zone legal descriptions on the GIS Mapping system for approximately \$5,700 to come out of the FY 2006 GIS fund. All in favor, motion carried.**

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **Plat Act Resolution #05-40 Approval:** Branum reported that County Clerk/Recorder Leitheiser addressed the Road and Bridge Committee regarding the need to pass a Plat Act Resolution. The resolution requires a Plat Act Affidavit form be completed and attached to every land transfer document, which will go into effect January 1, 2006. **Motion by Branum, second by Dean to approve the Plat Act Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 361).**
2. **Stokes Subdivision Approval:** Branum reported that Carl Nail addressed the Road and Bridge Committee regarding a proposal for a final plat for the Stokes Addition in South Litchfield Township. **Motion by Branum, second by Komor to approve the final plat for the Stokes Addition in South Litchfield Township. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL ISSUES UPDATE/APPROVAL:** Branum reported that the board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at the Highway Department. **Motion by Branum, second by Aumann to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All in favor, motion carried.** The Full Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 AM.
4. **Motion to come out of Executive Session:** **Motion by Branum, second by Jagodzinski to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Full Board agenda. All in favor, motion carried.** (Time: 10:10 AM)
5. **Action on Executive Session Issues:** **Motion by Branum, second by Bone that on behalf of the Road and Bridge Committee the county will not renew Amy Giesing's Resolution as Montgomery County Highway Engineer, which expires on May 30th, 2006. All in favor – Roll Call Vote – 19 voting yes – 2 voting no – Ed Helgen and Roger Myers. Motion carried.**

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

1. **Property Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance Premiums Proposal Approval:** Durbin reported on the Insurance Premium Renewal Proposal in the amount of \$259,977. The proposal is from Insurance Program Managers Group LLC for Property Casualty and Workman Compensation Insurance for 2005-2006. **Motion by Durbin, second by Ogden to approve the ICRMT Insurance quote of \$259,977 annually. All in favor, motion carried.** Durbin stated that the county would save on interest if the \$259,977 was paid in one lump sum. **Motion by Durbin, second by Petty to pay the Insurance Premium one time annually in the amount of \$259,977. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **AutoMark Voting Equipment Purchase Approval:** Durbin stated that the purchase proposal quote was submitted by Election Systems and Software for \$156,010. The grant is for \$210,000 and after the purchase of the Voting Equipment in the amount of \$156,010 the remaining balance of \$53,990 will be used for public polling place ADA needs. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to approve the purchase of the ADA Automark voting equipment for \$156,010. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Approval of Bid on Concrete Pads for Polling Places:** Only one bid from Kirby Furness Concrete was received in the amount of \$30,750 to complete the concrete pads for eight public polling places to bring them up to ADA standards. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bathurst to approve the bid from**

Furness Concrete in the amount of \$30,750 to complete concrete work on eight public polling place parking lots to meet ADA standards. All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Special Meeting Date with County Veterinarians:** Durbin reported that a special meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse with area veterinarians to discuss the newly passed County Animal Control Ordinance and the newly enrolled House Bill 315.
5. **Informational “Live Meeting” Update on the newly enrolled House Bill 315:** Durbin reported that ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) would be hosting a “Live Meeting” through the internet on November 8th, 2005 at 1:00 PM. There will be another Live Meeting set for November 14th, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The informational meeting will be to answer questions on the enrolled HB315, which was passed by the State on August 23rd, 2005. The speaker will be Ledy VanKavage with ASPCA.

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

1. **Jailers/Dispatchers Union Update:** Downs stated that meetings continue with union employees regarding the possibility of changing the Jailers/Dispatchers Union representation to the F.O.P.
2. **Employee Christmas Luncheon Update:** The annual County Employee Christmas Party this year will be a luncheon held in the county board room of the Historic Courthouse on Thursday, December 22nd, 2005 between the hours of 11:00 AM until 2:00 pm.
3. **County Insurance Update:** Downs stated that IBG has failed to respond to a claim, which has been filed against IBG in Montgomery County Court.

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

1. **ADA Signs Update:** Painter reported that the ADA signs have been posted in the Historic Courthouse.

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

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for October 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 336; Total amount billed: \$135,059.00; Total amount collected: \$47,929.31.
2. **Part Time Employee to Full Time Employment Update:** As of December 1st, 2005 part time office assistant Cathy Ulrici will be moving up to full time office worker in the EMA/Ambulance Office.
3. **Director Holmes Report:**
 - a. **Radio License:** Jagodzinski stated that the radio license for Montgomery County EMA that expired in November of 2002 will cost \$725.00, but that this would reinstate the old call sign KTO 479 and radio frequency 154.955. If the county would have reapplied for a new number and call sign, every radio in the county would have needed to be reprogrammed for the new EMA/ESDA frequency.
 - b. **HazMat Training Update:** Jagodzinski reported that the County HazMat Team has completed the final step in HazMat Training and are now considered a Tech. B Unit. The team completed their training October 30th, 2005 at Nokomis Fire Department. The funds for training, which ranged from operations level to technician level, were provided by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security Region 16. Jagodzinski reported that without these resources the cost would have been well over \$10,000 to the county.
 - c. **Illinois Policing Institute:** Jagodzinski reported that EMA received 211 Gas Masks, Filters, Monocles, and carrying cases from the Illinois Policing Institute. The equipment will be distributed to the following areas: Public Health, EMS, Public Works, and EMA.
 - d. **Table Top Training Exercise:** Jagodzinski stated that in February 2006, EMA will be hosting a Table Top Training Exercise for Resource Management, Public Works, Information Management, and the Public Information Officer. The exact date has not been confirmed.
 - e. **Disaster Training Update:** Jagodzinski reported that due to the problems encountered with Hurricane Katrina, the State will be requiring more training and exercises regarding disasters. Illinois is currently ranked 3rd in the nation in their level of emergency management preparedness. California is ranked 1st and New York is 2nd.

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

1. **Enterprise Zone Mapping Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported that the committee discussed getting the Enterprise Zone maps updated and placed on the GIS Mapping System. There are numerous legal descriptions to be read through and outlined for the county. Bruce Harris and Associates would be able to read through the descriptions and place on the County's GIS Mapping System for approx. \$5,700.
2. **FutureGen Project Update and Resolution #05-41 Approval:** Plunkett stated Jerry Costello and John Shimkus recently held a meeting in Marion, Illinois to get support for southern Illinois be the site selected for the \$1 Billion Federal project called FutureGen, which will build a zero emissions power plant fed by coal in Southern Illinois. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Bathurst to approve the Resolution supporting the FutureGen project to be located in Southern Illinois. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 5, page 362).**
3. **Clean Up Site of Kerr McGee Station in Raymond Update:** Plunkett reported that the county received an application from the State Fire Marshall's office for a permit concerning the clean up of the Raymond Kerr McGee Station that the county would need to complete and return to the Illinois EPA, and stated that the site should be completely cleaned up by December 2006. Member Dean, who also serves as a Raymond Village Trustee, reported that the project to remove the underground tanks is on schedule and work should begin by November 20th, 2005. A \$35,000 grant for the cleanup should be sent to the village by the end of December 2005.
4. **GIS Update:** Plunkett stated that the oversight committee for GIS interviewed three people for the Temporary Part Time Data Entry position, and the committee hired Mary Purcell of Hillsboro for the temporary job. Plunkett reported that the committee also discussed Litchfield's request to enter into an agreement with the county for GIS Mapping Services.

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Bone, second by Durbin to approve the 8 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The Personnel Committee meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, November 17th, 2005 has been rescheduled for Friday, November 18th, 2005 at the same time of 8:30 AM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Dean, second by Ogden to approve the reappointment of Randall Riemann to the Pitman Zanesville #2, County Zone #33, Drainage District for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Petty to approve the reappointment of Joe Gasparich to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a four year term, beginning December 1st, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Branum to approve the reappointment of Lynn Shepherd to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a four year term, beginning December 1st, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Blankenship, second by Plunkett to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2005.

ADJOURN: **Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, 2005 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.**

Motion by Painter, second by Branum to recess the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting recessed at 10:35 AM.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, December 13th, 2005 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 13th, 2005 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, Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Dennis Jagodzinski

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Heaton, second by Bone to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – submitted.
2. **County Treasurer's Report** – submitted.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reported that the filing period for the 2006 Elections will end Monday, December 19, 2005, and the County Clerk's Office will stay open until 5:00 PM that day for that purpose.
4. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted.
5. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **T.B. Department Report** – submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted.
9. **911 Report** – submitted.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Painter, second by Myers to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Coordinating Committee Report: Discussion took place in the following Committees:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

1. **FY 2006 Fuel Bids Update:** One bid from M&M Service Company was received for fuel. The bid was for Regular gasoline at \$1.8301 and Diesel fuel at \$2.560. **Motion by Branum, second by Komor to accept the fuel bid from M&M Service Company for Regular gasoline at \$1.8301 per gallon and Diesel fuel at \$2.5600 per gallon. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 105 Approval:** Branum referred to Highway Engineer Giesing, who stated that the Highway Department has a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 105, located approximately 3 miles north of Fillmore, Existing Structure #068-3176 Bridge Replacement for Section 01-05118-00-BR for Fillmore Road District with Cummins Engineering Corporation. **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin to approve the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 105. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, pages 1-4).**
3. **Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 219 Approval:** Giesing reported on the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 219, over Tributary of Cress Creek, Existing Structure #068-3149 Bridge Replacement for Section 93-03113-00-BR for Butler Grove Road District with Allen Henderson & Associates, Inc. **Motion by Branum, second by Dean to approve the**

Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for T.R. 219. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, pages 5-8).

4. **Approval of Resolution #17-05:** A resolution to appropriate an amount of \$6,000 for 1019 B-CA, East Fork R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% Project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$3,000.00). Giesing reported that this is usually done in the spring, but the bridge fell in and needs replaced. **Motion by Bone, second by Horn to approve resolution #17-05 with Montgomery County's Share being \$3,000.00. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, pages 9-10).**
5. **Approval of Resolution #18-05 to Amend Resolution #08-05:** Resolution #18-05, an Amending resolution to appropriate an amount of \$29,107.72 for 1011 B-CA, Fillmore R.D./Montgomery County, 50%-50% project; Montgomery County's Share = 0.5 (\$14,553.86). Amends the original resolution, #08-05, by \$1,107.72 which was for \$28,000.00. **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin to approve Resolution #18-05, which amends resolution #08-05 with Montgomery County's share being \$14,553.86. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, pages 11-12).**
6. **Bat Wing Mower Update:** Branum reported that the committee discussed replacing one of the older bat wing mowers, due to a weld problem on the mower, and Bids will be sought.
7. **FY 2006 Raises Update:** Discussion took place on the 4% pay increase for non-union Highway Department employees Pezold, Waggoner and Sefton. Havera queried that the increase was already in the budget and because the budget had already passed, it may not be necessary to get a motion. Branum decided to proceed. **Motion by Branum, second by Heaton to approve 4% raises for Pezold, Waggoner and Sefton. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Bridge Repair in North Litchfield Township:** (Not on posted agenda) Board member Helgen asked Geising about the possibility of bridge repair to be done on New Hope Bridge in North Litchfield Township, and she replied that it wasn't included in the Highway Department's three year plan.

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

1. **Coal Rights Sale Update:** Sielschott briefly reported on the Coal Rights Sale that took place at a special meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, December 5th, 2005 in the County Board Room with Colt Coal Company finalizing the coal agreement with Montgomery County, Montgomery County executing a deed finalizing the sale, and with Colt Coal Company representative Jim Morris presenting the county with a check for \$500,000.00.
2. **Update on BPI Methane Gas Agreement:** Sielschott also reported that at the same meeting, BPI Industries signed a Methane Gas Lease Agreement for 6 years with Montgomery County, and BPI Industries representative Dan Anderson reported at that meeting that the company would be drilling in the next 18 months.
3. **Update/Approval of Bid Opening for Upgrade of Communications Systems Console & Lock & Intercom Controls at County Jail:** Sielschott reported that two bids were received for the upgrade of the Communications Systems Console and lock and intercom controls at jail. The first bid was received from Datatronics of Alton, Illinois for \$64,958.26. The second bid was received from Global Technical Systems of Jacksonville, Illinois for \$72,989.73. Bid specs submitted will be reviewed by Undersheriff Rick Robbins and a recommendation will be presented to the Finance Committee on Monday, January 9th, 2006.
4. **Update on Assessment Publications:** Sielschott stated that Chief Assessing Officer Kiefer reported at the committee meeting that the Sales Ratio was received last year in mid October from the State. The Supervisor of Assessment's Office has been ready to publish since October 2005; however, they are still waiting on the Sales Ratio from the Department of Revenue so that the Township multiplier can be added to the tax bills. Once the Sales Ratio is received then Kiefer has to publish in local papers, tax payers will then have 30 days to file a complaint, and the Board of Review then will have to meet to review complaints.
5. **Deferred Compensation Plan Review Update/Approval:** Sielschott reported that State's Attorney Roberts reviewed a proposal from a company that has reviewed the county's deferred compensation plan. The Personnel Committee will further discuss the deferred compensation issues at their next meeting on Thursday, December 22nd, 2005 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room.

6. **Mileage 2006 IRS Update/Approval:** The IRS has increased the mileage reimbursement rate to .445 cents per mile for 2006, and the Finance Committee has approved raising the mileage reimbursement rate for the county to .44 cents a mile effective January 1st, 2006. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to approve the mileage reimbursement rate increase to .44 cents per mile effective January 1st, 2006 per IRS regulations. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **FY 2006 Budget Books:** Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Books were passed out to board members, and Board member Helgen asked about the future property taxes on the Coal Rights. Sielschott stated that as soon as the coal company became owners of the coal, they also assumed the property taxes.

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

Election Technical Judge & Election Technical Support Team Approval:

1. County Clerk Leitheiser, having received endorsement from Democratic Party Chairman Steve White and Republican Party Chairman Roy Hertel, asked for approval on the following four items for elections (For complete overview, see Resolution Book 6, pages 13-14):
 - **Election Judges' School Attendance Mileage Approval and Revised Salary Approval:** Leitheiser gave an overview of Election Judges' Schooling, mileage and revised salary. **Motion by Durbin, second by Ogden to pay mileage to Election Judges who attend Judge School training and to change the current Election Judge pay per election from \$105.00 without schooling and \$115.00 with schooling, to \$95.00 for a Judge without schooling and \$115.00 plus mileage to work as Judge with schooling. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Election Voting System Tech Support Team Approval:** Leitheiser explained that with the new voting machines comes the need for on-call technical support during the elections. The team will be made up of 3 county employees with computer background: Bill Purcell, Mary Purcell and Sue Gray. Supervisors of these employees have cleared them to assume these duties, and all will take personal/vacation time from their county positions to perform this service. **Motion by Durbin, second by Downs to approve the Election Voting System Tech Support Team as proposed. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Election Technical Judge Duties and Pay Approval:** In addition to the Tech Support Team some judges will be trained on some of the problems that can happen with the voting machines and how to fix them if a Technical Support person is not available at that time. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to approve the Election Technical Judge Duties and Pay as proposed. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Election Equipment Delivery by County/Truck Rental Approval:** Leitheiser stated that due to the size and weight of the equipment, pre-Election delivery and setup and post-Election pickup of both units to each of the 26 polling places will need to be done by County Employees Bill Purcell and Larry Moore, using a locally rented Rental Truck. Sheriff Vazzi endorses Larry Moore being made available to do this task. The truck will be needed about 6 total days for the first Election-(Friday-Monday before the Election, Wednesday-Thursday after the Election). The county will need to rent a truck to transport the voting equipment. The approximate pricing is \$500.00 for 17' truck rental with mileage included from Hillsboro Rental. The truck may be used for a shorter time period in subsequent Elections once scheduling and travel have been completed in the first Election. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bone to approve the Election Equipment Delivery by County Employees and Truck Rental as proposed. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Meeting with Veterinarians Update:** Durbin reported that the committee discussed the concerns of the County Veterinarians with regard to collecting the Rabies Tag fee for dogs and cats. Durbin stated that the collecting of the fee is in Illinois Statutes and is also covered in the County Animal Control Ordinance, under section 1/36. The county will continue with past practice of Veterinarians collecting the money for rabies tag fees.

3. **Corporate Cost Solutions, Inc., Update/Approval:** Corporate Cost Solutions has offered to do an audit of the County Employee payroll to see if each employee is classified in the proper code for Workers Compensation. The company would get 50% of their findings. **Motion by Durbin, second by Horn to approve the agreement with Corporate Cost Solutions, Inc. to audit county payroll for workers compensation cost. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, page 15).**

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

1. **Jailers/Dispatchers Union Update:** Downs stated that union members may be staying with the Laborers Union, but has not heard anything definite yet.
2. **Highway Department Arbitration Update:** John Downs stated that arbitrators have been selected and tentative meeting dates have been set for December 28th and a couple of days in January.
3. **Fusion Fitness Corporate Membership Rates Update:** The Committee approved for Montgomery County to become a Corporate Member of the Fusion Fitness Center, so that interested County Employees may sign up for gym services at the corporate discount rate. There will be no cost to the County.

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

1. **Update on Luminaria Around Courthouse for December:** Painter reported that the Probation Office will put a luminaria display outside the Historic Courthouse on the evening of December 16th, 2005.
2. **Historic Courthouse Emergency Lighting Update:** Painter stated that installation of the emergency lighting for the Historic Courthouse will begin next Monday.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Member Ron Deabenderfer as follows:

1. **Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for November 2005 is as follows: Total calls: 328; Total amount billed: \$132,340.00; Total amount collected: \$106,823.22.
2. **Director Holmes Report:** Deabenderfer reported that the Credit Bureau System has been an asset to the Ambulance Billing Systems. On November 14th, 2005, EMA received a conference call from the National Weather Service, which amounted to an advanced warning of severe weather for most of Montgomery County including all schools, hospitals, both court buildings and the Health Department were notified. The ARES operators were activated with one member standing by in the office. The county was lucky that the weather turned out not to be as severe as the weather service had predicted, and all warnings were cancelled around 3:00 PM. The MABAS Organization has sent several shipments of anti-nerve agent for the HazMat Team, of which there are two types; automatic-injection, and inhalation. One of the anti-nerve agents will need refrigeration, all of the agents have been sent to the Health Department for storage. Holmes will be re-writing job descriptions for her staff in January. Deabenderfer also reported that the HazMat Team was called out for the first time to a hazardous spill in Litchfield.

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

1. **Update of Clean Up Site of Kerr McGee Station in Raymond:** Plunkett reported that three underground storage tanks were removed from the old Kerr McGee gas station in Raymond on November 22nd, 2005. Cleanup of the soil at the site will begin in the spring.
2. **Rural Partners Resolution/Intergovernmental Agreement for a Program of Affordable Housing Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported to the board that there is an initiative to stimulate new housing growth in Montgomery County by the Rural Partners group, which will get collaborative partners together to help finance new housing. This program would enable people from low to moderate income to afford to build a new home. Amanda Cole from Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Kelly Moroney from Montgomery County Housing Authority, and Tonya Flannery-Litchfield EDC would help lead the program. Each community would identify its needs and pull together the building partners. The county would need to pass a resolution and intergovernmental agreement to get bonds to fund the program. A county the size of Montgomery County can apply for \$2 million to get the program started. There is no financial liability to Montgomery County. USDA puts up the money for the program and guarantees the loans that are funded through local banks. A first

time homeowner is defined as someone who has not owned a home in the last three years. Mortgage rates would be set when the resolution is passed, which would be done by December 31st, 2005 in order to start funding for 2006. Credit counseling will be available for new home owners. The Bond Cap of \$2,000,000 was arrived at by taking 25% of the home sales in the county from the previous year. Total home sales were \$8 Million. The key for the program is the loaning institutions qualifying and counseling applicants for the housing. There are no requirements to make the new homeowner stay in the home. The financial incentive is to stay in the home at least 5 years, because then the qualifying upfront loans would be forgiven. Tonya Flannery reported that the City of Litchfield already has a list of interested home buyers, financial institutions and builders. Kelly Moroney reported that Montgomery County Housing Authority personnel will take a week long course on how to council prospective home buyers and has offered to administer the program for the county. Freedom Place in Litchfield and Liberty Homes in Hillsboro both have waiting lists and some people who had income limits just over the qualifying limit that prevented them from moving into these units may be eligible for this program. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Aumann to approve the Resolution to Authorize Application for Bond Volume Cap Issuance of \$2,000,000. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Plunkett, second by Bathurst to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Housing Development Authority. All in favor, motion carried. (For both documents, see Resolution Book 6, pages 16-20).**

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin to approve the 7 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

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

The County Employee Holiday Luncheon will be held December 22nd, 2005 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members were also given new County Calendars for 2006 meetings, current County Board member contact information and an Updated County Employee Telephone Listing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: State's Attorney Roberts informed members that he recently received confirmation that he will be appointed as a Judge for the 4th Judicial Circuit, replacing the Judge Mark Joy, who is retiring. Roberts will take office in a ceremony to be held on January 6th, 2006. Roberts stated he enjoyed the many years serving the County Board and that he was proud of the work that they had done together. Roberts he would recommend Assistant State's Attorney Chris Matoush for the seat of State's Attorney after he tenders his written resignation. Matoush has been with the County State's Attorney's office for the past 6 years. The County Board has the task of filling the position of State's Attorney and will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 28th, 2005 in the County Board room at 8:30 AM to appoint a qualified person to finish Roberts' term as the county's State's Attorney. This term ends November 30th, 2006.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The Personnel Committee Meeting that was originally scheduled for Thursday, December 29th, 2005 has been changed to Thursday, December 22nd, 2005 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The Coordinating Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 27th, at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois will meet at 5:30 PM instead, but on the same date and at the same location.

APPOINTMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Bathurst, second by Helgen to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing sealed Executive Session minutes. All in favor, motion carried. (Began at 9:30 AM)

Motion to end the Closed Session: (Continue board meeting 10:10 AM) Motion by Branum, second by Downs to end the Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Plunkett, second by Bathurst to approve the unsealing of 14 executive session minutes as follows: January 12, 1999 – June 24, 1999 – June 29, 1999 – July 8, 1999 – August 10, 1999 – August 30, 1999 & August 31, 1999 – November 29, 1999 – September 27, 1999 – November 29, 1999 – August 12, 2003 – September 9, 2003 – January 11, 2005 – July 12, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by George Blankenship, second by Bone that the following 7 executive session minutes remain sealed: January 11, 2000 – January 26, 2000 – June 13, 2000 – February 13, 2001 – October 7, 2003 – October 11, 2005 – November 8, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Sielschott, second by Painter to pay all approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2006.

ADJOURN: Until the Special Full Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 28th, 2005 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.

Motion by Branum, second by Downs to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Special MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, December 28th, 2005 -- 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a special meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, December 28th, 2005 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: Mary Bathurst, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Nelson Aumann

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Montgomery County Water Company Resolution of Support: Havera stated that the Montgomery County Water Company was requesting a resolution of support from the board as they re-apply to the State for a Public Facilities Grant for Phase III Rural Water Project. (Leitheiser Reads Resolution) **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin to approve the Resolution of Support for the Montgomery County Water Company. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 6, page 21).**

Appointment of New State's Attorney: Havera stated that he had received a letter of resignation from State's Attorney Jim Roberts, which will be effective Friday, January 6th, 2006 at 3:00 PM. **(See Resolution Book 6, page 22-23).** Roberts was selected to replace the retiring Judge Joy as an Associate Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit. Havera congratulated Roberts and thanked him for the many years of service to the Montgomery County Board. Havera presented Roberts with a plaque from the County Board in appreciation of his years of service. Roberts thanked the county board for all the work that they have done together over the years and stated that it was a privilege working with them, and that he considered them more than colleagues, as friends. Roberts told board members to stick to their convictions and that they are doing a good job. Roberts recommended to the board that they appoint Chris Matoush for appointment of State's Attorney to serve until 11/30/2006. Havera thanked Roberts for his many years of dedicated service to Montgomery County. Havera stated that the State's Attorney replacement must represent the same political party as the resigning State's Attorney. Havera reported that the letter of resignation from Jim Roberts and the letter from Democratic Party Chairman Steve White **(For copy of that letter, see Resolution Book 6, page 24)** both recommended Chris Matoush to the appointment of State's Attorney for Montgomery County.

Motion by Downs, second by Sielschott to approve the Appointment of Chris Matoush as State's Attorney for Montgomery County. The effective date of the appointment will begin January 6th, 2006 and expire November 30th, 2006. Roll Call Vote – 20 Yes, 0 No and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Jim Roberts stated that the board has made a good decision on behalf of Montgomery County, and reported that he had also received a letter of support from the Litchfield Police Department in favor of Chris Matoush as State's Attorney. Roberts stated that Chris Matoush started work six years ago for former State's Attorney Kathy Dobrinic, and for the last five years has served as Roberts's right hand man on felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases. Roberts stated that Matoush is the most logical choice to continue on with the operations of the Office of the State's Attorney and feels that there will be very little transition problems. Matoush's wife's name is Jill and they have two children. Chris Matoush then introduced himself to the board and stated that although he has not dealt with the county board on any civil matters he would do his best for the county. Member Ed Helgen asked who would be filling the position of Assistant State's Attorney, and Matoush responded that there would be a hiring process and that he intends to hire someone with a civil background. **(For copies of letters appointing Matoush to Republican and Democratic Party Chairmen from Chairman Havera, see Resolution Book 6, pages 25-26).**

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 2006 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.

Motion by Painter, second by Blankenship to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.