

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Jay Martin. Chairman Hertel asked for a moment of silence for Deputy Bruce Sanford's son Arin who recently passed away.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Gasparich and second by Webb to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Hampton+Knodle asked that the previous month's County Board minutes need to be corrected to state the new Enterprise Zone's application will also include adding territory to the existing Enterprise Zone. **Without Motion and second, Vote was taken to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015. All in favor, motion carried. Minutes will need to be officially approved at the February 9th, 2016 County Board meeting.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions and stated that all delinquent claims have been submitted to the State Comptroller's Office in hope of collecting unpaid fees and fines.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin – report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted. Chairman Hertel asked board members to review the bank balance report that was submitted by Treasurer Jenkins.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt – report was submitted.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that the 911 board will meet next week. Chairman Hertel stated that Under Sheriff Robbins will need to be replaced because it has been discovered that it is a conflict for any Deputy in the Sheriff's Office to serve on this board. Gasparich asked if the 911 board could be combined with the EMA committee in the future or if this committee can be combined with the Finance Committee because they deal mostly with financial business. Webb stated that they will need to look into this with the Illinois

Commerce Commission because they have rules and regulations regarding who can serve on the 911 board. Chairman Hertel stated that the State has legislation regarding the requirement that phone companies pay \$.85 per landline and cell phone. He said that voters in Montgomery County approved \$2 per line years ago and this new state law will greatly impact local 911 services. Chairman Hertel asked Assistant State's Attorney Wilson to look into this.

- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that she was unable to attend the last meeting.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that the CIEDA board is looking into the topic of open meetings compliance for electronic voting methods and she stated that there are not any new projects to report.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that they will be meeting next week.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Plunkett reported that he was advised of two pieces of legislation through a press release that could affect counties. He stated that the first change is that the State reduced the amount that governing bodies can hold in their Capital Improvement fund from 5 percent down to 3 percent of the equalized assessed value of property in the county. Plunkett stated that we currently have about \$1.2 million in that fund now and based on the new legislation we can potentially save about \$12 million in the Capital Improvement fund. Plunkett stated that the second piece of legislation he found requires the county to provide a paper copy of the budget to everyone in attendance at the County Board meeting when we pass the budget.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they will be meeting at the end of the month and deferred to MCEDC Executive Director Will Shalter who shared a graph that shows local jobs and wages from data he pulled from the US census survey in 2013. Shalter said that railroad, education and government job information was not included in the report and Chairman Hertel stated that it would be interesting to see this data for our County. Shalter stated that he will need to look at a different data set for this information. Bathurst asked if the banking industry was reflected in this report and Shalter stated that he thinks banking job data is included in this report. Shalter also reminded members to get their advertising ready for the Tourism South Bureau for their summer publication and said the deadline to reserve advertising space is February 11th, 2016.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that they did not meet in December.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that the Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they will meet later this month and there will be seminar in February.
- **U of I** – Young stated that the U of I Extension Council met in December and that their next meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2016. Young also reported that the U of I Extension did not dip into their reserves at all during this last year despite budget cuts from the State. He stated that the graduation rate among students in the 4-H Program is 100 percent, which is a great compliment to their services.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that the VAC Board will start meeting quarterly.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will meet next month.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **CIPT Mobility Report by Manager Nathan Nichols and Director Kim Adair Update:** Chairman Hertel introduced CIPT Mobility Manager Nathan Nichols and Director Kim Adair. Nichols stated that they just added Christian County to their services and also just added same-day service and expanded coverage to include some holidays in Montgomery County. Nichols explained that they have two full time and four part time drivers in six vehicles in Montgomery County and that ridership increased by 800 rides from 2014 to 2015. Nichols also reported that he spoke with our Health Department regarding resources for transportation and the services they offer. Nichols introduced new Transportation Director Kim Adair who brings 18 years transportation services experience from positions she held in North Dakota and Kentucky. Adair stated that she is big on customer service and that they are looking to identify their strengths and

weaknesses so they can see if changes need to be made. Adair asked that if anyone has issues with services to please call her or Nichols. Chairman Hertel stated that he would like for them to meet with all the Illinois Department of Human Services Offices and remind them about their services as their staff has changed in the past few years. Hampton+Knodle asked whether CIPT can take passengers out of State due to insurance issues and Adair stated she will check on this possibility with CEFS Director Paul White.

2. **Montgomery County Housing Authority Report by Kelly Moroney Update:** Chairman Hertel introduced Montgomery County Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer Kelly Moroney to give their annual report. Moroney stated that they have the approval and financing to build 37 new units throughout Montgomery County. She said that the closing date is set for April 1st and they hope to break ground in Hillsboro, Witt and Nokomis soon after closing. Moroney stated that the units will be for senior citizens that are 55 years of age and older and will consist of one and two bedroom homes with garages. Moroney said that this will be the first phase for rehabilitation and that it will take about 10 years to get all housing units replaced. Graden asked if they will use local labor and Moroney replied that that main contractor will hire some local labor for sub-contracting. Moroney reported that efforts were made to not displace current residents of units due for demolition and stated that there are only 12 single households that were relocated to units in Hillsboro and Litchfield so their units can be torn down. She also stated that about eight to ten residents will be permanently displaced because they do not meet the age requirement for the new housing units. Plunkett asked how many units they currently have and Moroney replied that they have 235 total units and 89 section 8 vouchers for the County. Moroney also stated that Christian County converted all their public housing to multi-units so they now have 172 vouchers to give away to other counties, and she is in the process of gathering more information about attaining some of these vouchers. Chairman Hertel stated that hopefully we can get some of those 172 vouchers in Montgomery County and also asked when the Long Avenue units were built in Hillsboro. Moroney replied that they were built in 1952. Chairman Hertel thanked Moroney for bringing this good news to the County Board.
3. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he doesn't know exactly what the coal mine plans to do about re-opening or how long they will be closed. He stated they will seal up the mine to safely seal the fire and said that to date our revenue has gone from \$250,000 per month down to \$20,000.
4. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that our law suit against the State to get reimbursed for the salaries for the Supervisor of Assessments, State's Attorney and Public Defender went to court for their first appearance on Friday, January 8th, 2016.
5. **Executive Session to Review Closed Session Minutes Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated this will be held at the end of the meeting
6. **Soil Conservation Meeting Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated he met with staff and board members of the Soil and Water Conservation District who voiced concerns that their budget has been cut from \$15 million to \$6 million. He said that the County is required by law to have a Soil and Water Conservation board, but if they lose funding they will also lose their employees. Hertel asked for a motion to write a letter to support leaving the \$6 million in their budget. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve that Chairman Hertel writes a support letter to Governor Rauner in support of the SWCD. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel announced that the Farm Bureau has invited County Board members and officials to a breakfast meeting before the March 8th, 2016 board meeting.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **2016 Fuel Letting Approval:** Miles reported that we received one bid from M&M Service for gas and diesel fuel. **Option #1:** Gas = M&M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. Diesel = M&M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. **Option #2:** Gas = fixed price for the year of \$2.001 per gallon and Diesel = fixed price for the year of \$1.926 per gallon. The committee discussed the two alternatives and is recommending the fixed price. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve Option #2, the fixed price from M&M Service of \$2.001 per gallon for gas and \$1.926 per gallon for diesel.** Hampton+Knodle asked if the Sheriff's Department can still get gas at a gas station when it is cheaper and Chairman Hertel replied yes and that we get a rebate. Hertel also stated that he is working on M & M to give us a rebate as well. Engineer Smith

stated that these proposed gas prices are \$.15 cheaper and proposed diesel prices are \$.57 cheaper than what we are paying right now. **All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **North Road Tile Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the request from last month regarding the county helping with some tiling issues on the North Road by the Witt Road intersection. Engineer Smith stated that they are looking at all the possible options and he does not want the county to get into the tiling business or having other property owners approach the county with their tiling issues.
3. **Simpson Bridge Construction Update:** Miles reported that the committee is very happy with the progress and that the deck beams are set and transverse ties are complete and said that with the current winter weather, the contractor has shut down for the winter, but might be able to continue work if the weather warms up. Miles also reported that the committee was thankful that the major work was up out of the water after the recent rain and flooding issues. He stated that several members had visited the bridge and observed the work.
4. **Above-ground Fuel Tanks Update:** Miles stated that the above-ground tanks are running and fully operational. Engineer Smith stated that the Highway Department will use the new tanks for one week to get the bugs out.
5. **MFT Funding Update:** Miles reported that the county received \$216,888 for the time frame from June through November and we should continue to get our Motor Fuel Tax allotment from the State on a regular schedule.
6. **2016 Rock Letting Update:** Miles stated that the Rock letting will take place at the next Road & Bridge Committee meeting.
7. **New Equipment Purchase Update:** Miles stated that the committee discussed the need to replace one tandem truck and trade in an old single axle truck. He said that the price of a new International truck from the state bid is approximately \$123,000. Miles stated that the Highway Department mechanic is checking on a different truck bed so the salt doesn't get in there to deteriorate the truck.
8. **Resolution Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer Approval:** Miles stated that the committee recommended an IDOT resolution requesting consent to reappoint the incumbent as county engineer. Engineer Smith's six year term expires March 21st, 2016. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve the Resolution Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 75).**
9. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he sent a letter to IDOT asking for funds for I-55 frontage roads but he doesn't expect anything to come of it. Beeler reported that they have been surveying frontage roads in the northern part of the county.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update: Cleaning Hours at the Courthouse Complex Update:** Sneed reported that Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons attended their meeting to discuss the amount of part time cleaning done at the Courthouse Complex. She said the position allotted 20 hours for one individual and stated that this is not enough hours. Sneed said there were five hours per week more (25 hours per week total) put in the budget and the committee will give a 60 day trial for these extra hours to see if this helps for some of the additional cleaning needs. Lemons also suggested adding new signs at the front doors to signify which is the employee entrance and which door is the public entrance. Sneed also reported that the maintenance staff was painting and patching areas at the Courthouse Complex.
2. **Annex Building Project Update:** Sneed stated that he will be observing the annex building project at no cost to the county and said that the Committee reviewed and approved an agreement from McDonough-Whitlow in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to do the administrative work for the construction project pending review of the State's Attorney's Office.
3. **Communication Tower Renovations Update:** Sneed reported that everything is hooked up on the tower now and said that some equipment needs to be moved from the current tower to the new tower. He said that the new tower should be operational in the next month

4. **Elevator Proposals Update:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed elevator proposals from two companies for a one year and a three year maintenance agreement to service the two elevators at the Courthouse Complex and the one elevator at the Historic Courthouse. He said the proposals need to be checked out and the committee will act on this next month.
5. **Johnson Controls Maintenance Agreement Update:** Sneed reported that the committee discussed and approved the one year maintenance agreement submitted by Johnson Controls for the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex in the amount of \$4,680.
6. **Other Business Update:** Sneed reported that they will be looking for a small P.A. speaker for the County Board room because the one that was borrowed last month from Clerk Leitheiser seemed to work well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

- **MCEDC:** Hampton+Knodle stated that we have already heard about the MCEDC report earlier. She said that the Revolving Loan Fund report is in members' packets.
- **Incentives Approval:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the RLF report is in everyone's packet and that one loan is almost 2/3 paid off. She said that Shalter will be talking with an existing business regarding the RLF.
 - **Enterprise Zone** – Hampton+Knodle thanked SOA Durston and GIS Technician Younkers for working through some technical issues with the files and maps that were provided by McDonough-Whitlow for the Enterprise Zone project. She said that these issues will need to be worked on so that Coordinator Daniels can get the paperwork together to start the application.
 - **C & C Heating and Cooling of Nokomis:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the owner of this business met with Chairman Hertel and Daniels regarding his business plans to build a new structure for a work shop and retail store on the Nokomis property that he purchased which will hire two additional employees. She said that the City of Nokomis will receive sales tax on the retail part of the business and that the cost of the building will be about \$250,000. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve the Ordinance for a four year General Abatement for C & C Heating & Cooling of Nokomis. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 76).**
- **Planning Approval:**
 - **Planning Commission** – Hampton+Knodle stated that Tony Marcolini from Hillsboro has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission to fill a spot that was vacated by Rueben Boehler. Marcolini has a business and used to work for Hurst-Rosche Engineers. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Tim Hopper to approve the appointment of Tony Marcolini to the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Infrastructure Update:**
 - Hampton+Knodle stated that the Grain Belt continues to move forward with their project pending a ruling from the Illinois Commerce Commission.
 - **Fiber RFP** – Hampton+Knodle asked board members to read pages 4 and 5 of the U of I Extension handout to better understand the needs and function of internet services for the future. She said that we need to make a wise investment to get better internet so that people can live here comfortably and conduct business.
 - **Eagle Zinc** – Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a letter regarding the cleanup progress at Eagle Zinc and that they discovered drainage patterns were different than what they had planned and that access to the rail spur and future uses were going forward. Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a complaint about the smell of burning coal and that she put in a message to EPA and EPA responded that they passed it on to DNR and are waiting for DNR response. She also reported the complaint to IDNR and is waiting on an answer.
- **Tourism Update:**
 - **Tourism South Submissions** – Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter is gathering information that is due in February for the publication.

• **Workforce Update:**

- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the current CEO class has been going to the county high schools to talk to students about the program and that 20 interested students reported to Litchfield, Hillsboro and Nokomis high schools. She invited everyone to attend the Brushville concert CEO class business event scheduled for Saturday, February 27th in the Hillsboro High School gym. She also stated that the CEO trade show is scheduled for April 26th at LLCC in Litchfield from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

8. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

Ambulance Call Reports: Collections: Savage reported that collections continue in a routine fashion.

December Collections: New System \$108,875.50 Old System \$23.00 Total \$108,898.50

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Ambulance Contracts Update:** Savage reported that the ambulance contracts were mailed December 16th, 2015 and that we have received Nokomis contract back.

EMA:

1. **AED Training January 14th Update:** Savage reported that AED training will take place on January 14th in the County Board room and he stated that the sessions are two hours long and the classes will be held at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the County board room.
2. **Weather Spotter Class Update.** Savage stated the Weather Spotter class will be held on March 10th, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Moose. Holmes stated that since food will be served she will need to know how many plan to attend.
3. **MOU's received Update:** Savage stated that Memorandums of Understanding signatures are still coming in.
4. **Rain Event 2015 Update:** Savage stated the committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the heavy rain event from earlier this year and they will study the use of social media for public safety when there is a natural disaster. He said that people call the local or state police with updates but there was a lot of pictures and real time information on social media as things were unfolding.
5. **Other Business Update:**
 - Savage reported that the Hazard Mitigation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.
 - Chairman Hertel thanked the Nokomis Fire Department and other emergency personnel who responded to the house fire a few weeks ago in Nokomis where a baby was rescued from a second floor bedroom. Gasparich gave an overview of the event and stated that a press conference was held yesterday and that the media responded kindly to the first responders. Gasparich also stated that emergency responder trainings are very important and worthwhile because a little girl is alive today because of that training.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler reported that due to the lack of revenue from the coal royalties, there has not been any money put in the Capital Improvement fund. She stated that we have got to change our operating model now as a County Board. Beeler also stated that she would rather give up things and not people, and she said we need to look at the categories of the number of precincts, polling places, recycling, animal control, and public safety to name a few. Chairman Hertel stated that the Finance committee needs to set up meetings with all the county officials and department heads to see how we are going to cut. Hertel also stated that without the coal royalty revenue, we will need to cut about \$800,000 in the budget. Young asked if there is a goal on what to cut and Hertel replied that he would like to cut as much as possible so we can leave some money in the bank, and he said that we have to pay for our buildings out of our \$6 million reserves. Hertel also added that we are not going to raise taxes. Moore asked if there is consideration to amend the current

budget and Beeler responded that she doesn't know the answer to that and that the committee had just found out about the coal mine situation through a press release the morning of the Finance Committee meeting. Beeler stated there is not enough money and that we can't continue this way, and also said that she wants to address the budget concerns now. She informed members that although cuts were made during the budget hearings, those reductions were lost with salary increases. Beeler stated that she would feel better about operating on a true budget and that big cuts will need to be made because there is just not enough money to go around.

2. **New Wave Phone and Internet Implementation Update:** Beeler stated that there were some issues on the providers end and that the conversion to New Wave should be complete by the end of the month.
3. **Zobrio Accounting Software Implementation & Access for Supervisors Update:** Beeler reported that the Treasurer's office has been happy with the training provided by Andrew Hubbard from Zobrio, and they will start training on the Zobrio Human Resources module after March 1st, 2016. Beeler also reported that the committee received a new invoice from Zobrio for next year's maintenance and they are currently negotiating the price.
4. **County Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance Update:** Beeler stated that the information was sent over to the State's Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance for the Hotel/Motel Tax.
5. **Mileage Reimbursement Approval:** Beeler stated that the Committee discussed the revised IRS mileage rate of \$.54 per mile that became effective January 1st, 2016 and recommends lowering it. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to change the mileage reimbursement to \$.54 per mile effective Wednesday, January 13th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel ID # 03-28-205-006 in Pitman Township to the Village of Waggoner Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Young to convey deed 03-28-205-006 in Pitman Township to the Village of Waggoner. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 77).
7. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel ID # 13-06-286-011 in Witt Township to Elizabeth Watkins Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to convey deed 13-06-286-011 in Witt Township to Elizabeth Watkins. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 78).
8. **Tom Day Invoices for Copy Maintenance Update:** Beeler reported that she will meet with Tom Day representative Dale Smith on Tuesday after the board meeting to ask questions regarding the copy machine maintenance agreements.
9. **Capital Fund (SB 87/PA 99-0019 – Senator Pamela Althoff) Update:** Beeler stated that Plunkett gave an update earlier.
10. **County Budget Public Hearing (HB 2474/PA 99-0273) Update:** Beeler stated that Plunkett gave an update earlier.
11. **Open Bids for Sheriff's Vehicles Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee received a State Bid for two Chevrolet Tahoes in the amount of \$77,580 from Roger Jennings in Hillsboro. She said there are three cars that will be traded in for a total of \$6,000 so it would leave a balance of \$71,580 to pay for the two new vehicles. **Motion by Graden and second by Beck to approve the purchase of the two Tahoes from Roger Jennings for \$71,580 with \$60,000 coming out of the Sheriff's Budget Office 80 and the balance out of one of the other Sheriff's Department funds.** Moore stated that it is a good time to stop spending now because this is coal money. Gasparich stated that he made the motion to recommend the purchase for the Tahoes and accept the trade-ins in the Finance Committee because the three Crown Victoria cars will soon start racking up expensive repairs and that we will eventually buy new vehicles anyway. Miles asked how many miles the trade in vehicles have on them and Robbins replied that they have approximately 81,000 to 90,000 miles on them. Miles said that one of the Crown Victorias is currently in use, one is in the shop with mechanical problems, and one not in use. Beeler stated that the maintenance warranty on these vehicles has reduced from 100,000 miles to 50,000 miles. Robbins stated that the police cars last about three years or 80,000 miles before repairs and mechanical issues start and he added that the 2012 Chevy Tahoe has about 95,000 miles on it with very little maintenance and that we could get 1 or 2 more years out of it. Robbins also stated that he understands the gloom and doom of the financial situation, but he wants the deputies to be as safe as possible to assist our citizens. Beeler stated that she is not

comfortable with purchasing these two vehicles now and added that we are one month into a new budget year and we have no idea where the money is going to come from to replace the coal revenues. Miles stated that he used to deal in used squad vehicles and a vehicle with 80,000 mileage was considered low mileage. Miles said that he doesn't know why the current vehicles won't run longer. Sneed asked about the total number of vehicles in the Sheriff's department and Robbins replied that all the deputies have a vehicle to drive and they currently have two spare vehicles. Robbins said the two spare vehicles are 2009 and 2010 Explorers with 80,000 to 130,000 miles on them. Gasparich stated that sometimes you have to spend money to save money and that the prices may go up for 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe models and the trade ins may not be taken. Beeler stated that it is time to start thinking differently and time to look at a different option of vehicle because Tahoes are going up in price. Graden called for the question. **ROLL Call Vote: Voting Yes - 11, Voting No - 9. Absent - 1. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Richard Wendel. Those voting No: Megan Beeler, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Evan Young. Those absent: Nikki Bishop. Motion carried.**

12. **UCCI Opinion Concerning Unknown Parcels Title Search Update:** Beeler stated that there is a handout in everyone's packet from UCCI regarding their Legal Opinion concerning the parcels with unknown owners.

13. **Other Business Update:** Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that she has now turned over all the felony cases to the Illinois State Comptroller's Office for possible reimbursement to the county through their free State Income Tax Refund program.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that there was a large attendance of people who attended their last committee meeting regarding the draft of the animal control ordinance. She stated that it was a nice meeting and they learned a lot about breeders and hunting dogs. Beck said that copies of the proposed animal control ordinance are now not going to be used and can be recycled and that the committee will instead draft an ordinance that mirrors the state ordinance for animal control. She stated that the HWE committee will be having a special meeting with a few of the visitors who volunteered to work with the committee on the ordinance. Chairman Hertel stated that we are hoping to present the new ordinance in March or April and he added that with the new year underway, all pet owners should check to make sure their animals are up to date on their rabies shots. He also said that according to state law these pets must also obtain a registration tag with the county and that if all pet owners would comply, it would help fully fund the animal control program.

2. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Local 148 Union – Circuit Clerk's Office Negotiations Update:** Bathurst stated that a mediation meeting has been set on Monday, February 1st at 6:00 pm with members of Local 148.

2. **Local 773 Pension Update:** Bathurst stated that a grievance was dropped by members of Local 773 regarding payments to the pension fund. Bathurst also reported that a meeting was held with some local 773 employees and the pension group representatives to discuss overpayments made from October, 2012 through December, 2014. She said that the pension fund will be sending a refund to the county and the employees for which taxes will have to be withheld because it was sent to the pension fund pre-taxed.

3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

Executive Session for Reviewing Executive Session Minutes, Personnel /Approval:

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Bathurst and second by Martin to review executive session minutes. Time 10:55 am.

Motion by Young and second by Bathurst to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 11:02 am.

Motion by Plunkett and second by Wendel to open the minutes from 5/13/14, to leave the minutes from 4/2/14, 4/8/14, 7/2/14, 7/8/14, and 1/12/15 pending until the next review for all others listed to be Forever Sealed. All in favor, motion carried. (For full list of Executive Session minutes reviewed, see Resolution Book 15, page 79).

APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Robinson and second by Gasparich to approve the 8 Committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel reminded members about the AED Training – January 14th and encouraged them to sign up with EMA Director Holmes, and also reminded members about the Farm Bureau Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 7:00 am before the board meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: Tony Marcolini was appointed to the Planning Commission earlier in this meeting as part of the Economic Development report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder stated that on the budget issue board members should ask themselves what if there wasn't a coal mine and find ways how the county would provide services. He asked if we can go back to the budget before the coal mine came here. Chairman Hertel stated that we need to evaluate the situation and these times are different now because the State has cut funding to the local governments, plus revenues were better then. Hertel added that Circuit Clerk revenue, income tax and sales tax has stayed the same and coal money was used to bridge the gap. Hertel also stated that we must have businesses to sustain and generate revenues and we must factor in what is happening on the Federal level also. Hertel also stated that we have a few more programs that the public wanted that cost us some money. Young stated that the cost of employee health insurance has doubled over the past few years.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Bathurst and second by Young to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 18, Against – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Sneed and second by Young to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Gasparich and second by Moore to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:34 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young.

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop, Mike Webb

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Health Department Director Hugh Satterlee.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Robinson and second by Martin to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of prior meeting's approval: Motion by Bathurst and second by Graden to approve the Minutes of the January 12th, 2016 full board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Young and second by Wendel to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that her office is open for early voting for the March 15th, 2016 General Primary Election.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions. Chairman Hertel thanked Satterlee for hosting the Hazardous Mitigation meetings.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi's report was submitted. Undersheriff Robbins was present and stated that the renovations at the new communications tower are now complete except for removing some of the unused equipment. He stated that they will remove the older equipment when weather permits. Robbins also reported that communications are going smoothly at this time.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions and he reported that the county recently received a tentative multiplier of 1.000 from the state Department of Revenue.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin – report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb was absent.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that there was nothing to report.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there was nothing to report.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there was nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Plunkett stated that board members should take a look at the IACBM *Counties at the Capital* Report for new Legislation regarding personnel public hearings approving collective bargaining agreements. Chairman Hertel stated that issues regarding compensation for jurors are also being addressed legislatively, which will help some of the downstate counties.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the MCEDC Board met last week and has approved a request for proposal for broadband and they have also completed their strategic planning. Hopper also reported that the MCEDC annual meeting has been scheduled for April 5th, 2016 at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that EJ Water Cooperative has worked to cut down on water leaks within the Water Company territory and said that 96% of the water is sold which with the higher volume means lower customer water rates. Deabenderfer also stated that MCWC is looking to partner with the city of Witt for additional water services.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they met and there was no quorum.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they also talked about the Jury compensation problem at a recent UCCI meeting.
- **U of I** – Young stated that there is nothing to report.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will meet on the February 18th, 2016.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that they just finished the third quarter and there are 46 members participating at Fusion Fitness and Aquatics in Hillsboro and there are six members at Snap Fitness in Litchfield.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he doesn't have an update because he hasn't talked to anyone at the coal mine in the past few weeks.
2. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update:** Chairman Hertel reported that we were the second county to file a law suit against the state for monies owned and other counties have now begun to file as well. Hertel reported that we have now gotten payments from July through December for the SOA, State's Attorney and Public Defender salary reimbursement. State's Attorney Matoush stated that we did not have to go to judgement. Hertel stated that we are not dropping the law suit and that the EPA and EMA state grants have not been paid.
3. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he would like permission to write a letter to Senator Manar and Representative Bourne regarding the provision to return the jury size to its former size and compensation. Hertel reported that he talked to Senator Manar to sponsor a bill to allow a \$30 charge for all pleadings in court except for traffic cases, which would allow the county to collect money towards renovations at the courthouse complex. He said that the fee would be set aside to help replace the roof or whatever needs to be done. Chairman Hertel asked board members to talk to Senator Manar to sponsor the bill. Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that the current legislation is for new construction and that this bill will also include renovation. Gasparich asked if we are going to take another look at the 911 legislation and how we charge for 911 lines. Chairman Hertel stated that we know that the new law cut the fee to \$.85 for cell phones and land lines and for some counties that is an increase, even though for us it is a decrease. He said that this fee is mandated state wide and said that in 1992 we voted to pass on a \$2.00 fee for every land line and that this new legislation surpasses everything this county passed. He said that with the lower fees we will not be able to financially support 911. Gasparich stated that he has a problem with what the state changed pertaining to fees that can be collected on phone bills to support 911 services. Chairman Hertel said he recently talked with a state police official who said they did not want to be in charge of 911 dispatching and that he is waiting for the first check.

Undersheriff Robbins stated that a representative from the Sheriff's office has been to meetings and also said that the state keeps saying that they don't know how they are going to make this happen. Robbins said that one big problem is that each county does it differently and the legislation is not clean and has conflicting ideas of how this will work.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **2016 Rock Letting Approval:** Miles stated that the Committee reviewed the bids that were submitted for the Township and County rock letting and is recommending the low bid. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the low bid on the County and Township rock letting. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Above-ground Fuel Tanks Update:** Miles stated that the new fuel tanks are fully functional and other departments have been getting fuel from them.
3. **Resolution 2016-01: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1130 B-CA, Oconee Blacktop, 100% County Project Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed the resolution to appropriate funds for a bridge project on the Oconee Blacktop and the amount is \$4,800 for the county portion. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to appropriate funds for the 1130 B-CA Oconee Blacktop. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 80-81).**
4. **2016 Oil Letting Update:** Miles stated that the 2016 Oil Letting will be held on April 6th, 2016 at 8:30 am at the Highway Department.
5. **New Equipment Purchase Update:** Miles stated that Engineer Smith has been searching for cost estimates for the purchase of a new tandem truck with a bed and that would include a trade in. Miles also stated that the cost will be less than what was discussed at the last meeting.
6. **County Engineer Update:** Miles stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation sent a letter of approval and recommendation to rehire County Engineer Kevin Smith. Miles reported that the committee will set up a special meeting to discuss and negotiate a six year agreement with Smith.
7. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Resolution #01-2016 for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed and recommends the Resolution for several offices to participate in the Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. **Motion by Sneed and second by Gasparich to approve Resolution #01-2016 for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pg. 82).**
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that they had to purchase ice melt because of the weather conditions this past week and that there are no other maintenance issues to report at this time.
3. **Annex Building Project Update:** Sneed stated that the project at the Annex Building will begin when the weather permits.
4. **Elevator Proposals Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee agreed to accept the three year maintenance plus program with Schindler Elevator Company. Graden stated that Schindler offered the best deal for the maintenance plus program which includes adjustments and parts, not just lubrication. Sneed reported that Otis Elevator's proposal didn't cover full maintenance of the Schindler Elevator. Deabenderfer asked about the third party inspection and Sneed reported that it is included in the agreement and will be scheduled with Schindler. Hampton+Knodle asked if there were any issues regarding the response time to fix the elevators and Sneed replied that Schindler has been responsive and good to work with. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to approve the three year maintenance plus agreement with Schindler Elevators in the amount of \$7,824 per year. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Other Business Update:** Sneed thanked Gasparich for bringing a public address speaker for the board room to provide better sound at the board meetings.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hampton+Knodle said that the MCEDC board will vote on a Fiber RFP at their upcoming MCEDC board meeting. She said they are revisiting a Fabrication lab at U of I and looking at possibly doing a mobile lab in our county. Hampton+Knodle suggested that the County Board tour it at the June or July full board meeting. She stated that MCEDC is still seeking a grant writer, and they have recently inquired with the Economic Development Administration about grants in coal mining communities and hopefully will be able to do a grant together with West Central. MCEDC representative Shalter was present, and Beeler asked him about another Summit and he replied that he would look into it, since the last Summit was held in October 2014. Shalter announced a town hall meeting in Nokomis on February 29th about downtown revitalization and community development for that municipality.
2. **Incentives Update:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the RLF Board met in January and that all payments are being made.
 - **Abatement for C & C Heating and Cooling** – Hampton+Knodle reported that all the taxing authorities have approved a four year general abatement for C & C Heating and Cooling of Nokomis.
 - **Enterprise Zone** – Hampton+Knodle stated the engineering firm estimated our cost at \$10,400 to have our EZ legal description re-written for the addition of territory. She reported that she contacted the DCEO legal department and has written approval from the State to submit an EZ territorial amendment that will include the map and previous legal description that was approved by the Enterprise Zone board in 2015. Hampton+Knodle stated that we have to conduct a public hearing, but we can move forward with the existing map. She said that as of our last meeting we didn't think we could work with our new maps and legal description and due to the conversation she had with the State of IL DCEO representative she is pleased that we can move forward with the new maps and existing legal descriptions.
 - **EZ Mayors meeting:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the EZ Mayors meeting will be re-scheduled.
3. **Planning Update:**
 - **Planning Commission** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there was no quorum and they will need to have a special meeting to elect new officers.
4. **Infrastructure Update:**
 - **Incumbent Provider Updates:** Hampton+Knodle stated this project is on hold. Beeler shared that local Facebook networks have daily remarks and questions about service providers.
 - **Fiber RFP** – Hampton+Knodle stated there is confirmed interest to branch out fiber and that the MCEDC has approved an RFP to bid out the fiber project.
 - **Eagle Zinc** – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Corps of Engineers has sent a letter out asking for bids on the construction work for the second phase of the clean-up at Eagle Zinc in Hillsboro.
5. **Tourism Update**
 - **Tourism South** – Hampton+Knodle stated that the new Tourism South publication is out and they are planning to come to our county to visit the museums.
6. **Workforce Update:**
 - **West Central Development** – Hampton+Knodle stated we received the CEDS document and that the committee will review it and comment on it at their next meeting.
 - **CEO Program** – Hampton+Knodle stated the students have sold over 400 tickets for the Brushville band concert scheduled for February 27th, 2016 and more tickets are available at local banks or online at www.brushvilleconcert.com. She also reported that the CEO Tradeshow is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the LLCC auditorium and that applications from new students are due on February 29th, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year. She stated that there are six students in Litchfield interested and board members were asked to encourage students

to apply in the school districts in which they live. Hampton+Knodle stated that she hasn't touched base with all the guidance counselors yet and that home schooled families have also been notified.

7. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel asked Hampton+Knodle if they were doing anything with the displaced coal miners and she replied that Shalter spoke with a West Central Development Council representative who reported that they have made contact with the displaced coal miners. Hampton+Knodle stated that they are checking into the WARN process and that the workers weren't officially notified about the layoff and that the MCEDC might be able to assist them. Chairman Hertel stated that he would like for Shalter to call West Central and make sure they are doing something to help the displaced coal miners. Shalter stated that he talked with West Central Director Mike Sherer about contacting different groups and businesses to see what may be available for the displaced coal miners. Shalter estimated that about one half of the 50 – 60 displaced workers are looking for jobs. Hampton+Knodle stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has responded to her concerns regarding the coal dust complaint from a constituent, however the IL EPA has not responded.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

Ambulance Call Reports: Collections: Savage reported that collections continue in routine fashion.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Ambulance Contracts Update:** Savage reported that all of the five contracts have been received and that the committee will take action next month.

EMA:

1. **Mitigation Planning Update:** Savage stated the mitigation meeting was well attended and Chairman Hertel thanked him for all his hard work and that the meetings have been well attended.
2. **CPR/AED Completed Update:** Savage stated that many employees including board member Graden attended the CPR/AED class that was held in the county board room. Graden stated that the major change in the training was not to take a pulse first, but to go right to the chest with heart massage. Graden also stated that the instructors for this training were very good.
3. **Radio License Renewed Update:** Savage stated that the radio license was renewed again with no extra charge.
4. **Panic Alarms Update:** Savage stated the panic alarms have been checked and the alarm panel for the Courthouse Complex should be here next week.
5. **Next EMA Meeting to be held on February 29th Update:** Savage stated that the next EMA meeting will be held on February 29th, 2016.
6. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he appreciates everyone attending the Hazardous Mitigation meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Raising Fees for Court Security Update:** Beeler reported that Undersheriff Robbins addressed the committee regarding the current Court Security fee of \$25 and said that this can't be increased unless there is a cost study. She said that these fees help fund Court Security related items and salaries and stated that the committee is looking at options about who can perform the cost study.
2. **Sheriff Vehicles Update:** Beeler stated that the Sheriff's Department will rebid the two vehicles the board voted on last month because they were not comfortable with the close vote that approved the first bid. She said they are now looking at Ford Explorer Interceptors and the bid will include trading in the three older vehicles, and the bids will be opened next month.
3. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler stated that there is nothing new to report that hasn't already been announced.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler reviewed the information regarding the Coal Royalty summary report prepared by Treasurer Jenkins from 2011 to 2015. She read some of the financial numbers and asked board members to watch this closely or all the coal reserves will be spent quickly. She said that the committee reviewed the monthly coal revenue and expense reports and a new report showing the 2% royalty summary on where the coal revenues were spent. Beeler stated that we received about \$17,000 in coal royalties for the month of January and some

coal money was spent last month for the fuel pumps at the Highway Department and the ADA handicap parking spot at the animal control facility.

5. **New Wave Phone and Internet Implementation Update:** Beeler reported that there were a few issues with the transition to New Wave for the phone and internet conversion, however, the company has excellent response time and she reminded the board that this change in service will save about \$2,000 per month.
6. **Zobrio Accounting Software Implementation & Access for Supervisors Update:** Beeler reported the Treasurer's office has made it through payroll reporting season with the new Zobrio Software and it has been working OK. She said that the Treasurer's office will start training and working with the Human Resource component in March.
7. **County Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance Update:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed a Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance for establishments in the rural areas of the county and said this money will support the membership in Tourism South. Beeler stated that the board will have 30 days to review the Ordinance and will vote on it next month. She said there are two hotels and one Bed and Breakfast hunting establishment south of town that will be impacted by the new tax, and Bergen asked if these hotels were notified about this tax and how they felt about its implementation. Beeler replied that they have not been notified to date.
8. **FY 2016-2017 Budget Discussions – Letter to All Department Heads and Elected Officials Approval:** Beeler stated that the Finance committee talked about amending the budget at length in their last meeting and said that there is a \$1 million shortfall with no coal revenues due to the mine closure. Beeler reported that she sent a memo to office holders to invite them to the Finance committee meeting to talk about the budget and that they wanted to look at all possible "things" to cut and not "people." Beeler explained that the margins in the budgets are already tight and there is no fluff and stated that the department heads were willing to cut more things like training and mileage and that maybe we can go through their budgets again line by line without getting into positions. Beeler reported that she contacted Assistant State's Attorney Wilson to look at case law in order to amend the budget and she learned that for it to pass, we need to have 2/3rds of the board to vote in favor of it. Beeler also stated that we have to have a sufficient decrease in revenue and feels that the \$1 million loss in revenue should be a significant amount. She said that the committee spoke with the SOA, Information Systems and EMA/Ambulance Offices and Plunkett suggested sending out another memo asking departments to amend their budgets which the Finance committee will review at their March meeting so they can then bring it back to the full board in March. Chairman Hertel stated that we should vote today so we can see where the board stands on doing this so we will know whether there will be a 2/3 vote to amend. Deabenderfer stated that the budget was already passed and office holders will not spend the money if they don't have to and that he has been told that we can't budget coal royalty money because it is not reliable. Deabenderfer stated that he wants to stay with the current budget and not upset the employees and that we have \$6 million in the bank. He feels that instead we should take a harder look with the upcoming budget for FY 2017. Beeler stated that by amending the budget now it gives the office holders a chance to do this themselves before cutting employee salaries. Beeler stated that the office holders need to look if they need items like training etc. in their budget. Deabenderfer stated that this is our job to do this and when push comes to shove, the board makes the decisions and we shouldn't put the responsibility on the shoulders of the employees. Chairman Hertel said that as an ex elected county official, he would have appreciated the board asking him to see where things can be cut before they cut his employees. Chairman Hertel stated that there are only two offices that do not have unions and in the other offices staff would have to be cut by seniority. Hampton+Knodle stated that at the January meeting the board received a copy of the fund balances of the accounts that the Treasurer's Office holds and asked about the replenishment rates. Beeler stated that some offices have an automation fund where only the Office Holder can spend those funds for specific purposes. She said that the County Board's role would be much of the special funds are received by the office holder for their budget. Gasparich stated that some of the money in the budget is not spent anyway and that he is opposed to amending the budget. Beeler stated that due to the fact this will be a lot of work to amend the budget she would like to know whether we have the 2/3rds vote before they proceed. She also stated if we don't amend this budget right now and don't find every little penny the cuts will hurt a lot more next year.

Plunkett stated that what the Finance committee has already asked Office Holders to cut their budgets for the past three years and this would be the last chance for them to say what they can live without. From there, the board will have to say this is the gap and the buck stops here and office holders will be told what their budget needs to be. Bergen stated that the Finance committee already went through the budget with a fine tooth comb and he wonders if this will accomplish anything. Beeler said she has looked at the budgets over the past few years where money hasn't been spent so she wonders if it is needed to be in the budget. Moore stated that he just got on the Finance Committee and said that we asked office holders to cut for the past three years and this is their last chance. Moore said they better find it this time or the board will find the money that will need to be cut for them. Beeler stated that this will give them the chance to say what can be cut. Bathurst stated that with the coal mine money gone, we should all have a whole different frame of mind regarding cuts. Deabenderfer stated that there were things we could do because we had the coal money and now we need to look at selling the recycling program and decrease funding for MCEDC because we haven't received a lot of economic development since its inception. Chairman Hertel replied that recycling cuts are being talked about and everything is on the table. Plunkett stated that this will be a long process and there will be disagreements, however everyone agrees that the last thing to go should be jobs and our entire goal is to get rid of everything we can before we get rid of people. Chairman Hertel stated that a budget could be cut now by not replacing an employee who leaves. Martin said that we are doing what we knew we were going to need to do anyway, and we might as well get it over with. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to pursue amending the budget according to ILCS 55 5/6 – 1002 and 1003 pending review by the State's Attorney's Office due to the fact that our anticipated revenues have been reduced by approximately \$900,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 17, No: 2, Absent: 2. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Those voting No: Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich. Those Absent: Nikki Bishop, Mike Webb. Motion carried.** Plunkett asked if we still need a 2/3 vote once the budget is amended to pass it. County Clerk Leitheiser asked if we will need a Resolution and not just a vote to amend the budget, and stated that we had a resolution in the past to amend the budget to increase it. Deabenderfer asked for someone to research if coal royalties can be included in the budget.

9. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel ID # 18-23-462-003 in Fillmore Township to Richard P. Roth Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the resolution to convey the deed to parcel ID 18-23-462-003 in Fillmore Township to Richard P. Roth. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 85).

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Election Update:** Leitheiser thanked her staff for making sure they were open at 8:00 am yesterday for Early Voting and thanked board members for the space in the basement in order to conduct Early Voting. Leitheiser reported that the General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016, and in addition to Democrat and Republican ballots, there is a Non-partisan ballot for voting on the school referendum.
 2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that we haven't heard about the IL EPA state grant yet to reimburse for Gonet's salary and other expenses.
 3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that the Electronics Recycling drive will be held on April 9th, 2016 at the Hillsboro facility and \$20 will be collected by BLH for TV's. Chairman Hertel stated that we are trying to find other revenue resources for recycling.
 4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that the State's Attorney's Office is working on the animal control ordinance and it will be presented at a future meeting. Beck also reported that the staff is doing a good job getting the animals adopted and out to rescues.
- Other Business Update:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Local 148 Union – Circuit Clerk’s Office Negotiations Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee met with representatives from Local 148 and a mediator at a special meeting that was held on Monday, February 1st where they all came to the same terms that we agreed to from the prior meeting. Bathurst reported that any increases in health insurance will be split 50% by the county and 50% by the employee after 2016. The wage increase is \$.30 per hour for the first year and \$.25 per hour for the second and third years of the contract. Bathurst stated that the pay will be retroactive for the first six days of the contract due to the timing of their last meeting. Hampton+Knodle asked about the total annual impact of the salary increases to the budget and Chairman Hertel stated that it will be about \$4,368 for the first year and \$3,822 for years two and three. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Plunkett to approve the three year union contract with Local 148. Beeler and Hampton+Knodle voice voted NO. All others vote yes. Motion carried.**
2. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Bathurst reported that Shannon Hall of Scheller Insurance attended the committee meeting and gave an update on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance plan. Hall told the committee that other companies are receiving a 3% to 7% increase in health insurance premiums and that we should not get a premium increase that is higher than 10%.
3. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Update:** Bathurst stated that the Treasurer’s Office will receive training on the Zobrio Human Resource module in March.
4. **New Business Update:** None at this time.

APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to approve the 8 Committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Invitation to Farm Bureau Breakfast on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 7:00 am before the board meeting.** Hertel informed members of this invitation and thanked the Farm Bureau for their hospitality in inviting board members to this breakfast next month.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Motion by Hopper and second by Marten to appoint Amy Patton to the Montgomery County Housing Authority with a term to expire June 30, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder encouraged all board members to attend the IDNR meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the County Board room regarding the Deer Run Coal Mine’s pending permit request.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Gasparich and second by Miles to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. **Voice Vote: In favor – 17, Against – 0, Absent – 2 , Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Marten and second by Graden to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Beck to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Before calling the meeting to order, Chairman Hertel introduced State Senator Andy Manar and State Senator Tom Cullerton of DuPage County who has been adopted by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Senator Manar stated that as the past County Board Chairman of Macoupin County, he understands the importance of protecting local government distributive funds. Senator Manar also stated that some of the big issues and daily discussions in Springfield now involve dealing with how to address the school funding problems. Plunkett thanked Senator Manar for his work and legislation regarding school funding reform. Senators Manar and Cullerton thanked the Farm Bureau for the breakfast meeting earlier this morning. Senator Cullerton shared some of the issues that are facing his district and he stated that Senator Manar has been in his district to visit many of the school districts there to explain the proposed school funding legislation. Senator Cullerton also stated that he supports legislation to make motor fuel tax appropriations to be funded on a regular basis so it is not held as hostage while people vote for other issues. Chairman Hertel also thanked the Farm Bureau for breakfast meeting and stated it was enjoyable.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:50 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by General William Cobetto – Chairman Hertel invited Retired General William Cobetto to share some of his experiences while serving in the Illinois National Guard. Cobetto stated that he joined in the National Guard in the 1980's and prior to that he served as one of the youngest members on the County Board. Cobetto reported that there are about 13,000 soldiers serving in the National Guard and the Air National Guard in the State of Illinois. Cobetto stated that through his National Guard service he has enjoyed working with programs such as Illinois Lincoln's Challenge which works with students who have dropped out of high school and the Partnership for Peace program. Chairman Hertel presented Cobetto with a plaque in appreciation of his 31 years of service to the State of Illinois and to the citizens of Montgomery County.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Bishop and second by Young to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Wendel and second by Marten to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions and she stated that she is working with the Sheriff's department on getting the e-citation program going in the near future. Lemons also reported that we have received a total of \$9,800.10 from the State Comptroller's Office for unpaid fines and fees to date.

3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that there have been about 800 early and absentee voters so far, with the March 15th, 2016 Primary Election one week away.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted. Marchelle Kassebaum was present for questions.
10. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin's report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkin - **report** was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt - report was submitted.

APPROVAL OF 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Webb and second by Beeler to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried. Beeler questioned that the Consent Agenda is lengthy to read, and requested that it be provided in a more readable and concise format. Coordinator Daniels said that she will look into this request.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that they will meet on the third Tuesday next month.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that the Golden Circle Program held a recent fundraiser at the Litchfield bowling alley and reported that about \$5,000 was raised, so Golden Circle lunches will continue five days a week rather than be cut back.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the annual dinner meeting has been scheduled for April 5th, 2016, and all members are invited.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that he couldn't attend the last meeting.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they are scheduled to meet on March 29th, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a short meeting and will meet again next week.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that they met last night and that Strowmatt was recently able to recover life insurance benefits for a World War II Veteran's widow, which is an example of his exemplary service.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that he couldn't attend the last meeting.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that she will give an update during the Personnel Committee report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has made a few phone calls and doesn't have anything new to report at this time.
2. **Letter sent regarding Jury Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel reported that he has sent a letter to Senator Manar and Representative Bourne regarding the Jury Fee legislation and other recent legislative changes that could be costly to the county.
3. **SB 2503 Judicial Facility Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that SB 2503 has been introduced to get funding from certain criminal cases that would be deposited into a fund and solely used for the renovation or upkeep of that building for expenses like a new roof. He said that this would also allow funds to upgrade court facilities to meet ADA compliance. Hertel stated that the replacement of the roof at the Courthouse Complex would cost about \$200,000 and that the windows and carpet also need to be replaced. He explained that if we do not get this Senate bill passed to pay for the funding, the repairs and updates to the Courthouse Complex would have to come from the general fund and property taxes to pay off bonds.
4. **Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day/Week in Montgomery County Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser read the Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day/Week in Montgomery County which is March 13 – 19. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Beeler to approve the Proclamation to Commemorate Agriculture Day / Week in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of this Proclamation, see Resolution Book 15, page 86.)**
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **New Equipment Truck Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed the bids that were submitted for the new truck chassis and bed liner purchase. He said that the committee approved the low bid from Decatur Mack for the truck in the amount of \$35,975 with a trade in of \$55,000 and the bid from Koenig in the amount of \$43,864 for a total of \$79,839. Miles stated that both truck bids met the specs and would allow us to attach a plow. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to purchase the truck from Decatur Mack in the amount of \$35,975 and the dump body from Koenig in the amount of \$43,864 for a grand total of \$79,839.** Hampton+Knodle asked how this truck will be paid for and Smith replied that there is \$328,000 in the equipment fund, which is not general fund that will be used for payment. Hampton+Knodle asked where these funds are generated and Smith replied that they are from the motor fuel tax funds (MFT). Smith also stated that this is a bigger truck and the cost came in cheaper than the last truck purchased, and added that the purchase of the bed includes the installation and wiring. **Roll Call Vote. 21 Members voted yes, 0 Members no. Those voting yes were Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. All in favor, Motion carried.**
2. **Assisting Villages Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Smith was approached by the mayor of Taylor Springs regarding some help designing a bridge by the old smelter lake. Smith stated that municipalities ask him questions and he tries to assist them, however in this case he was asked for additional work that is not covered by the county. Miles said that the committee decided not to pursue assisting Taylor Springs in this manner and that Engineer Smith just gave his informal opinion about the structure.
3. **CH-17, West of Farmersville Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed an area in Farmersville where they did some tile work in a ditch so that it can be mowed easier. Miles stated that the area has been checked and there are no drainage issues at this time, however the Village of Farmersville will be asked to sign an intergovernmental agreement for them to take responsibility of this road. Miles stated that we need to work out a compromise and that the

mayor of Farmersville will attend the next Road and Bridge committee meeting. Chairman Hertel asked that the State's Attorney also attend the next meeting.

4. **P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for Taylorville Road, CH-7 Update/Approval:** Engineer Smith stated that the committee discussed doing this project in phases and said that we are now at the third and final phase. He said that the committee reviewed the PE Agreement from McDonough-Whitlow for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to recommend the P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for the Taylorville Road, CH-7 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Roll Call Vote: 21 Voting Yes, 0 Voting No. Voting yes was Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Oil Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Smith has drafted some amended verbiage to be included in the oil letting specifications. The new guidelines will include a minimum load for 1,500 gallons of oil to be delivered.
6. **Resolution to re-hire the County Engineer Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the Committee discussed the procedure for renewing the County Engineer position as Engineer Smith's six year contract will expire on March 25th, 2016. He said that the committee went into closed session to discuss the Resolution to re-appoint the county highway engineer, and the outcome is to re-appoint Smith to that position. Miles said that Health Insurance and Salary Increases will be the same as it was for the past six years. **Motion by Miles second by Webb to recommend the Resolution to Re-Appoint the County Engineer for 6 years with salary increases to coincide with union employees and paid health insurance for the single plan. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 87).**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles stated that he looked at some drainage issues in Rountree Township where corn stalks were wedged in between two culverts and said his results were that the culverts are in good shape and he confirmed that it is a Township road.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that we are trying to fix everything whenever possible so that new things will not have to be purchased.
2. **Annex Building Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the paperwork has been signed for the project to proceed on the Annex Building and for the Chimney repairs on the Historic Courthouse. He said that work should start on March 15th, 2016 if weather permits.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee cut out \$42,000 or 13 percent of the FY 2016 budget which does not leave much funding if something breaks down. Chairman Hertel asked Sneed to look at a grant for replacing the outside lights at the Courthouse Complex area.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that board members received a document from MCEDC representative Will Shalter outlining the projects and programs that the MCEDC has worked on in the past ten plus years.
2. Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a call about the smell of burning coal at the coal mine and forwarded the information to the IL EPA.

3. Incentives Update/Approval:

- Revolving Loan Fund: Hampton+Knodle stated that the fund balance is \$220,000 and the committee is discussing what to do with that balance as there is not a lot of demand for the RLF right now.
- Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Enterprise Zone Mayors met and held a public hearing on March 16th at 5:15 pm regarding the EZ amendments. She said that the resolution to abate taxes has been revised to reflect the changes and needs board action. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Hopper to recommend the approval of the amendments to the Resolution to Abate Real Estate Taxes. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution #03-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 88-89).**
- Amend the Enterprise Zone Ordinance to add two units of government, (Butler & Donnellson) and to add and delete territory. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to recommend the approval to amend the EZ Ordinance to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government, and to add and delete territory. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Amend the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government and to add and delete territory. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Robinson to recommend the approval to amend the EZ Intergovernmental Agreement to add Butler and Donnellson as two units of government and to add and delete territory. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution #04-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 90-153).**

4. Planning Update/Approval:

- Planning Commission: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning commission has scheduled a meeting for March 29th, 2016 where they will be electing officers.

5. Infrastructure Update/Approval:

- Incumbent Provider Updates: Hampton+Knodle stated that she does not have any new information.
- Fiber RFP: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Imagine Hillsboro group met last week with Consolidated Communications regarding new technology on their existing fiber. Hampton+Knodle stated that there are still some issues with Consolidated and said that there wasn't a direct answer from them regarding fees to customers. She said that the deadline to submit a request for proposal for Fiber project to MCEDC is next week.
- Eagle Zinc: Hampton+Knodle stated that there is a meeting scheduled on April 7th, 2016 with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the process for the Phase II cleanup project at the site.

6. Illinois Tourism South Update/Approval: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Committee discussed renewing the membership with the Illinois Tourism South Bureau. She said that the Hotel/Motel Tax will pay for the membership and any advertising in the magazine. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Bishop to renew the membership with Illinois Tourism South in an amount not to exceed \$1,875. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. Workforce Update/Approval:

- West Central Development: Hampton+Knodle stated that we can be a member in other regions and she is researching other possibilities for the committee to discuss.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that they had a net profit of \$9,200 from the concert that was held at the high school which will be used for the student business set up. Hampton+Knodle stated that the Trade show will be held on April 26th at the LLCC Auditorium and said that students' applications were due last week for the 2017 CEO program, and 17 applications were turned in.

- 8. Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated the committee approved the \$30,000 invoice for MCEDC and pointed out that the CEO program will be paying the \$5,000 for bookkeeping services. Beeler stated that the MCEDC was told that the county funding will be different next year. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Hopper to approve the MCEDC Invoice for \$30,000. All in favor, motion carried.**

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

Ambulance Call Reports:

Collections: Savage stated the collections proceed in routine fashion. \$142,155.57 new system.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

- 1. Ambulance Agreements Update/Approval:** Savage reported that all the ambulance agreements have been submitted.
Motion by Savage and second by Graden to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried. Gasparich abstained.
Motion by Savage and second by Beck to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried. Webb abstained.
Motion by Savage and second by Hopper to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Savage and second by Bathurst to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Savage and second by Webb to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

EMA:

- 1. Weather Spotter Class March 10th Update/Approval:** Savage stated that a free weather spotter class to be taught by the National Weather Service will be held at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge on March 10th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He said that a light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Statewide Tornado Exercise Update/Approval:** Savage stated that the exercise was held and was successful.
- 3. Panic Alarm Testing Update/Approval:** Savage stated the panic alarm testing is now complete and working.
- 4. New Panic alarm panel installed Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the new monitor at the security desk in the Courthouse Complex is now in place and said that the IT department helped set this up. He said that Court Security can now hear and watch cameras in and around county buildings and parking lots. Savage also reported that if panic alarms are pulled the security desk is now notified.
- 5. Mitigation Planning Johnson, Depp, & Quisenberry Update/Approval:** Savage stated that Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry was bought out by American Environmental. He said that the new company has sent a new contract to sign for the Hazard Mitigation Plan at no added cost and that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed and approved the contract.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

- 1. Open Bids for Sheriff Vehicle Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the Sheriff's Department decided to go back out for bids on the two vehicles that were approved last month. She said that the committee received and opened two new bids for 2016 Ford Police Interceptors SUV's and is recommending the low bid from Wright Automotive in the amount of \$44,500 which includes three vehicle trade-ins. **Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the bid from Write Automotive for \$44,500 to purchase two 2016 Ford Police Interceptors SUV's.** Beeler said that the Sheriff's Office will provide \$10,000 from one of his funds to pay for the equipment transfer, and the total will be about \$54,000 with the equipment changeover and will save the General Fund about \$26,000. **Motion vote, voting yes were Bathurst, Beck,**

Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb and Wendel. Voting No were Moore and Young. Motion carried.

2. **Circuit Clerk Audit Report Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed and recommends the approval of the audit report for the Circuit Clerk's Office that was prepared by Kerber, Eck and Braeckel. Beeler commended Lemons on an excellent job as there were fewer exceptions in this audit than in years past. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to recommend the approval of the FY 2015 Circuit Clerk's Audit Report. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Durston met with Chairman Hertel, Hillsboro Superintendent David Powell and Dynege representatives Randy O'Keefe and Bob Kipp to discuss the Coffeen Power plant assessment. Beeler stated that Durston will invite a consultant to come to the next Finance committee meeting to discuss Dynege's assessment.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the coal revenue and expense reports are in everyone's packet for review.
5. **County Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance #05-2016 Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the full board received a draft of the Hotel Ordinance at last month's meeting and that action needs to be taken today. Hampton+Knodle stated that she contacted the hotels in the unincorporated areas of the County and their response was positive and they welcomed the help this could provide by getting some funding to invest in the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau. Beeler said it is estimated that there will be about \$27,000 per year revenue generated from this ordinance and it could help pay for the membership and advertising in IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Discussion:** Savage stated that he is not in favor of this new tax, and a future board would need to follow up with what we are going to use the money for and he is unsure that the businesses that pay the tax will get the benefit of the tax. Beeler stated that the revenue has to be spent on tourism and promotion of tourism. Savage asked if this is specific enough. Bathurst stated that the funds will come from those who travel and stay at the Hotel/Motel, not the business themselves and will be added on to those who stay there. Sneed asked who will be in charge of spending the additional revenue received through the Hotel/Motel Tax, and Chairman Hertel said the Economic Development Committee will be in charge of properly spending the funds under the County Board authority. **Voting No – Savage, Abstaining – Graden. All others voted yes, motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance #-05-2016, see Resolution Book 15, pages 154-156).**
6. **FY 2016-2017 Budget Amendment –Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed and discussed the revised budgets that were submitted by the Office Holders and thanked them for once again for making cuts to their budgets. She said that the office holders' cuts were \$163,696 to the general fund expenses and other non-general fund accounts were increased to remove some expenses from the general fund. Beeler also explained that the coal royalty fund #375 was reduced by \$525,696 and reported that at the end of FY 2016 the short fall in the general fund will be \$934,365 and that we have already transferred \$1 million out of the coal money. Beeler added that even with making cuts, the money will go very quickly and that we will spend \$1.9 million of the reserve. Deabenderfer stated that he doesn't think that the coal royalties should be included in this number. Gasparich stated that we need to look at reducing insurance costs and offering early severance to county employees. Plunkett stated that these are cuts in budgets and not cuts in spending and that we will know from the audit what we need to cut. Chairman Hertel stated that \$1 million in the budget is coal money and there is not any other source of income so we are still a million dollars in the red. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to amend the FY 2016 budget to reflect the changes on the revenue and expense change sheets as presented on March 8th, 2016. Roll Call Vote: 21 Members**

voted yes, none no. Motion carried. (For copy of Amendments to FY 2016 Budget, see Resolution Book 15, pages 157-163).

7. **Schedule FY 2017 Budget Hearing Dates Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the FY 2017 budget hearings have been scheduled for Monday, July 18th, Tuesday, July 19th and Thursday, July 21st starting at 8:30 am each day. She said that the meetings will again be held in the county board room.
8. **FKG Oil added to the Pre-Paid Vendor List Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the revised Pre-Paid Vendor List that includes FKG Oil Invoices for fuel purchases at Moto Mart. She said that since fuel prices have been cheaper, it is more cost effective for the Sheriff's Department to get fuel at Moto Mart than at the Highway Department. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve adding FKG Oil to the Pre-Paid Vendor List. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 15, pages 164-165).**
9. **County Board Structure Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that there are no further updates at this time.
10. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that we have not received any money from the State of Illinois on the EPA grant that pays for county EPA inspector Bill Gonet's salary.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that an Electronics Recycling Drive has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, 2016 at the Hillsboro Facility from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
3. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck stated that there are several dogs and cats at the facility that are available for adoption and reminded county residents to get their pets rabies vaccinated. Chairman Hertel stated that he and Amanda Daniels were on WSMI radio recently talking about pet owners getting rabies shots for their pets as it helps fund the animal control program and these fees also help to spay and neuter animals for low income pet owners.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee heard a presentation from Snedeker Risk Management regarding their employee health insurance program and said that we are waiting on a renewal quote from our current provider Blue Cross Blue Shield.
2. **Wellness Committee Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that with budget issues going on, the committee made some decisions regarding the funding of the wellness program that costs the county about \$12,000 to subsidize. Bathurst explained that the County will no longer subsidize the memberships after this fiscal year, however will still take out the monthly payroll deductions for the employees. Bathurst stated that the Fusion Fitness contract timeframe is from April 1 to March 30 each year and that they are on board with the changes. Bathurst reported that the minimum requirements to participate in the program will go away and she hopes that employees will still continue in the wellness program after November 30th, 2016. She said that there are currently about 45 to 50 employees participating in the program. Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative Shannon Hall was in attendance and stated that there is a program with BCBS where the employee can pay \$25 per month to join Fusion which is a better deal for the single employee health insurance plan.
3. **Local 773 Pension Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that a letter has been sent to the Pension Fund and that we are waiting on the reimbursement from them.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Young and second by Gasparich to approve the 8 Committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Motion by Miles and second by Savage to appoint Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to expire April 30th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder asked about the status of the Animal Control ordinance and HWE Committee Chairperson Beck replied that the committee is still working on it. Chairman Hertel stated that it might be ready for review in May or June. Schroeder also inquired about funds that are held by different county offices and Hertel replied that they are audited. Beeler stated that these funds will be given more attention in the audit because they grew over the years and they will be watched by the County Board.

Citizen Mary McKenzie addressed the county board regarding an issue with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the state salt trucks on her Montgomery County property.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Plunkett and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Webb and second by Bishop to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Moore and second by Miles to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Member Absent: Earlene Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mary Bathurst.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. Hopper voted No, all other members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Webb and second by Bishop to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reported that her office has begun digitizing land records from prior to 1991 so these records will be available online along with the land records from 1991 to current. Leitheiser stated that the county gains about \$1,300 to \$1,500 in revenue each month from this service.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi report was submitted, Undersheriff Robbins was present for questions.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin – report was submitted. Chairman Hertel reported that Durbin gave her letter of resignation to go into effect at the end of April, 2016.
13. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that they will meet next Tuesday.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson was absent – No report.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that they are in the process of completing Economic Interest reports at this time and there are no new leads.

- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that they will meet in one week.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper deferred to Shalter to give the report. Shalter stated that MCEDC is seeing some progress with the broadband project and said that school superintendents are being notified about the Illinois Commerce Commission e-rate program offered to expand broadband in the schools and in the local communities. Shalter also reported that C & C Heating in Nokomis has started their building project.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that all the easement paperwork has been submitted for Phase five and that the Witt service area is up and running and providing about 10,000 gallons of water per day to MCWC customers. Deabenderfer also reported that electronic meters have been installed and a meeting was held recently with Village of Panama officials to discuss potential water sales.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will have a meeting on April 20th, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that there will be an open house in May.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that UCCI discussed the size of County Boards, per diem and when County Board members’ salaries and per diem can be changed, and members should receive information about this topic soon.
- **U of I** – Young deferred to U of I Director Amanda Cole, who shared a handout on the county demographic statistics and reminded the board about the approaching 2020 census. She stated that we need to stay above 30,000 in population for various funding levels. Cole also gave an update on the current Extension office programs and she stated that she will try and schedule the U of I Extension Fab Lab for their review at the July meeting.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will be meeting on April 21st, 2016.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that she will give this update during the Personnel Committee report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **CIPT/CEFS Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement to Approve Transportation Services Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that the committee will review the Ordinance and Intergovernmental agreement at their next meeting.
2. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
3. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
4. **Juror Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that we are working with UCCI and the Illinois Association of County Officials to get the juror fees back to where they were before through legislation. He said that Circuit Clerk Lemons just had a four day trial that cost \$4,125 and it would have cost \$1,906 before the changes.
5. **SB 2503 Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that Senate bill 2503 has been assigned to the Judicial Sub-Committee at this time.
6. **Coal Severance Tax Resolution Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that the Coordinating Committee is reviewing a coal severance tax resolution and they recently heard a presentation regarding this issue.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that U of I Extension Office did a great job of providing customer service training for employees a few years ago so he asked Personnel Chairman Bathurst to check into the availability of offering another program for new employees. Hertel also stated that we received a nice letter from the Village of Donnellson thanking him and Coordinator Daniels for attending their last village board meeting regarding

the Enterprise Zone. Hertel also stated that he received a thank you letter from General William Cobetto for honoring him at the County Board meeting last month.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Update/Approval 2016 Oil Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee opened and reviewed bids submitted for the oil letting for the Road Districts and the County and bids were received from Litchfield Bituminous Corporation, Louis Marsch Inc. and JTC. Miles reported that that Highway employee Seamon tabulated the numbers and everything checked out. **Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve the low bids on the Oil Letting. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **CH-17, West of Farmersville Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the committee met with Farmersville President Tischkau and some village employees regarding the tile work they did on the county right of way. Miles reported that the committee will meet again with Farmersville to discuss this issue.
3. **Resolution #2016-02 amending Resolution 2015-07, 1124 B-CA, Seven Sisters, and Fillmore Road District Update/Approval:** This amended resolution was for a pile repair for the Fillmore Road District that had a cost increase of \$3,983.12. **Motion by Miles and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve Resolution #2016-02 to amend resolution 2015-07 to appropriate funds for 1124 B-CA on Seven Sisters in the Fillmore Road District in the amount of \$9,491.56. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 166-167).**
4. **Resolution #2016-03 to appropriate funds for 1131 B-CA, Bodner Avenue, 100% County Project Update/Approval:** This is for a culvert replacement on Bodner Avenue at a 100% cost of \$22,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve Resolution #2016-03 to appropriate funds for 1131 B-CA, Bodner Avenue a 100% county project in the amount of \$22,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 168-169).**
5. **Resolution #2016-04 to appropriate funds for 1132 B-CA, St. Johns Avenue, South Litchfield Road District, 50% Road District – 50% County Update/Approval:** **Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approval resolution #2016-04 to appropriate funds for 1132 B-CA, St. Johns Avenue in South Litchfield Road District, with the county portion in the amount of \$4,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 170-171).**
6. **Resolution #2016-05 to appropriate funds for 1133 B-CA, Sewing Trail, Walshville Road District, 50% Road District – 50% County Update/Approval:** This project is a 50% split with Walshville Road District. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve resolution #2016-05 to appropriate funds for 1133 B-CA on Sewing Trail in Walshville Road District that is a 50% split with the county portion in the amount of \$4,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 172-173).**
7. **2016 Culvert Letting Update/Approval:** Miles reported that there will be a culvert letting next month at the regular Road and Bridge Committee meeting.
8. **Underground Storage Tanks Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the storage tank company sent someone out to do the soil borings and there was no noticeable odor. He said that samples were sent out for testing and once results are submitted in a couple of weeks the underground tanks will be taken out. Engineer Smith stated that the computerized billing method is working very well.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle asked if there was any movement on Red Ball Trail and Miles reported that there is none at this time. Miles stated that he has checked out the progress on the Simpson bridge and Sneed stated they will be pouring the deck for that bridge on Friday.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed stated that pest control was called out two times to the Courthouse Complex building to spray for termites.
2. **Annex Building Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the annex building project started on March 15th, 2016 and is going well. Sneed stated that all the workers are from the Hillsboro and surrounding area and he is very happy with the work they are doing. Sneed reported that the south chimney on the Historic Courthouse will need more work than what was originally anticipated, so we will need to use the \$10,000 contingency money. Sneed also reported that the committee will be looking at the roofs at the Courthouse Complex and Jail buildings to evaluate them for their replacement.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Nothing to report at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the MCEDC annual meeting was held last Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 and she and fellow board members Plunkett, Deabenderfer and Hertel were in attendance. She stated that Rex Brown and Dr. Bob Mulch of Hillsboro are two new MCEDC board members and said that MCEDC is also working with IllinoisSouth Tourism on a branding name. Hampton+Knodle pointed out that board members received a copy of the latest advertising newsletter from Tourism South at this meeting and that the committee is working with the tourism organization to engage in the branding name and that they plan to invite the county hotel owners to meetings for their input.
2. **Incentives Update/Approval:**
 - Revolving Loan Fund: Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee reviewed the RLF report and that payments are being made in a timely manner.
 - Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that communities are approving their amended Enterprise Zone ordinances and intergovernmental agreements and that a Public Hearing was on held on March 16th where the EZ Council approved all the amendments.
3. **Planning Update/Approval:**
 - Planning Commission – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning Commission meeting was re-scheduled for April 20th, 2016 and members will be electing officers.
4. **Infrastructure Update/Approval:**
 - Grain Belt Transmission Line – Hampton+Knodle stated that Grain Belt representative Rick Cornell gave the committee an update on the Grain Belt Transmission Line Project and he told them that the project has not passed in Missouri yet and that they have not pursued working with land owners in Illinois at this time.
 - Fiber RFP – Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter gave an update earlier on this issue.
 - Eagle Zinc – Hampton+Knodle stated that ILEPA held a public meeting on Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge to discuss the Phase II cleanup which should begin this summer. Hampton+Knodle also reported that three businesses have shown an interest in re-locating there once the cleanup is done and that the City of Hillsboro has been very busy on this front. Hampton+Knodle stated that Chairman Hertel wrote a letter to have the property deeded to the City of Hillsboro once the property has been cleaned up. Chairman Hertel stated that there will be \$7 to \$8 million in liens against the property once it is cleaned up, and he hopes it will be deeded to the City of Hillsboro.

5. Tourism Update/Approval

- Tourism – Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee is looking forward to visiting with the county hotels in June and September. Beeler stated that a county Tourism Board needs to be appointed.

6. Workforce Update/Approval:

- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle reported that DCEO is looking at reconfiguring workforce investment areas and consolidating them in 2017, which could have some impact on our county. She said that we also have options now to form a Regional Development Council.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle reported that the current CEO students have met with their mentors to go over their business plans and said that the trade show will be held on April 26th at 5:30 pm at LLCC auditorium. Hampton+Knodle stated that the students now have their startup money and that they have extended 16 letters to students for next years' class and they hope their names will be announced at the upcoming Trade show.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

EMA: Savage reported that ambulance collections continue in a routine fashion.

1. **4th Judicial Circuit COOP and COG 2016 Update/Approval:** Savage stated that these documents give options where the 4th Judicial Circuit Montgomery County Courtrooms can operate in case of emergency and he said that the consensus suggested that our county court activity will take place in Christian County if needed.
2. **Weather Spotter Class Update/Approval:** Savage stated that the recent weather spotter class was very well attended.
3. **Regional Meeting Update/Approval:** Savage stated that Holmes attended this meeting.
 - A) **StarCom Radio System:** Savage reported that the State of Illinois is no longer subsidizing the use of Starcom which is a back-up emergency communication system. Gasparich and Holmes requested that Montgomery County maintain use of this system for Montgomery County since they consider Starcom an important emergency radio source that relies on tower connectivity which should be operational when traditional communication systems fail in emergency events. **Motion by Savage and second by Graden to support keeping the Starcom system at a cost of \$120 a year. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - B) **Generator availability:** Savage stated that emergency generators are located throughout our region should Montgomery County need them for an emergency event here.
4. **Mitigation Planning April 21st Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the next meeting will be held at the Montgomery County Health Department on April 21st, 2016.
5. **County Truck Update/Approval:** Savage stated that the EMA Truck is 10 years old and has 31,000 miles on it. Savage also reminded everyone to have your emergency plans ready and to check your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for emergency preparedness.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **County FY 2015 Audit Report and Presentation Update/Approval:** Beeler introduced Paul Osborne and Rick Gratza of Kerber, Eck and Braeckel (KEB) to give the FY2015 audit presentation. Gratza stated that County management is responsible for supplying the financial statements and the auditor's job is to offer an opinion on those statements. Gratza stated that they gave a qualified opinion which is the second best rating they can give and they did find two exceptions which kept the review from being a completely clean audit. The first exception noted by Gratza was the employment benefits that were provided to past employees that took a severance package and were offered the county health insurance subsidy until they reached

retirement age and the second exception was that there were some discrepancies in the capital assets records. Gratza stated that the county needs to hire an actuary to review the actual liability of the past employees on the county insurance. Regarding the capital assets records, Gratza stated that some capital assets were disposed of in prior years and were still reported on inventory and some items that we currently have are not listed on the inventory. Gratza reported the financial statement was in order according to GAAP and these exceptions were fairly minor infractions. Gratza stated that the packet they provided to board members includes other information such as general fund and special funds and pension schedules. Gratza stated that one of the deficiencies found in the audit was that there was not enough segregation of duties when handling money and receipts and he said it is best when tasks can be done by different employees. Gratza noted that this is difficult to do in smaller offices so supervisory review and sign off is suggested. Gratza also stated that there needs to be a segregation of receipts in the Sheriff's department and they recommend that the control of the Sheriff's accounts should be handled in the Treasurer's office. Gratza stated that the county has the responsibility of reporting all the Federal grant activities and some of this reporting was not done. Gratza also recommended that the county adopt the cash basis method of auditing and not use the accrual method because it will more accurately tie the audit into the financial reports that board members review. He also said that this change would also eliminate auditor journal entries each year. Chairman Hertel stated that Treasurer Jenkins is okay with the switch. Gratza also recommended that the county look into a centralized purchase order system which our accounting software will allow and invoice approvals would then be electronic. Gratza reported that there is about \$2.7 million in pension liabilities which is reported according to GASBY 68. He said that the actual revenues collected were \$340,000 more than what was budgeted and the expenses were about \$385,000 less than what was budgeted which resulted in a \$725,000 variance to the good. Bathurst asked for an overall assessment of the audit and Gratza replied that the county has a very heavy reliance on coal royalty funds and that the general fund shows a deficit before the coal revenues are transferred. Gratza and Osborne thanked everyone who worked on the audit and stated that all officeholders and their staffs were cooperative. Beeler stated that members will review the audit report for one month with the expectation of approving it at next month's meeting.

2. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield representative Hall was present at both the Personnel and Finance committee meetings to give an update on the renewal costs for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance. Beeler said that the BCBS quote submitted was an increase of 12.82% which equates to an annual cost increase of about \$143,000. She reported that the committee also voted to make the employee dental and vision insurance on a voluntary basis to employees who wish to continue their BCBS coverage. She said that an example of the cost is that the individual dental insurance premium is \$25 per month and the vision insurance is \$11 per month. Beeler reported that the total annual cost for dental and vision insurance if eliminated by the County will save taxpayers about \$78,000 per year for the 120 employees who have the group plan health insurance. Gasparich stated that he thought we were going to look at re-bidding the whole health insurance package. Bathurst replied that the committee is rebidding the health insurance package, however the dental and vision insurance have always been covered by a different carrier, not the primary insurance carrier, even when we were self-insured. BCBS representative Hall stated that her company was looking for ways for the county to save money and she said that most employers don't pay for the employee dental and vision insurance and also said that most county employees pay less for their health insurance now than those who work for other companies do. Hall also stated that the county is still paying less in employee health insurance costs now than it did when it was self-funded. Beeler stated that by taking action on this now we are giving the employees time to do what they need to do before the December 1st, 2016 deadline. Deabenderfer asked how this will affect the union contracts and Bathurst replied that we will have to talk to all the unions and non-

union employees. Plunkett stated he voted yes in committee and he doesn't want to do this but he stated that if this cost savings will keep a job or two in our county government then it is worth it to keep people working. Deabenderfer stated that if he was an employee he would look for a different job. Bathurst suggested that Hall get information together for the May Finance Committee Meeting and asked that the Personnel Committee members attend that meeting as well so they can collectively make a recommendation on what insurance coverage to go with for the May full board meeting. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young that Effective December 1st, 2016 dental and vision coverage will be offered to the employees at their cost with no contribution by the County. ROLL CALL vote 16 yes and 4 no.** Voting yes were Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Wendel, Young. Voting No were Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden and Hopper. Member Robinson was absent. **Motion carried.**

3. **U of I Extension Annual Agreement Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the agreement submitted by Amanda Cole for the U of I Extension levy for FY 2017 in the amount of \$154,910. Cole stated that the levy has been the same amount for several years and it also will be the same next year. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the U of I agreement in the amount of \$154,910. Gasparich abstains, all others in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the reports were on everyone's desk for review and that the county received \$5,978 in coal royalties for February and about \$8,000 in March. Beeler also reported that about \$200,000 in coal royalties was transferred to the general fund in February and again in March for operating expenses. Gasparich asked that if we have to continue to transfer money, if it would come out of the capital improvement fund or the reserve fund. Beeler replied that she would suggest it be taken from the reserve fund; however that would be a decision for the full board.
5. **FY 2017 Budget Hearings: July 18th, 19th, and 21st from 8:00 to Noon Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that budget hearings for FY 2017 are set for July 18th, 19th and 21st and information will be sent out to the departments soon.
6. **FY 2017 Budget Discussions Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee will review more information from the audit and have further discussions regarding the FY 2017 budget and that information will go out to the office holders the first part of May.
7. **Resolution 06-2016 to Amend the FY 2016 Budget Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the board voted to amend the budget last month and that a formal resolution now needs to be adopted. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to approve Resolution 06-2016 to Amend the FY 2016 Budget. Roll call vote 20 members voting Yes:** Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Wendel, Young. Member Robinson was absent. **Motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 174-181).**
8. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee has asked for some figures for an early severance offer to qualifying employees so they can review at their next committee meeting.
9. **Court Security Fee Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee is discussing options for a cost study to be able to increase court security fees, since law requires a cost study be done prior to raising these fees.
10. **CPI / Cost Study Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee found out the use of the CPI to adjust fees would not result in much increase, so the cost study method will be explored.
11. **Coroner Salary Update/Approval:** Beeler stated this issue was discussed and there will be no change in the Coroner's Salary.

12. **Amended Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance 07-2016 Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed changing the ordinance so that hotel owners could pay the tax to the county in the same timeframe they use to pay the tax to the State. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to amend the Hotel Motel Tax Ordinance 05-2016 to the new amended Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance 07-2016 to be consistent with the State filing frequency requirements. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Amended Ordinance, see Resolution Book 15, pages 182-184).**
13. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Deabenderfer asks if there will be a problem with the IMRF pension payments if early severance is offered to employees. Beeler replied that their committee will review the figures but doesn't think there will be a problem.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Election Update/Approval:** Beck deferred to County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser who reported the March primary went well and that the canvassing was now complete. Leitheiser stated that the lottery was held after the canvass and the Democrats will be first on the ballot in the November 8th, 2016 General Election. Chairman Hertel stated that he would like to know what the cost per vote was for the general primary and asked Clerk Leitheiser to provide the information next month.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck stated that we have not received the funding for this position yet but there is a bill that passed the Senate and is in the House for a vote that will secure this funding. Hertel stated that Gonet's salary is currently being paid by the County.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the Electronics Recycling Drive was held this past Saturday, April 9th, 2016 and that about 25,000 pounds were collected. Miles stated that the electronics drive collection process was very efficient. Chairman Hertel stated that he is working on some ideas for funding recycling due to the county budget shortfall and that he asked a local trash hauler for a proposal and he learned after receiving it that it will still cost us some money. Hertel also reported that he talked to the mayors throughout the county about adding \$1 per month to each of their household's water bill that would generate approximately \$130,000 per year. Hertel stated that the recycling program lost about \$144,000 last year and they also had some big repairs on the baler. Hertel added that the county is the sole funding source of recycling and the municipalities do not pay anything for the program. Chairman Hertel reported that he talked to the State's Attorney's Office and they confirmed it is legal to add \$1 per month to the water bills and that it would just need to be stated on the bills that identifies the fee. Chairman Hertel stated that he wants to pursue this to avoid cutting the recycling budget and services. Hertel also reported that the trash hauler's proposal would eliminate some drop off areas and he asked board members for permission to work with the HWE committee to work out a solution to keep recycling as a county service. Chairman Hertel added that he was told that he would be hung on the lamp post if anything happens to recycling in the county. Beck stated that we are keeping the equipment and trucks running with baling wire and they are on their last legs. Hampton+Knodle stated that she will put some information in writing and would prefer exploring opportunities to privatize recycling.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:**
 - Beck stated that a Rabies and Microchip clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd with a start time of 1:30 pm at the Hillsboro facility.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Employee Health Insurance:** Bathurst stated that the Employee Health Insurance discussion was covered during the Finance Committee report.

2. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that early severance discussion was covered during the Finance Committee report.
3. **Wellness Committee Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that the committee voted last month to drop the county subsidy for Fusion and Snap Fitness memberships for county employees effective December 1st, 2016 and that there are 40 Fusion members signed up and a few at Snap Fitness. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Young for the County to discontinue Wellness subsidy effective December 1st, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Motion by Moore and second by Young to re-appoint Steve Voyles to the Coffeen Fire Protection District Board of Trustees with his term to expire April 30, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bergen to appoint Eric Helgen to the County Farmland Review Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Motion by Young and second by Plunkett to appoint Kristopher Reynolds to the County Farmland Review Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to re-appoint Gary Hulbert as Trustee to the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District with his term to expire April 30, 2019. Voice vote all in favor except Gasparich, who abstains. Motion carried.**

Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay Hampton+Knodle's mileage and per diem, which was turned in after other members' mileage and per diem was approved. All in favor, except Hopper, who voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder was in attendance and complimented the new auditor and said he enjoyed the concise and informative report. He asked if the county has an obligation to follow up with the auditor recommendations, and Beeler replied that before the audit was presented to the full board today, she had to make sure that the county had written responses to the recommendations and findings within the audit documents. She said that as a result of the auditor's findings, the Sheriff's accounts will be transferred to the Treasurer's office and they have already worked with the Sheriff's department to get these funds moved. She said that when the board votes to approve the audit next month, the approval will include implementing the recommendations by the auditor.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Plunkett and second by Martin to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. **Voice Vote: In favor –18, Against – 0, Absent –1, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Bishop and second by Webb to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: **Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bishop and second by Bathurst to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board
Minutes
For Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Evan Young.

Members Absent: Gene Miles, Richard Wendel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Bob Sneed in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Bathurst and second by Gasparich to approve the mileage and per diem. Hopper voted No. All others voted Yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Bishop and second by Young to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin was present for questions.
13. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions and asked board members to support SB 2532 which would clarify rules pertaining to the makeup of the state’s Veteran Assistance Commissions and support the Montgomery County Commission structure now in place.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb – Nothing reported.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson – Nothing reported.

- **CIEDA** – Nothing reported.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin – Nothing reported
- **IL Association of County Board Members** –Plunkett, Bergen – Plunkett reported that the IACCB has been discussing a few state bills that would affect the county, including a Property Tax Freeze bill, HB 4501 which would allow county boards to consolidate units of governments that have members appointed by the county board, and a bill that would require the county to bid the audit every five years.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper – Nothing reported.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer – Nothing reported.
- **Planning Commission** – Young – Nothing reported.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop – Nothing reported.
- **UCCI** – Miles was absent, no report given.
- **U of I** – Young – Nothing reported.
- **VAC** – Sneed – Nothing reported.
- **WCDC** – Wendel was absent, no report given.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst – Nothing reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows: Chairman Hertel stated the he spoke with the TB nurse who resigned her position with the TB Department. Hertel said he met with Satterlee about dissolving the TB Department and he said that the TB and the Health Department Boards both met and agreed to dissolve the TB Department and operate under the Health Department. (For Resolutions, see Resolution Book 15, pages 185 through 188).

1. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Young to consider the following resolutions without a 30 day review. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Hampton+Knodle to accept the TB Board Resolution #2016-001 to Dissolve the TB board. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Motion by Graden and second by Young to accept the Health Department Board Resolution #2016-01 to Dissolve the TB Board and assume the duties of the TB Office. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Martin and second by Webb to approve the Resolution #08-2016 to dissolve the TB Board and Accept the Resolution of the Health Department Board. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Consolidation of Fillmore and South Fillmore Townships Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel reported that Fillmore and South Fillmore Townships have asked the county to assist them as they consolidate the two townships. Hertel stated that Clerk Leitheiser, State’s Attorney Matoush and himself met with representatives last Friday and Matoush guided the process legally, which will require that a Public Notice be put in the newspaper three times publicizing a Public Hearing, which will be held at the July, 2016 County Board meeting. Hertel said that each township’s voters will vote whether to allow the consolidation at the November, 2016 General Election. Hertel introduced Township representatives Marilyn Harvey and Scot Usher, who stated that both of their township boards have recently voted unanimously to consolidate Fillmore and South Fillmore Townships. Usher informed members that their two townships have already consolidated their road districts into one district. **Motion by Moore and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the publication of a Public Hearing to be held at the County Board meeting on July 12th, 2016 regarding consolidating Fillmore and**

South Fillmore Townships. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Public Hearing Notice, see Resolution Book 15, page 189).

6. **Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement to Approve Transportation Services with CEFS Update/Approval:** Ordinance was passed out last month for board member review. CEFS Transportation Director Kim Adair was present for questions. **Motion by Hopper and second by Webb to approve the Ordinance to Approve Transportation Services with CEFS. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Motion by Young and second by Robinson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide Transportation Services with CEFS. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of both Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement, see Resolution Book 15, pages 190-192).**
8. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that Mr. Gasparich will make a presentation at the next meeting.
9. **Coal Severance Tax Resolution Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there should be a mineral rights severance tax just like the coal severance tax being considered. He said that timber is taxed in Illinois.
10. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update/Approval:** Hertel said that the law suit has been dismissed at this time, but could be re-filed later if necessary.
11. **Juror Fees Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel said that there is nothing more to update at this time.
12. **Recycling Funding Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he attended a Litchfield City Council Meeting last week and talked about his idea of adding \$1 to all municipal and rural water bills to help fund the county recycling program.
13. **SB 2503 Update/Approval:** Hertel stated that this will be discussed next month.
14. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Not at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Earlene Robinson as follows:

1. **2016 Culvert Letting Update/Approval:** Robinson said that one bid was received from Metal Culverts, Inc. **Motion by Robinson and second by Webb to approve the bid from Metal Culverts for a total of \$39,625.30 for group one and \$15,582.92 for group two. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **CH-17, West of Farmersville Update/Approval:** Robinson reported that members Webb and Miles met with two Farmersville city workers and told them that the committee needs an engineer to sign off both on the pipe that is laid in the county right of way to show that the pipe and flows are adequate as well as any future changes. Robinson reported that the Village of Farmersville will be responsible for any damage to the pipes, to the Right of Way or for any other liability related to this work. She said that the State's Attorney will be preparing an Intergovernmental Agreement outlining these terms for the Village of Farmersville to sign with the County.
3. **Simpson Bridge Update/Approval:** Engineer Smith stated that the Simpson Bridge is nearly complete and they plan to have a ribbon cutting sometime in the near future. He said that County Board members, construction company officials, union representatives and others who were responsible for the bridge will be invited to the ceremony. Smith also stated that the work has slowed down with the rainy days that we have been having.
4. **Underground Storage Tanks Update/Approval:** Robinson reported that the removal of the underground fuel tanks has been completed at the Highway Department and said that no contamination was found.

5. **Pine Street, Irving Update/Approval:** Robinson reported that there were no issues with closing the road last Friday to get the oil on the road in this area.
6. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Robinson reported that this project will start very soon in the County and that Engineer Smith will photograph and visually inspect the county roads before and after the project, and said that he will contact area law enforcement so they may watch for trucks that may not be using the designated routes.
7. **Truck Permit Fees Update/Approval:** Robinson stated that the committee discussed overloaded vehicle permit fees and the possibility of increasing those fees.
8. **Update/Approval- Other Business:** Chairman Hertel stated that he will be sending letters to State Legislators asking them to pass appropriations to pay the MFT money owed to the county. He said that the current legislative session ends on May 31st and warned that since the State still does not have a budget in place, these funds may not be paid on time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there were more issues with the coils in the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex and that they will be replaced under warranty at no cost to the County.
2. **Annex Building and Historic Courthouse Chimney Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the project at the Annex Building work is now complete and that he is very happy with the way the job turned out. He then stated that work has begun on the chimneys on the Historic Courthouse and they found some major damage inside the south chimney that will require immediate attention. Sneed said that the committee reviewed the estimate from Evans-Mason for the emergency work in the amount of \$64,217. Sneed then asked McDonough-Whitlow engineer Ken McDonough to explain the issues with the chimney. McDonough reported that they got in the bucket and looked inside the chimney and found bricks were only one brick wide, that the lower area had not been replaced and the interior of the chimney is crumbling into the attic floor which is bowing out and cracking. He said that they have installed a plate on the outside and a steel beam on the inside of the chimney to secure it for now until it can be replaced. McDonough stated that their recommendation is to rebuild the chimney to the attic floor and do it as quickly as possible. **Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve the emergency repairs to the south chimney on the Historic Courthouse by Evan Mason for an amount not to exceed \$64,217. Roll Call Vote: 17 voting Yes and 0 voting No, 4 absent. Voting Yes:** Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Sneed, Webb, Young. (Members Beeler and Savage had left meeting before vote). **Motion carried.**
3. **IPMG Site Visit Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that he met with IPMG to conduct a building site assessment on May 17th, 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the MCEDC is working with the U of I Extension Office to bring the Fab Lab to Montgomery County so that Entrepreneurs can use this equipment to design their own prototypes.
2. **Incentives Update/Approval:**

- Revolving Loan Fund: Hampton+Knodle said that the committee reviewed the report submitted by Shalter and payments are on time.
 - Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that there are a few amending documents to be signed yet and that Shalter is working on the criteria for the new EZ application. Chairman Hertel reported that the EZ Administration Fee Application has been approved by DCEO and there is pending legislation to allow us to file early.
3. **Planning Update/Approval:**
- Planning Commission – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning Commission met and approved two new officers. She stated that Toni McDonough of Hillsboro is now the Chairman and CJ Liddell of Hillsboro is the Vice-Chairman. Hampton+Knodle commended County Clerk Leitheiser who is the Planning Commission’s volunteer secretary.
4. **Infrastructure Update/Approval:**
- Fiber RFP – Hampton+Knodle stated that they are still working on a broadband project with the MCEDC.
 - Eagle Zinc – Hampton+Knodle reported that they discussed the ultimate ownership of Eagle Zinc, which is located in an unincorporated area of Montgomery County. She said that USEPA has not filed a lien against the property, and she recently sent a note to USEPA to address the issue of filing a lien against the property due to the tax dollars that have been spent on the cleanup project with no response to date.
5. **Tourism Update/Approval**
- Tourism – Hampton+Knodle stated that Tourism South has an advisory board and the County needs to appoint two appointees to their board. One person needs to be from the public sector and one from the private sector. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to appoint the MCEDC Executive Director to the Tourism South Advisory Board. All in favor, motion carried.** The committee will need to make the second appointment in June.
6. **Workforce Update/Approval:**
- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee approved to table this invoice until the June committee meeting and that she will be meeting with the State of Illinois workforce director on Friday.
 - CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the recent CEO trade show was very well attended and thanked the board members who were there. She said that there will be a joint meeting with the CEO board and students to do another review before the class ends for this year, and that the orientation for next year’s class will be held on June 2nd, 2016. She stated that the CEO annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th, 2016.
7. **Coal Severance Resolution Draft Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that this was discussed earlier by Chairman Hertel.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the City of Hillsboro Street Dept. wants to use our county GPS equipment for their infrastructure, and this request will be granted.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

EMA: Savage stated that ambulance collections continue in a routing fashion.

1. **Combs Lab Invoice Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee approved the \$618 payment for EMNET which is an emergency notification service that gives briefings via satellite.

2. **Mitigation Planning Update/Approval:** Savage reported that there was a letter from consultant Greg Michaud thanking everyone who participated in the mitigation planning meetings over the past year in order to update the plan. He said that certificates of participation were given to everyone who helped in throughout this process.
3. **Letter from Don Karban Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee members discussed Hillsboro resident Don Karban's letter of concern regarding the Deer Run Mine and the possibility of a levee breach at one of the two refuse disposal areas. He said that according to the State's Attorney's Office the Plan cannot be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act process and should not be given out because of security concerns.
4. **Panic Alarm Testing Update/Approval:** Savage stated that testing is current.
5. **Phone Bill Update/Approval:** Savage stated that IT manager Bill Purcell is working with the new phone service to get itemized billing for their state grant reimbursement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler and Mike Plunkett as follows:

1. **County FY 2015 Audit Report Update/Approval:** Plunkett stated that KEB gave the FY 2015 audit presentation last month and the County Board had one month to review it. Plunkett stated that KEB did a good job on the audit. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Martin to approve the FY 2015 Audit submitted by KEB. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Forrestal Group – Gene Stuard, Power Plant Assessment Update/Approval:** Plunkett stated that Gene Stuard of Forrestal Group addressed the committee regarding the power plant assessment and stated that he was involved with the assessment of the power plant back in 2007. Plunkett reported that the committee asked Stuard to come back with a cost estimate for his services, and said that the last time the county paid for all the assessment work however this time the other taxing bodies will be asked to share the cost.
3. **Reappointment of Ray Durston as Supervisor of Assessments for a four year term from July 8th 2016 to July 8th, 2020 Update/Approval:** Beeler read a letter given to Chairman Hertel for the re-appointment of Ray Durston as the Supervisor of Assessments for a four year term to begin on July 8th, 2016. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Graden to re-appoint Ray Durston as the Supervisor of Assessments for a four year term from July 8th, 2016 to July 8th, 2020. All in favor, motion carried. Webb abstained.**
4. **SB 696 Property Tax Freeze Legislation Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has talked to legislators and lobbyists regarding pending legislation to freeze property taxes and is not sure what will be decided. He said that counties are not supporting SB 696 in its current form because many have already printed their tax bills and if passed, this bill would cause them to have to re-print the bills or re-fund money to almost every taxpayer. Chairman Hertel stated that we are going to mail out our tax bills soon and he hopes that the senate bill freezing 2015 property taxes does not go anywhere.
5. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported that the county received about \$5,900 in coal royalties for February and that there is now a balance of \$5.6 million in the coal revenue fund.
6. **FY 2017 Budget Hearings: July 18th, 19th, and 21st from 8:00 to Noon Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported that FY 2016 budget hearings will take place on July 18th, 19th, and 21st in the County Board room.

7. **FY 2017 Budget Discussions Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported that the committee discussed that we are going to try and reduce the FY 2017 budget by \$500,000. Plunkett stated that the committee decided to cut the FY 2017 funding by one half for MCEDC and FAYCO and reported that the MCEDC currently has a balance of about \$100,000 and should be OK and that hopefully the severance package that is being offered will also bite into the \$500,000 that will need to be cut.
8. **FY 2017 Non-Union Salary Update/Approval:** Plunkett stated that the committee discussed and is recommending a \$.25 per hour salary increase for non-union employees. Hampton+Knodle voiced concerns regarding the salary increases and asked how we can think about raising salaries when we are talking about cutting so much out of the budget. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Martin to give a \$.25 per hour increase for non-union employees for FY 2017. Roll Call Vote – 15 Voting Yes** Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb, **and 3 Voting No**, Hampton+Knodle, Young and Moore. **Motion carried.**
9. **Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) Allocation Error Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported that state overpaid personal property replacement taxes to the county in the amount of \$30,592 and that our future payments of PPRT will most likely be reduced by that amount. Chairman Hertel stated that the Illinois Association of County Board Members will likely ask for an audit of those amounts before anything is paid back.
10. **Court Security Fee Update/Approval:** Plunkett stated that the committee is looking at a proposal by Bellwether LLC to prepare a cost study for the court security fees and possibly the County Clerk's Office. Plunkett reported that Beeler is checking into one more proposal before the committee decides whether to proceed.
11. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Election Update/Approval:** Beck asked County Clerk Leitheiser to give a report on elections. Leitheiser stated they are preparing for the November 8, 2016 election and she provided a cost per vote report of \$6.45 per vote for the March 15, 2016 General Primary election.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported the reimbursement has been appropriated for the EPA grant which pays for most of EPA Inspector Gonet's salary.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that Chairman Hertel, Recycling manager Ben Bishop and herself will meet with county Mayors on May 25th in regards to adding \$1 to each municipal and rural water bill in the county to help with the cost of recycling and the cost of equipment repairs and replacement. Beck stated that the equipment is getting old and the large box truck just had some repairs done because she doesn't want the employees in unsafe vehicles. Chairman Hertel reported that he attended the Litchfield City Council meeting last Thursday regarding funding the deficit for Recycling and they had some good questions.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that they are trying to watch the costs at Animal Control.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel asked Under Sheriff Rick Robbins to explain the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama. Robbins stated that the Mayor of Panama contacted the Sheriff's Department

regarding their law enforcement coverage because they do not have any at this time. Robbins said that the Sheriff's Department will patrol and be dispatched as needed for village law enforcement, but they will not enforce their village ordinances. Robbins stated that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson wrote the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama for the Sheriff's Office for these services, and said that the Sheriff's Office will cover the entire village including their village territory in Bond County which means that tickets will have to be sent to the Bond County Courthouse for processing and Deputies may have to appear at the Bond County Courthouse. He said that the cost for this service will be \$6,500 per year and the Sheriff's department will also get one half of the fine money assessed. He said that the current contract will be for approximately six months so the amount paid will be \$3,250. Wilson stated that the county does not have jurisdiction on our own for tickets in Bond County and we will not be reimbursed for going to the Bond County Courthouse for Village of Panama violations but will receive some of the fine money. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Jay Martin to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama for law enforcement services. Roll call vote was taken, all in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Intergovernmental Agreement, see Resolution Book 15, pages 193-194).**

2. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that at this time we are not making changes on what the employees will pay for Health Insurance coverage, but our insurance renewal is June 1st and the county fiscal year is on December 1st and we have been trying to get this changed over the years to coincide together. She said that she has worked with Blue Cross Blue Shield representative Shannon Hall to accept a proposal that would allow us make that change for December 1st, 2016. She said that the employees will be able to decide if they want to keep the same premium payout and get a higher deductible or have the same coverage with a higher premium. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Young to accept the BCBS renewal proposal for plans MPP9383C and MPET3K05 for 12 months at the current coverage with plan MPP9383C only being offered to the employees as of December 1st, 2016 for a total annual cost of \$1,253,424 less the employee contributions. Roll Call Vote: 19 Yes, 0 No votes and 2 absent. Voting Yes: Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Young. Absent were Miles and Wendel. All in favor, motion carried.** Bathurst stated that we must let BCBS know by August 1st, if we want to start a new plan for December 1st, 2016. **(For copy of BCBS plan comparisons, see Resolution Book 15, page 195).**

3. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that there was a joint committee meeting with Finance and Personnel committees to discuss offering an early severance package to qualifying employees. Beeler explained that two early severance packages had been offered in the past and this time the committee discussed and voted on a different package which resulted in a tie vote so they decided to bring the proposal to the full board for their consideration. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst offer a county severance proposal to include:**

- Employees of Montgomery County who are at least 55 years of age with a minimum of eight years of service.
- Payment of one week's salary for every eighteen months of service.
- Health insurance will be available to any participant with the county paying the current monthly subsidy amount toward individual employee coverage only and the participant will be responsible for any additional charges to include any dependents of the participant. Additionally, a participant is only eligible for

health insurance coverage up to that participant's current participation in the insurance program for the 365 days prior to the participant's acceptance of the early severance package. Finally, when a participant severs their participation in the county's insurance program can end at any time but it is required when the employee turns age 65. If applicable, said participant's dependent's coverage will also cease at that time.

- All participants will sever their employment by August 31st 2016.

Discussion: Graden asked about the employee health insurance coverage to age 65 and Chairman Hertel responded that the insurance would be offered to the employee only with the county supplemental payment, and any dependents on the health insurance plan would have to be paid for in full by the employee. Deabenderfer asked about the difference between the last packages and this one and Beeler responded that the last two packages offered one week pay for every year of service and employee and dependent health insurance coverage was included and this package offers one week pay for every eighteen months of service and insurance will only be offered to the employee and not the dependents. She said that another change was that the employee would have to sever employment by August 31st instead of November 30th. Hampton+Knodle asked about the potential savings to the county and Beeler replied that based on the employees we think would take the severance package out of the 32 employees that are eligible, the potential savings in the first year would be about \$187,123 which includes Social Security, IMRF, payouts and the re-hiring employees where needed. Beeler reported that if the package were offered at one week for every year of service, the potential savings would only be about \$96,000. Health Department Director Satterlee stated that this is a generous offer to employees and he sees it as a potential savings to the county. Satterlee explained that he has six employees potentially taking the severance and it would save the Health Department about \$1,000 per day if they took it. Plunkett stated that he voted against the one week for every eighteen months of service option in committee because he felt that it was unfair to offer a smaller package to employees now. Plunkett added that he also wants to save money and that by offering a smaller package, not as many employees may take it and he feels that it is worth the risk to offer the same package as last time. Beeler stated that she disagrees with Plunkett on this point, and stated that the last package had a payout of \$118,816 and this time it could be \$79,000 and we just don't have the money. Beeler also stated that Treasurer Jenkins transferred \$600,000 from coal money to the general fund in March of this year. Deabenderfer stated that a hiring freeze should be implemented if we are in a real financial crisis and that in a sense of fairness the same package that was offered last time should be offered again. Chairman Hertel stated that realistically some employees will have to be replaced because you can't run the offices without staff. Beeler stated that some of the positions won't be replaced and some union employees will need to be replaced with part time. Deabenderfer asked if we have any indication of what the employees want and Bathurst replied that when the board is considering personnel matters, we take it to the board to make the decision first. Gasparich stated if you need to make a financial impact, you cut insurance or offer a severance package to save money so that we don't have to lay off employees. Beeler stated that this severance package is a nice benefit and a very generous offer. Bergen stated that he is against the severance package and that the offer is too generous at one week for every 18 months of service. He added that he is against severance packages because you don't always save money and he would rather offer a lump sum package. Deabenderfer stated that he felt that anything this major in an employee's life should have been negotiated. Chairman Hertel stated that some board members wanted to offer one week for every two years of service, so this package is a compromise. Gasparich stated that a positive in his view is that we have some older employees who have raised their children who may take the severance so that younger employees with children will not be laid off. Young stated that he talked to an employee that is on the list who is not leaving, and he doesn't want to offer a

severance package. Martin stated that a package should be offered and if the employee doesn't want it they don't have to take it. Sneed stated that he comes from private business and thinks this is a very generous package and the employees should take it if they can. **Roll Call Vote: 15 Yes, 4 No votes and 2 absent. Voting Yes:** Bathurst, Beeler, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb, **Voting No:** Beck, Bergen, Plunkett and Young. Absent were Miles and Wendel. **Motion carried.**

- 4. Customer Service Training Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that Customer Service Training will be scheduled with the U of I Extension Office soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hertel thanked the State's Attorney's Office for all their support with the many legal matters the County Board faces at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

1. Motion by Webb and second by Beck to appoint Robert Matli as Trustee to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District. Bishop abstained. All others in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Beck and second by Savage to appoint John L. Welsh as Trustee to the Farmersville/Waggoner Fire Protection District. Webb abstained. All others in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Beck and second by Plunkett to appoint Leonard Rovey as Trustee to the Farmersville/Waggoner Fire Protection District. Webb abstained. All others in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder stated that there is some legislation regarding feral cats and the costs to the county to catch, spay and neuter and release at the point of capture. He also asked about any funds that were left over from the TB Department after they dissolved, and Martin (County Board liaison to the Health Department) stated that the Health Department use remaining funds for future TB needs. Schroeder asked how much time the Sheriff's Department spends in Panama now, and member Hampton+Knodle stated time spent is intermittent now but it will increase in a small amount now, especially around their village events. Schroeder asked if anyone has followed up with the coal miners who lost their jobs at Deer Run Mine, and Hampton+Knodle stated that MCEDC representative Shalter has some statistics he can share at a future time.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Bathurst and second by Bishop to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. **Voice Vote: In favor – 16, Against – 0, Absent – 3, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Plunkett to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Young and second by Bishop to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

Roll call was taken - 18 members present, 3 members absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Mike Webb

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Montgomery County Highway Engineer Kevin Smith.

Chairman Hertel referenced the recent gun tragedy in Orlando, Florida that killed 49 people, and offered prayers for all affected. He stated that even though Montgomery County is a smaller area we need to be vigilant here also.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Young and second by Bishop to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Rick Robbins was present for questions.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
12. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
13. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Strowmatt stated that SB 2532 has passed both Houses in the Illinois General Assembly now goes to the Governor for signature. Strowmatt also reported that the outreach coordinator for the Mobile Vet Center had their vehicle here on Saturday, May 25th and visited with 25 to 30 Veterans and/or their family members. He stated that the Vet Mobile Centers are a tool that helps Veterans in the rural areas.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Graden and second by Beeler to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb was absent.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that she participated in a conference call last week, and there will be an “in person” meeting in the next month.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin was absent.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – No report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper was absent.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that the City of Litchfield is raising their water rates by 8% this year and another 8% next year which will be passed on to the rural customers. He said that the rural water rates will also need to increase by about 12%. Deabenderfer stated that the average rural water bill is \$50 and it costs \$58 to get the water service to the meter, so the MCWC board determined that something must be done.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they have a meeting on July 20th.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that the Senior building needs a new roof.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that UCCI is talking about the state budget that still needs to be resolved.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that Representative Strowmatt gave the report earlier.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will have a meeting this week on Thursday night.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **911 Funding/Payments Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel reported that the State Comptroller’s Office released a statement that there will not be a payment for 911 phone lines after July 1st, 2016. He said that in 1992 the County Board passed a resolution to put a \$2 fee on every phone line to help fund 911. Chairman Hertel explained that last year the State passed legislation to collect \$.87 per landline phone line and cell phone line and they stopped collecting and send the \$2 landline fee. Chairman Hertel stated that we collected about \$358,000 last year from the \$2 fee and without this revenue we will have to take more money out of the coal reserves to cover the expenses of the Sheriff’s dispatchers. Gasparich stated that the state law came from an ill-conceived bill and that the State of Illinois does not have the authority to rescind what the county has passed in 1992. Hertel said that some board members felt that the County should invoice the phone company for the \$2 fee that was approved years ago. Plunkett stated that he feels we shouldn’t invoice the phone company because it is not their fault that the State changed the fees, they are simply collecting them. Deabenderfer asked how many 911 calls are received each month and Undersheriff Robbins replied that it averages about 1,900 calls per month. The board decided to let State’s Attorney Matoush research this

issue and report his outcome next month. Chairman Hertel stated that the 911 Dispatchers will continue to work and the public will be served.

2. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval:** Gasparich shared some information regarding a proposal to pass a resolution to place implementing a public safety tax on the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election ballot. Gasparich stated that the county is in a financial hardship and said that a public safety sales tax is the fairest tax at the local level. He explained that the proposal is for \$.05 for every \$100 and it would not be included on vehicles, boats, prescription medicines or groceries. Gasparich reported that Hillsboro just passed a business district tax of 1% of sales tax, so sales tax collected in Hillsboro will now be a total of 7.25%. He said that if the Public Safety Sales Tax question were to pass, this additional .50% would make the sales tax 7.75% in Hillsboro. Gasparich stated that the proposed disbursement of funds will include 1/3 going for the jail functions, 1/3 going to the Sheriff's Department and 1/3 to a public safety fund for emergency responder organizations. Gasparich stated that he hopes to have the board approve the resolution for the proposed Public Safety Sales Tax to be considered on the April 4th, 2017 ballot. He added that if passed, this revenue would relieve the burden to the General fund and not add expenses to the Sheriff's budget. Beeler stated that this revenue would be an offset and that the Sheriff's Department was asked to cut next year's budget by \$217,000. She added that if this public safety tax passes it would help keep services at the jail and reduce the burden on the General fund. Plunkett stated he thinks the Public Safety Sales Tax is a fair tax and said that we tried to pass this in 2004 and then coal sales came and helped our budget for the past ten years. Savage stated that he is concerned that we need to hire someone to administer this program of dispersing funds to the emergency responders and feels that each emergency responder (Fire or EMA) organization should get an amount each year so they could save up for bigger purchases. Gasparich responded that he feels that it would be better for a larger disbursement to be applied for so that the smaller departments with the lesser funds will be able to request to purchase something right then and there. Savage also stated that another idea would be to have the funds distributed proportionally based on the number of citizens they have on a formula basis. Deabenderfer stated that in Hillsboro the tax was voted in by the city council and not the citizens. Gasparich stated that the county only has control over the real estate taxes and only property owners pay. This sales tax is paid by everyone who makes purchases in our county, including those who are traveling through. Hampton+Knodle stated that eligibility and bank balances of these organizations should be considered when the disbursement applications are reviewed and Gasparich replied that the committee would be looking at their bank balances. He said that members will discuss this matter further at next month's meeting.
3. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
4. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new on the law suit.
5. **SB 696/673 Property Tax Freeze Legislation Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that this legislation is still pending, and he stated that he thinks there will be some type of property tax freeze.
6. **Possible Recycling Funding Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he had a meeting recently with the mayors in the county regarding adding \$1 per month on

everyone's water bill to support recycling however this is not a good time now because many towns are raising water rates. Chairman Hertel stated that they will work on other ideas to fund recycling.

7. **Resolution #10-2016 to Support SB 2532, Dept. of Veterans Affairs as amended Update/Approval:** Committee reviewed the resolution to support Senate Bill 2532, Department of Veterans Affairs. **Motion by Graden and second by Young to approve the resolution to support SB 2532 Department of Veterans Affairs as amended. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, See Resolution Book 15, page 196.)**
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **NBIS Bridge Inspections Update/Approval:** Engineer Smith stated that five bridges will need to be inspected during the transition of replacing the County Engineer Position, so he got an estimate from McDonough-Whitlow to perform that service for \$1,750 which will include a program manager and bridge inspections. **Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve the engineering agreement McDonough-Whitlow to perform bridge inspections for the third quarter of 2016 (July through August) in the amount of \$1,750. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **CH-17, West of Farmersville Update/Approval:** Miles reported that they are waiting for Farmersville to move forward.
3. **Simpson Bridge Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the Simpson Bridge near Walshville was open on Friday, June 10th, 2016.
4. **Sale of Used Equipment Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the highway staff has been cleaning up inside the sheds and came up with a list of items that are no longer needed and they would like to put this out for silent bid. Equipment includes: an old highway grader and an 11' snow plow.
5. **2016-06: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1134 B-CA, N. 24th Avenue, Rountree Township, 50% Montgomery County – 50% Christian County Update/Approval:** Smith reported that there are two pipes on the county line road in Rountree Township and the two counties will share the cost to replace them. Engineer Smith will call Christian County to get the assessment so we will know what their share of the cost will be so the resolution can be prepared for the board meeting. The total cost will be \$42,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the Resolution to appropriate funds for 1134 B-CA, North 24th Avenue in Rountree Township between Christian County and Montgomery County that will replace two culverts on the county line. Montgomery County share will be 50% of the \$42,000 cost. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, pages 197-198).**
6. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Smith stated that the pipeline project is proceeding very well and there has been no damage to county roads. He said that they are now working in East Fork Township putting in ditches and culverts.
7. **09-00133-00-BR, Walshville Trail Bridge just outside of Hillsboro Update/Approval:** Miles reported that information was received from IDOT on June 2nd, 2016 that stated that they would approve \$1.44 million for this bridge to be replaced in 2021. Miles reported that the estimate will be \$1.9 million to replace this bridge.

8. **P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for White Town Bridge, CH-9 Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed the P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for a total maximum fee of \$136,266 for the White Town Bridge on Red Ball Trail, one mile north of Mt. Moriah Church. This will be funded with the federal bridge money and will cost in excess of \$1 million. Work can start in about 1.5 years. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for the White Town Bridge for an amount not to exceed \$136,266. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, pages 199-205).**
9. **Accept the Letter of Resignation from Highway Engineer Kevin Smith Update/Approval:** Miles said that the committee discussed the resignation letter from Engineer Smith who will be leaving his position on July 1st, 2016. **Motion by Miles and second by Savage to accept the letter of resignation from Highway Engineer Keven Smith. All in favor, motion carried.** Savage voted no. Smith thanked the county board and Assistant Engineer Dustin Sefton and said that he appreciated the time he spent here. Chairman Hertel thanked Smith for his service. Miles stated that he has enjoyed working with Kevin Smith for these past six years. **(See Resolution Book 15, page 206).**
10. **Montgomery County Engineer Position Update/Approval:** Miles reported that three applications were received and interviews will be held on Wednesday, June 15th starting at 5:00 pm in the County Board room.
11. **2016-07: Resolution Requesting Consent of IDOT to Appoint Acting County Engineer Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee recommended appointing Assistant Engineer Dustin Seften as the acting county engineer. Smith stated that in 2006 Pezold was appointed acting engineer and did not receive extra pay. Prior to that, Hamby was appointed as acting engineer and did receive extra pay. Smith stated that with the level of responsibility, Dustin should receive \$200 per week extra for assuming the duties of the County Engineer. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve Resolution 2016-07 requesting consent of IDOT to Appoint Dustin Sefton as the Acting County Engineer. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 207).**
12. **IDOT Resolution Certifying Names to Take the Examination for County Engineer Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed the IDOT Resolution to certify names of candidates to take the county engineer examination and the three candidates' names will be sent into IDOT on the Resolution. Engineer Smith stated that this is an IDOT formality that requires an applicant to take a written test and participate in a one on one talk with someone to be the county engineer. He said that the State will then send a letter to the Chairman of the Board stating that these candidates are endorsed by them to serve as a county engineer. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the IDOT Resolution Certifying Names to Take the Examination for County Engineer. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 208).**

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that all the coils on the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex are under warranty and will be replaced at no cost to the County. Sneed also reported that Maintenance staff person Lloyd Meyer will be taking the early severance and the committee discussed and approved replacing

the maintenance technician job as a full time position at a starting salary of \$32,000. He said that the position will be advertised next week and the committee will conduct interviews next month.

2. **Chimney Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that work continues on the south chimney on the Historic Courthouse and Mason-Evans is rebuilding the chimney and putting everything back as it was.
3. **FY 2017 Budget Update/Approval:** Sneed stated that the committee reviewed and discussed each line item of the building and grounds budget and reduced it by about \$13,000.
4. **IPMG Site Visit Update/Approval:** Sneed asked Tom Franzen to report and Franzen stated that an IPMG representative completed an onsite visit with Sneed to assess all the County buildings for insurance purposes. He said that this service is free and is conducted every five or six years.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has asked board members to keep track of extra tasks they have done on their per diem sheet even though they do not charge the taxpayers for them. Hertel thanked Sneed for \$3,200 of free work he has done because of all the time he has spent here with the chimney work and IPMG visits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle referred board members to the MCEDC newsletter and stated that Lori Saathoff-Huber was hired for the grant writer position. Hampton+Knodle referred board members to the recent MCEDC newsletter and she stated that the U of I Extension's Mobile Fabrication Lab hopefully will be here in July.
2. **Incentives Update/Approval:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the Committee reviewed the report from Shalter and payments are being made. She also stated that a couple of businesses have asked about the RLF program.
 - **Enterprise Zone** – Hampton+Knodle stated that work is underway to put all the paperwork together to submit the application to DCEO to add and delete territory. Hampton+Knodle also reported that the Illinois Department of Revenue is keeping an eye on businesses that requested a sales tax exempt certificate and have not filed their final reports.
3. **Planning Update/Approval:**
 - **Planning Commission** – Hampton+Knodle stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 20th, 2016.
4. **Infrastructure Update/Approval:**
 - **Fiber RFP** – Hampton+Knodle stated that Coffeen will now get better broadband fiber services because of a partnership with the Hillsboro School District.
 - **Eagle Zinc** – Hampton+Knodle stated that she had a follow up with Congressmen Davis' Office and there should be some further cleanup activity in August. She said that discussions and follow up will also take place with EPA regarding post clean up and putting a lien on the property.

5. Tourism Update/Approval:

- Tourism – Hampton+Knodle stated that the MCEDC Director was appointed to the IllinoisSouth Tourism board and there is a recommendation to appoint Litchfield tourism employee Sara Waggoner as the second appointment.

6. Workforce Update/Approval:

- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle stated that she has been talking with a few people on different options for membership in a Workforce Development Council and said that the committee decided to wait to pay on the invoice for \$5,969.60 until they call.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated they had a joint meeting with their graduating class and board members to see what improvements could be made and they discussed the tradeshow. She said that orientation for new students will be held on June 2nd for 16 new students. Hampton+Knodle also stated that she is planning on attending the National CEO trade show in Effingham on June 13th. 2016 and the annual meeting will be held on August 15th at the Hillsboro National Bank and the speaker will be Jim Schultz.

7. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Retirement of Director Holmes Update/Approval:** Savage reported that Director Holmes submitted a letter of resignation effective July 15th, 2016 to the Committee and Board Chairman. **Motion by Savage and second by Graden to approve the resignation of Diana Holmes effective July 15th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 209).**

EMA:

1. **EMA Office Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee had a special meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016 to discuss the day to day operations of the EMA/Ambulance office once Holmes retires. Chairman Hertel said he spoke with Treasurer Jenkins and Health Department Director Hugh Satterlee about a few different options to house the ambulance billing department. Chairman Hertel also stated that he spoke with Sheriff Vazzi and Sheriff Department employee Greg Nimmo will take over the EMA duties. Hertel reported that Jenkins said he couldn't supervise the Ambulance Office but the Health Department is interested and Director Satterlee needs to discuss this with the Health Department Board. Hertel said that Satterlee would not be their direct supervisor and the Health Department would be handicap accessible and customers wouldn't have to go through security like at the Courthouse Complex. He said that the Health Department offices that are available are on the west side of the building. Chairman Hertel stated that we are not eliminating the ambulance billing offices because they are paid for by the five area ambulance districts. **Motion by Savage and second by Bergen to combine the duties of the EMA Director Position with the Communications Captain in the Sheriff's Department and appoint Greg Nimmo to assume these duties effective July 15th, 2016.** Discussion: Graden asked about a salary increase for Nimmo and Chairman Hertel stated that he will not receive an increase in pay for the additional duties. Beeler stated that the Sheriff's Department budget was

increased for travel so they could keep the EMA grant which will go into the Sheriff's department's revenue. She said that this is a money savings move for the County. Savage reported that Nimmo will be checking the radios and equipment every day and the EMA Office will remain as the county emergency command center. Moore asked about EMA employee Cathy Ulrici's salary and Chairman Hertel replied that she has signed up for the severance package and the Sheriff's department will select an employee to be the backup for Nimmo to assume the backup EMA duties. Hertel also stated that he doesn't think the work can be handled by one person and the committee discussed this with the one remaining EMA employee Sherry Greenwood. Hertel said that after this discussion was held, it was determined that another staff person will be hired and Greenwood will be a part of the hiring process. Plunkett asked about the EMA red truck and Chairman Hertel stated that it will go to the new EMA Director at the Sheriff's office. **All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **Radios Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the radios in the truck are not working well and repairs have been scheduled.
3. **IPWMAN Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee approved the \$250 invoice for the IPWMAN membership.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Forrestal Group – Gene Stuard, Power Plant Assessment Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that she reviewed a proposal by Gene Stuard of Forrestal Group for \$83,000 to work with the Assessor's Office to establish the assessment for the Dynegy Power Plant for the next ten years. She said that the committee discussed reaching out to all the affected taxing bodies to share his cost. Beeler asked SOA Ray Durston to give a break out percentage of what each taxing body receives in taxes from Dynegy so the committee can figure out the cost for each to be able to discuss this at a meeting with them in the near future.
2. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the report is in the packet for review and the Annex repairs are included on the report.
3. **FY 2017 Budget Hearings: July 18th, 19th, and 21st from 8:00 to Noon Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that Budget sheets are due this Friday, June 17th, 2016.
4. **FY 2017 Budget Discussions Update/Approval:** Beeler distributed a spreadsheet that showed the cuts requested from county office holders for the 2017 Budget that totals at least \$500,000 at an 11.3% reduction. Discussion was held regarding these requested cuts, including health and property/liability insurance. Members discussed Budgets that were set by the Finance Committee: 375 and 047. Beeler reported that one of the first questions she heard was what did the County Board cut, and the Board has shared in the cutbacks. She said that the Public Defender only cut \$1,000 because they don't have much they can cut. She said that County Board admin will be cut \$16,000 and the Building and Grounds Committee will be cut \$30,000.
5. **Ordinance #11-2016 Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates Update/Approval:** Beeler said that the committee discussed the Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates and Hampton+Knodle stated that instead of adopting the rates from the Illinois Department of Labor we can adopt a wage schedule based on more realistic wages for Montgomery

County. Chairman Hertel stated that if there is going to be a change in the wage rates, we need to start working on it for next year, but should pass this version this year. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates. Hampton+Knodle and Young voted No. All others voted yes. Motion carried.**

6. **Court Security Fee, Sheriff Fee, and County Clerk and Recorder Fees Update/Approval:** Beeler said that quotes were received last month from Bellwether for \$6,000 for Sheriff Department and \$4,500 for the County Clerk/Recorder and \$6,000 for Court Security. Beeler negotiated with Bellwether and they will do Court Security for \$500, Sheriff for \$4,500 and County Clerk/Recorder for \$4,500 for a total of \$9,500 plus mileage at about \$130. She also said that the Recorder's Automation cost study can be paid for out of the automation fund and won't come out of the general fund. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to contract with Bellwether to perform a cost study for the Sheriff's Office, Court Security, and the County Clerk/Recorder's Office for a total of \$9,500 plus mileage. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Mineral/Coal, Oil, and Natural Gas Severance Tax Resolution Update/Approval:** Beeler introduced the Mineral/Coal, Oil, and Natural Gas Severance Tax Resolution and she said that a draft of the Resolution was given to board members to review and comment for one month. Chairman Hertel stated that citizen Bill Schroeder has some people also working on this ordinance and he asked everyone to review it for one month before passage is considered.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck stated that the State has not paid us for the past year for our EPA inspector to do the open dump and landfill inspections. She said that this is not a grant any longer; instead it is an Intergovernmental agreement that needs signed by the end of the fiscal year. She said that this new five year agreement includes the same duties of inspecting the landfill and open dumps and will now also include inspection of the county tire facilities. Beck reported that if SB2046 gets signed by the Governor, then the 2016 reimbursement for the delegation agreement will be paid. State's Attorney Matoush had questions regarding the tire facility inspections and the insurance. Chairman Hertel asked insurance representative Tom Franzen to review the contract and advise us regarding the insurance requirements. **Motion by Beck and second by Hampton+Knodle to sign the IL EPA five year delegation contract pending the approval of the review by Tom Franzen. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Tom Franzen Risk Management Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the buildings were inspected for insurance purposes and there is a \$10,000 deductible per occurrence.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that it will be difficult to cut \$25,000 from the recycling budget because this will eliminate their part time positions and they need those positions to keep up. Beck also reported that the ceiling in the building was recently damaged by a trash hauling truck and they are responsible for fixing it.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:**
 - **Ordinance** – Beck reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the proposed animal control ordinance that was reviewed by Assistant State's

Attorney Betsy Wilson. Beck stated that the committee will be meeting with those who are interested in reviewing the draft and that we will also put the draft on the county web site. She said that the revisions to the Ordinance are all based on State Statutes.

- Carport/shed for storage: Beck reported that the committee approved a proposal from Dave's Collision to install a carport/shed for about \$3,800 and the cost will come out of the Vanek Estate.
- A/C Administrator – Beck reported that since Assistant State's Attorney Wilson resigned, the A/C Administrator position needs to be filled. She said that at the committee meeting they approved to temporarily appoint Chris Daniels until the full board meeting, and then to appoint the Chairman of the HWE Committee as the permanent Animal Control Administrator at this meeting. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Savage to appoint the Chairman of the HWE Committee as the Animal Control Administrator. All in favor, motion carried.**

5. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval: Bathurst stated that all documents have been signed for the employee health insurance renewal. She also said that Vault Insurance has been invited to the next Personnel Committee meeting to give a presentation regarding their employee health insurance offerings. She said that the county needs to notify BCBS by August 31st, 2016 of our intentions.
2. Early Severance Update/Approval: Bathurst stated that so far three county employees have taken the early severance and have left county employment. Chairman Hertel stated that there are several more considering the early severance package.
3. Zobrio Human Resource Module Training Update/Approval: Bathurst reported that she is sitting in on the training with Liz Holcomb to understand the Human Resource Module so she can provide information about it to county office holders.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Hertel said that the Economic Development Committee has changed their meeting date and time and their July meeting will be held on July 7th at 10:30 am in the County Board room.

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion to appoint Amy Patton to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board. Motion by Robinson and second by Moore to appoint Amy Patton to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PAY BILLS:

1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Bishop and second by Gasparich to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. **Voice Vote: In favor – 16, Against – 0, Absent – 3, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**

- 2. Motion by Graden and second by Miles to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bathurst and second by Hampton+Knodle to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop and Joe Gasparich

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Montgomery County Farm Bureau Manager Bob Lentz.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Webb to approve the mileage and per diem. Hopper voted No and all others voted in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Young and second by Beck to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health Department & TB Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Dustin Sefton was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
13. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Strowmatt thanked board members for their support on some bills regarding Veterans Affairs that are now on the Governor’s desk to sign.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Hopper and second by Bathurst to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that they will meet next Thursday.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that LIHEAP (Low Income Heating Assistance Program) will start in September and that CIPT buses and vans are now running on weekends and holidays for dialysis patients.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that they will have regional meetings next month and there are no dates yet for potential bond needs for the CIEDA board.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that they will have a meeting next week.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper referred to MCEDC Director Will Shalter for the report. Shalter reported that the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation will hold a meeting at the U of I Extension office in Hillsboro on Wednesday, July 27th beginning at 4:30 pm.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that he was unable to attend the meeting.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that the Planning Commission will meet on July 20th, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there is no meeting this month and the annual conference will be on the 25th of this month in Galena, IL.
- **U of I** – Young stated that there will be no increase in the county’s levy for the U of I Extension Office this year. He said that staff members have been working to make budgets work despite the issues with State funding, and that the state did pass a stopgap budget which will allow them to receive some funding.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that there is nothing to report.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

Public Hearing before the July Board Meeting/Resolution #2016-12- Approving the Consolidation of Fillmore Township and South Fillmore Township: Chairman Hertel announced the Public Hearing for the Consolidation of Fillmore Township and South Fillmore Townships will now be held. Hertel asked Clerk Leitheiser to read the Resolution to put the consolidation of Fillmore Township and South Fillmore Township on the November 8th, 2016 ballot. He then asked for public comments and there were no comments made. **Motion by Graden and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the Resolution to put the consolidation of Fillmore Township and South Fillmore Township on the November ballot. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, See Resolution Book 15, page 229).**

1. **911 Payments Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel reported that Greg Nimmo, Hampton+Knodle and himself recently attended a very positive meeting in Springfield pertaining to 911 funding. They told them that they could apply for grants in 2017 and 2018 to help replace the 911 equipment and that we can stay the way we are on the 911 service. Hertel said he thinks that this is better than going in with another county for 911 services. He thanked Hampton+Knodle for setting up the meeting.
2. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that Member Joe Gasparich is still gathering information to put this sales tax increase public question on the April 2017 ballot.
3. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.
4. **Possible Recycling Funding Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he is still working on possible funding sources for recycling.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Opening of Surplus Equipment Bids Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee opened and approved to sell the surplus equipment to the highest bidders, and Phil Sefton was the high bidder on the 1965 Caterpillar Traxcavator for \$9,121, South Litchfield Township was the high bidder on the eleven foot snow plow for \$1,351 and a twelve foot snow plow for \$1,351, Kenny Pezold was the high bidder on a 15-foot hydraulic tuck hoist for \$100, Randolph Schneider purchased the 1970 Caterpillar motor grader for \$4,005 and Skip Klinefelter purchased the John Deere four-foot backhoe ditching bucket for \$526. **Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approve selling the surplus equipment to the highest bidders. All in favor, motion carried.** Miles stated that the surplus money will be used to purchase a larger snow plow at the highway department.
2. **Raymond Akeman, South Litchfield Township Commissioner Update/Approval:** Miles reported that South Litchfield Township Road Commissioner Raymond Akeman addressed the committee regarding some township roads in South Litchfield Township that had some damage done during the Simpson Bridge closing. He said that there were no signs and these roads were not marked as a detour for traffic during the construction period. Miles stated that the committee discussed that the County has never had a policy to allocate money for township roads when the County roads were closed for other prior construction projects. Miles also stated that he thinks some money should be allocated to help townships with their roads that get damaged during these construction closures. Moore stated that the Township roads are taking the most use and that the Township Road Commissioners are under the impression that the county was checking the truck usage on the county and township roads because we had the road use agreement and received money for the engineer to check them. Hampton+Knodle replied that the State's Attorney's Office told us at the beginning of last year that the townships were to take care of their own road use agreements and inspections. Miles stated that the committee is considering trying to help South Litchfield Township with materials toward this need.
3. **Resolution 2016-06 to appropriate funds for 1134 B-CA North 24 Avenue, Rountree Township, 50% Montgomery County and 50% Christian County.** Miles reported that Christian County will vote on this resolution at their full board meeting this month, and that our county passed it last month.

4. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Assistant Highway Engineer Sefton changed the permit process for the Dakota Access Pipeline project because he was doing 40 – 50 permits every three days. Sefton now only has to issue the permits every seven days which saves a lot of time.
5. **MFT Funding Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the Motor Fuel Tax funds have been approved for the new State FY 2017 due to the stopgap budget.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the Highway Department is oil and chipping roads from Route 16 to Fillmore and also stated that the Butler bridge work will begin in August.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there have been no major maintenance issues to report and that all six coils have been replaced in the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex at no charge to the County because of the warranty.
2. **Maintenance Technician – Custodian Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee received a lot of applications for the maintenance technician position to replace Lloyd Meyer who will take the early severance package. He said that the committee has selected six applicants to interview at their next Building and Grounds committee meeting in August.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the MCEDC helped the Village of Panama obtain a \$10,000 grant for a new generator, however they have roof problems on their building and are having problems coming up with the matching funds at this time. She said that the MCEDC in partnership with U of I Extension is seeking interested communities for the next community planning process. Hampton+Knodle also reported that Southeastern Foundation will be making a presentation on July 27th, at 4:30 pm at the Extension Office and said that interested members of the public are invited to learn about the advantages of affiliating with the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation. She stated that MCEDC and Extension are planning to make a FabLab presentation to the county board at their September 2016 meeting.
2. **Incentives Update/Approval:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund:** Hampton+Knodle stated that RLF balance is in excess of \$221,000 and that payments are being made on time. Hampton+Knodle reported that the Economic Development Committee approved to reconvene the Revolving Loan Fund Board to review and revise their policy and procedure manual to allow community eligibility and that she will contact the State’s Attorney’s Office to review the documents.
 - **Witt Buildings Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee reviewed photos of buildings in the Witt downtown area that have recently fallen down or are caving in, and said that the Finance Committee directed the Economic Development Committee to explore a means of demolition and debris removal. She stated that the photos were circulated and committee members

discussed the possibility of the city applying for RLF funds and repaying the funds through their tax collections over time.

- Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle reported that Enterprise Zone Administrator Chris Daniels has completed the EZ application to add and delete territory and to add two units of government. She stated that the final application was submitted on July 8, 2016 to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Hampton+Knodle led Board members in commending Daniels for a thorough job of adding to the criteria required for the EZ application and securing the necessary information for the application to be submitted in a timely manner.
3. **Planning Commission Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m. on July 20th at the Courthouse Annex in Hillsboro, Illinois.
 4. **Infrastructure Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the Clean Line Grain Belt transmission project was reapplying to the State of Missouri and also reported that the committee voted to support the Illinois Generation Reliability Act which will give the opportunity for Dynegy in Coffeen to be more competitive with power plants in the Chicago area.
 5. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that \$1,800 was collected in the month of May for the new tourism tax and that Camp Soar in Honey Bend is another entity that will be submitting tourism tax to Montgomery County on a quarterly basis. She said that the committee will also be checking into the inquiry about the campgrounds and if they are exempt from the hotel tax.
 6. **Workforce Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that new student orientation for the new class of the CEO program will take place soon, with classes starting in August. She said that the annual meeting will be held on August 15th.
 7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee is having SOA Ray Durston check on some tax bills that were received on the bike trail and to see how to get them off the tax rolls. Hampton+Knodle is also checking with the State's Attorney's Office to see if we could sell this part of the bike trail. Webb stated that the Village of Waggoner gave the right of way from Coal Field Avenue on the north edge of Waggoner to the county to make a bike trail and in the original agreement the Village would get it back if it were not developed.
 - Hampton+Knodle also reported that a Night of Networking with the new CEO class has been scheduled for Monday November 7th, 2016 at the Litchfield Holiday Inn.
 - Chairman Hertel congratulated Member Plunkett for becoming Publisher of the Journal News and also congratulated Hampton+Knodle on her recent election to serve as First Vice-President of the National American Agri-Women organization.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Moving Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Savage thanked Chairman Hertel for his work in getting the ambulance billing office situated after Director Holmes and Cathy Ulrici both took the severance packages. He reported that EMA employee Sherry Greenwood will become a union working supervisor and the billing office will stay at their present location in the basement of the Courthouse Complex.

EMA REPORT:

1. **Update/Approval Panic Alarm Testing:** Savage reported that the monthly Panic Alarm testing is complete.
2. **Radios in Truck Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the radios in the truck have been repaired and are now working.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Ambulance Budgets Update/Approval:** The five Area Ambulance budget/Levies have been submitted for approval. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the budgets for the five county ambulance districts. Webb abstained, all others in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, pages 230-243).** Hampton+Knodle asked why two districts have large categories of depreciation, and inquired where this applies, and Beeler said those questions can be asked of the districts.
2. **Flyover Update/Approval: Pictometry Presentation:** Beeler stated that the committee listened to a presentation by Pictometry for a new flyover for the GIS system. Beeler explained that when the initial contract was signed for Pictometry, we also voted for a second flyover to lock in a better price. Beeler stated that the cost would be \$112,685 and that we are not locked in for the second year and have until 2020 to decide because they were late on the delivery of the first flyover. Beeler reported that this amount will not be included in the fiscal year 2017 budget.
3. **Forrestal Group – Gene Stuard, Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed the proposal from Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group in the amount of \$88,700 to complete a new assessment for the Dynegy Power Plant. Beeler stated that the committee discussed sending out letters to the other affected taxing bodies who will benefit from the assessment asking them to share the expense.
4. **SB 696 Property Tax Freeze Legislation Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that there are no new updates at this time.
5. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that we are still in the employee application process of the early severance package offer and we have until August 31st to get the final numbers on who will participate.
6. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that she now has some proposed numbers from Vault Insurance if anyone would like to review them.
7. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the monthly coal revenue and expense reports are in members' packets for review.
8. **FY 2017 Budget Hearings: July 18th, 19th, and 21st from 8:00 to Noon Update/Approval:** Beeler reminded everyone that the FY 2017 budget hearings will take place on July 18th, 19th and 21st from 8:00 am to noon in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse.
9. **Court Security, Sheriff Department and County Clerk & Recorder Cost Study Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that we are in the contract and data collection phase with Bellwether for them to prepare a cost study for the Court Security fees, Sheriff Department fees and County Clerk & Recorder fees.
10. **Resolution #13-2016 to Transfer four Sheriff Funds to the Treasurer Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the Auditors recommended that the four Sheriff Accounts be transferred to the Treasurer's Office and copies of the vouchers be reviewed by the Building and Grounds committee each month. **Motion by Beeler and second by**

Hampton+Knodle to approve Resolution #13-2016 to transfer four Sheriff Funds to the Treasurer's Office. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 244).

11. **Coal Severance Tax Resolution #14-2016 Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that everyone has had a draft of the Coal Severance Tax Resolution and that the Finance Committee is recommending its approval. Deabenderfer asked for clarification of sections of the Resolution, which were given. He also made some minor grammatical corrections. Webb asked what the neighboring states have in place for severance tax and Chairman Hertel replied that Illinois is one of the largest producers of rock and coal and yet Illinois has no severance tax on these minerals. Citizen Schroeder was in the audience and he stated that approximately 20 states have the coal severance tax, and Illinois and Pennsylvania do not have a coal severance tax. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Coal Severance Tax Resolution #14-2016. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 245-246).**
12. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Election Update/Approval:** Beck reported that County Clerk Leitheiser informed the committee that the Illinois State Board of Elections announced that due to the recent stop-gap budget passage the county will receive state reimbursement for Election Judges pay for the March and November 2016 Elections and also will receive the grant funds due for the ADA upgrades to the Historic Courthouse basement Election Early Voting Center.
2. **Election Judge Commission Update/Approval:** Beck reported that County Clerk Leitheiser shared the Election Judge Commission Listing for approval at the July HWE Committee meeting which will apply to the November 2016, April 2017 and March 2018 elections. **Motion by Beck and second by Wendel to approve the Election Judge Commission List. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of List, see Resolution Book 15, pages 247-269).**
3. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that due to the stopgap budget being passed by the State, the County should be getting our reimbursement for the EPA position for 2016 and 2017.
4. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the committee discussed the budgets for Recycling and Animal Control and made the cuts that were requested by the Finance committee.
5. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the committee reviewed a draft of the proposed animal control ordinance with a group of concerned citizens and some changes were made based on their input. She said that the changes are highlighted in yellow and the changes that were suggested by the citizen group are in blue, and stated that board members will have two months to review the ordinance and action will take place at the September, 2016 County Board meeting.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee listened to a presentation from Lisa Sorensen and Nichole Watson of Precise Benefits Group regarding a hybrid self-insured program for employee health insurance with Vault Health Insurance. She said that the committee will need to decide by the end of this

month whether or not to seek a December 1st Health Insurance renewal date so that it will coincide with the county's fiscal year.

2. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that the committee discussed the early severance package and she noted that employees have until August 31st, 2016 to decide on the package.
3. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that she sat in on the training with Treasurer's Office Payroll Clerk Liz Holcomb, and the Treasurer's office has agreed to be the pilot office for this module; however Holcomb informed Bathurst she has not had time to work with the module due to working on the severance packages for employees.
4. **On Line Training (IPMG) Webinar and Procedural Manual for Sheriff's Department Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that she and Chairman Hertel met with Sheriff Vazzi regarding their work on the Procedural Manual and she stated that the manual is not complete at this time.
5. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation Issues Update/Approval:**
Motion by Bathurst and second by Martin to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time Executive Session began was 8:55 AM.
Motion by Young and second by Deabenderfer to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time Executive Session ended was 9:25 AM.
 - **Motion by Bathurst and second by Martin to approve appointing Curt Watkins to the IS Manager Position upon the vacancy of that position at a starting salary of \$55,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Motion by Bathurst and second by Miles to appoint Cody Greenwood as the new County Engineer contingent on receipt of the letter that he passed the IDOT test effective July 13th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.** Greenwood was in attendance and he thanked the County Board for the opportunity and he looks forward to serving as County Engineer.
 - **Motion by Savage and second by Deabenderfer to reclassify Sherry Greenwood as a working supervisor who will stay in the union in her current position as EMA/Ambulance Billing Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.** Hertel stated that this was agreed to by her Union and said that we received an email to confirm their agreement.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **David Beal to the 911 ESTB Board:** Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Plunkett to appoint David Beal to the 911 ESTB Board. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Sarah Waggoner to the IllinoisSouth Tourism Board:** Motion by Bathurst and second by Hopper to appoint Sarah Waggoner to the IllinoisSouth Tourism Board. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder stated that he was very pleased with the cooperation and participation of citizens working with the HWE committee on the proposed Animal Control ordinance. He stated he is very grateful that everyone got along and that the committee listened to the people in this matter.

Citizen Mary McKenzie of rural Butler addressed the board with concerns that Elected Officials including Judges should be producing their birth certificates to prove they are US citizens before being allowed on an Election Ballot. McKenzie stated that she has contacted the State Board of Elections and asked if they collect birth certificates for Judicial candidates, and was told they did not, because state law does not direct them to do so. McKenzie stated she feels birth certificates should be collected to document US citizenship for candidates. Chairman Hertel stated that he understands her concerns but the legislature should be the source of her inquiry since they make laws that counties must follow. Hertel stated that currently under Illinois law candidates are not required to produce birth certificates when asked by the general public to do so. Chairman Hertel stated that State's Attorney Matoush and Clerk Leitheiser will explain the county's legal requirements in this matter to Ms. McKenzie after this meeting.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Robinson and second by Miles to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 17, Against – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Webb and second by Wendel to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Young and second by Hopper to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

Roll call was taken - 18 members present, 3 members absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Mike Webb

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Ray Durston.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Bathurst to approve the mileage and per diem. Hopper voted No. All others in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Graden and second by Beck to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions. Chairman Hertel asked Satterlee whether the Health Department will receive a report of Zika virus cases if we have occurrences, and Satterlee responded affirmatively.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
13. **V.A.C. Report** --- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Chairman Hertel stated that there have been very positive comments from the public on VAC services and he thanked Mr. Strowmatt for his services.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Young and second by Gasparich to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb was absent. Gasparich stated that the 911 Board recently met and discussed that there hopefully will be more funding for 911 from the State in the future.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that someone was hired recently for the ILHEAP program in the Taylor Springs Office.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they are working on setting up a Community Wide Foundation and they hope to get it started the first of the year.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that John Rapp was re-elected as the MCWC President, Phil Borgic was re-elected as the Secretary/Treasurer, and they have one opening on the Board. He stated that the cash flow has been positive and insurance should cover an exposed pipe and collapsed culvert that occurred recently.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that the Commission recently met and discussed the need for a fiber network for the entire County and they would like to find someone to draw up the plans.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a meeting recently where they discussed intergovernmental agreements, the Illinois Budget and the impact of a bill regarding County Board members who receive IMRF benefits.
- **U of I** – Young stated that everything is going OK.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will meet next on August 18th, 2016.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that Gasparich is still working on this issue and they hope to get it on the ballot for the April 2017 election. He said that the sales tax would help provide additional funding for Public Safety.
2. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.
3. **SB 2503 Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that this bill has been assigned to the Judicial Sub-Committee or Fees Committee and there is nothing new to report.
4. **Bicentennial Resolution Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is a group in southern Illinois that has invited us to participate in a Bicentennial celebration for the State in 2018, however it is very expensive. Hertel stated that the Economic Development Committee will be looking at this and the County will participate in some way to celebrate the State of Illinois' 200th anniversary.
5. **Dynegy Meeting on 7/22/15 Update/Approval:** Hertel said a recent meeting was held with Dynegy representatives where they expressed a need for technical support. He said that Dynegy doesn't have customers other than the grid and since this is a deregulated State, it puts them behind everyone else. Hertel stated that all the other electric generating companies can bid on the grid at zero if they want to because they have other customers to pay their bills. Chairman Hertel stated that there will be a legislative bill to

assist Dynegy with this situation, which is very serious because we could lose the power plant because they can't make money on this system. Deabenderfer stated that other states did not deregulate because they saw this as a problem and the power bill to the consumer will escalate. Sneed reported that one of the reasons this plant is still open is because it is one of the cleanest running plants in the world. Hertel stated that we are very interested in supporting Dynegy and we will discuss this further in the Finance Committee.

6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Surplus Equipment Update/Approval:** Miles stated that all the surplus equipment awarded last month has been paid for and picked up.
2. **Possible Damage on South Litchfield Township roads during Simpson Bridge Closing Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Assistant Highway Engineer Sefton went out with South Litchfield Township Road Commissioner Raymond Akeman to access the possible damage during the Simpson Bridge Closing. Miles said that the committee reviewed a report prepared by Sefton to show what materials and the cost to repair the damage. The committee decided to help them with some materials costs and pay approximately \$3,000.
3. **1134-B-CA, N. 24th Avenue, Rountree Township, Montgomery County – Christian County Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported that Christian County sent the County a copy of their signed Resolution approved by their County Board for the 1134 B-CA, N. 24th Avenue in Rountree Township.
4. **Dakota Access Pipeline Project Update/Approval:** Miles stated work continues on cleaning up after the Dakota Access pipeline installation and said that some permits are still being issued. Chairman Hertel reported that the Pipeline project employed 320 residents of Montgomery County and some of those workers have also been hired to follow them to other counties for the pipeline install there.
5. **Additional Soil Borings for UST Removal to Comply with OSFM Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood is negotiating with the soil boring company to conduct additional borings and testing where the fuel tanks were removed. Miles stated that the Illinois State Fire Marshall requires soil borings within 24 hours of the tank removal and the company we hired did the soil borings before the tank removal. Miles reported that we were told that everything was inspected properly and that we passed the inspection. Engineer Greenwood stated that the site assessment needs to be completed before and within 24 hours after the boring and that he has made contact with the boring company to negotiate another boring and test.
6. **Meet and Greet with all the Township Road Commissioners Update/Approval:** Miles reported that a meet and greet with Engineer Greenwood has been scheduled for all Township Road Commissioners on Friday, August, 12th, 2016 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.
7. **IDOT Resolution to Appoint a Highway Engineer with Letter of Intent Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the IDOT Resolution needs to be approved so it can be signed and sent to IDOT. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the IDOT Resolution and the Letter of Intent to Hire Cody Greenwood as the County Highway Engineer. Discussion:** Plunkett stated that he is unfamiliar with a line at the bottom of the resolution that referred to a merit increase that could be given at the discretion of the Road and Bridge committee and County Board. Chairman Hertel replied that the verbiage was placed there because due to the timeframe of Highway

Department union contracts, they could award Greenwood a salary increase for doing a good job to stay competitive with union increases, and that this would be done during the normal budgeting process. Deabenderfer stated that he feels this opens up a can of worms and he is concerned that this will set a precedent that other departments will want to follow. Chairman Hertel stated that he is not against merit raises and the County has given individuals merit raises before. **Roll Call Vote: 14 Yes and 4 No votes. Voting Yes are Bathurst, Beeler, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Voting No are Beck, Deabenderfer, Moore and Plunkett. Motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 270-271).**

8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood is looking into the annual oversize/overweight limits stated in Resolution 2010-02.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Meyer installed a pump on the air conditioning units on the west side of the Historic Courthouse to better drain them into the sewer system, and Meyer will also be painting the north door of the Historic Courthouse and putting yellow paint on the stairs at the south entry.
2. **ICRMT Building Assessment and Appraisal Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed the County building assessment report prepared by ICRMT and the value of all the County buildings is in excess of \$23 million.
3. **Maintenance Technician/Custodian Position Interviews Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee conducted four interviews and selected Mark Brown of Litchfield for the Maintenance Technician position. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to hire Mark Brown for the Maintenance Technician/Custodian Position. All in favor, motion carried.** Sneed reported that Brown is a former marine and has good credentials with past employment at the Montgomery County Housing Authority and is an Alderman in Litchfield.
4. **Johnson Controls Invoice Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that he received information from Johnson Controls regarding an invoice for \$13,000 for two controls they installed when the coils were replaced last month. He said that the committee discussed the last conversation with Luther from Johnson Controls regarding the replacement of the coils and controls and that all this work was going to be replaced at no charge to the County because of the warranty. Sneed reported that he was told that the company will not warranty the two controls and Johnson Controls has asked for help in paying for the replacement cost. Sneed reported that Johnson Controls will be asked for a breakdown on the invoice for the committee to review.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

- **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the MCEDC is working on setting up a Community Foundation with a launch date of early 2017 and she asked members to review the monthly MCEDC newsletter in their packets. Hampton+Knodle also reported that they received a \$50,000 grant last month to help with the fab lab and said that Shalter has been working with a local female Veteran setting up a possible business.

- **Incentives Update/Approval:**
Revolving Loan Fund: Hampton+Knodle referred members to the Revolving Loan Fund report and stated that payments are on time. She stated that the committee discussed the Revolving Loan Fund at length and how some of these funds could be loaned out for eligible community projects. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve the community eligibility requirements to the Revolving Loan Fund Board for addition to the RLF Policy and Procedure Manual pending State's Attorney approval. Discussion:** Bathurst asked if this money is for helping communities clean up derelict buildings and Hampton+Knodle replied that it is. Beeler stated that these loans will draw the RLF fund down a little; however there would still be a balance to loan out for a potential business. Graden asked about the fund balance and Hampton+Knodle responded that there is about \$226,000 left in the fund. Chairman Hertel stated there could hypothetically be a five year loan agreement with a municipality which will allow them to pay back the loan each year using the real estate taxes that are collected by the county on their behalf. Plunkett asked about the RLF administration which will be done by the Treasurer's Department. Hampton+Knodle stated that the MCEDC will convene the RLF Board to review these loan applications. Gasparich asked if the agreement could state that the municipality could pay us back early by selling the property and Hampton+Knodle stated that there are no restrictions for paying back early. Chairman Hertel stated that this is an opportunity to help the municipalities rejuvenate their communities and is a win- win situation. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- 3. **Planning Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 26th, 2016 and at their last meeting there was some action to work on telecommunication.
- **Infrastructure Update/Approval:**
 - Incumbent Provider Updates – Hampton+Knodle stated that Royell Communications will be presenting to the Imagine Hillsboro group in September.
 - Fiber RFP – Hampton+Knodle reported that the MCEDC continues to work on the Fiber RFP and there are still some ongoing conversations with some providers.
 - Eagle Zinc – Hampton+Knodle stated there are engineering sketches of new cleanup efforts and the mayor of Hillsboro is very pro-active on this project. She said there is still no clear indication on who will own the property once it is cleaned up, but the parent company can't profit from the selling of the land.
 - Bike Trail Taxes – Hampton+Knodle stated SOA Ray Durston has taken care of the tax bills for the under developed parcels in North Litchfield Township. She stated that the parcels south of Waggoner have been exempted from taxes because they don't generate revenue and that she is trying to get them sold. Hampton+Knodle stated that she also needs to inform member Webb (who was absent) about the North Litchfield Township parcels, and Clerk Leitheiser offered to check into those parcels and report back.
- **Tourism Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that they are looking at the MCEDC to take the lead role to work with IllinoisSouth Tourism on the branding issue with the design and logo. She said that she recently was contacted by City of Litchfield Tourism director Sara Waggoner regarding information she received from the Tourism Board meeting that she attended in July.

- **Workforce Update/Approval:**
 - **West Central Development** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is no new information.
 - **CEO Program** – Hampton+Knodle stated that first year CEO student Lucas Secret will be speaking at the annual CEO Directors meeting to be held on August 15th at the National Bank as will former DCEO Director and current Business Development Corporation Director Jim Schultz will also be speaking. She said that the first day of class will be on Monday, August 22nd, 2016.
- **Witt Downtown Buildings Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle talked with Witt representative Shawn Cady about their downtown building issues.
- **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee reviewed information regarding the State of Illinois Bicentennial to be held on December 3rd, 2018. She said this is a two year long celebration and the committee will discuss it in more detail at a later date.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Ambulance Billing/EMA Office Reorganization Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the EMA/ambulance billing office is in transition and that they are looking for a part time ambulance billing employee that will be an entry level position. Bathurst stated that the entry level salary for part-time employment is \$10.00 per hour.
2. **Operation Cool Down 7/21-24/16 Update/Approval:** Savage reported that during the hot weather, Nimmo initiated the Operation Cool Down program according to the County Emergency Operation Plan. Savage reported that if anyone has a problem with the heat and has no air conditioning, they can call 911 and they will be directed to a cooling center. Savage stated that transportation will also be provided if it is needed.
3. **Meeting Date and Time Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the Committee discussed moving the committee meeting to Mondays at 4:00 pm so that member Joe Gasparich can remain on the committee and not have to take time off from his new teaching job. **Motion by Savage and second by Deabenderfer to change the EMA committee meetings to the first Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Truck Tires and Radio Purchases Update/Approval:** Moore asked about the purchase of the new radio for the EMA truck. Gasparich responded that the old radio was over ten years old and by the time they transferred the old radio to the new truck and repaired it there was a chance that it would not work, so the committee figured they would just purchase a new radio. Beeler asked about the new tires that were purchased for the EMA truck and Savage replied that he approved new truck tires because we can't have employees out there providing a service and expose them to danger. Beeler stated that this budget was discussed and it was already way out of whack and she wants to know where the money is coming from. Savage stated that these purchases will have to come out of the general fund. Beeler also asked where Nimmo's old vehicle is and Gasparich replied that it was put into reserve at the sheriff's department and will eventually be sold for surplus.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

- 1. Radio Equipment Request Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that there is an outage in the 911 recording system at the Sheriff's Department and that it has been failing. She said that last July the vendor put in the last board to fix the system and we can no longer get parts for it. Beeler stated that by law we have to have a recording system and if the system stops we will not be in compliance. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to purchase the recording system by GTSI for \$17,600. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler reported that this expense will be taken from coal money because there is some money left in the building improvement category because the chimney repairs came in under budget. Gasparich stated that we need to redefine the capital improvement fund into a capital improvement and emergency fund. Hampton+Knodle stated that she thinks the reserve fund is meant to cover these types of expenses. Gasparich responded that the things we talked about this morning aren't capital improvement needs; instead they are equipment maintenance issues. Young asked if this was the only bid received and Beeler replied that it was the only bid because we have an Eventide system on two ends and we need an Eventide system to provide this service in the middle so the systems are compatible. Beeler stated that the 911 board has no money and as the system gets older and fails, we must spend money for the system and technology. Chairman Hertel stated that we will apply for grants for 911 equipment when they become available.
- 2. Court Security, Sheriff Department and County Clerk & Recorder Cost Study Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed the four Resolutions to change the Court Security, Sheriff Department, County Clerk and Recorder fees based on the cost study that was performed by Bellwether. She said that these fee increases would relieve the General fund. Beeler stated that the Court Security fee will go from \$25 to \$50 per case, not per appearance, and the State Statute says it could be up to \$55. Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that this fee will not affect petty traffic cases like speeding and seat belt violations. Gasparich shared a concern about an increase in fees that people may not be able to pay them. Moore asked if these fees will apply to civil cases and Circuit Clerk Lemons replied that they will. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the Ordinance to Increase the Court Security Fee to \$50 effective September 1st, 2016. All in favor, motion carried. (For a copy of the Court Security Fees Increase Ordinance, see Resolution Book 15, page 272).** Chairman Hertel stated that attached to this ordinance is an administrative order signed by the Chief Judge approving the increase in the court security fees. Beeler stated that the other Sheriff Fees that were recommended by Bellwether for an increase were bond fees that will go from \$35 to \$40, attending court with a detainee is currently \$10 and will go to \$17, a detainee Nurse visit fee from \$10 to \$17, a detainee Doctor visit from \$15 to \$22 and the fee to escort the detainee to an off-site medical or dental visit is currently zero and will be raised to \$35. Beeler stated that our total gross potential revenue in fees will be \$35,957 as a result of these Ordinances. Chairman Hertel stated that these fees are collected by the Sheriff's department except for the attending court with a detainee fee which is collected by the Circuit Clerk's Office. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the Ordinance to increase Sheriff Department Fees effective September 1st, 2016. All in favor, motion carried. (For a copy of the Sheriff Fees Ordinance, see Resolution Book 15, page 274).** Beeler stated that the Ordinance to Increase the County Clerk Fees and the Ordinance to Increase the County Recorder Fees will have a 30 day public review. County Clerk/Recorder Leitheiser stated that she would like to have the endorsement of State's Attorney Matoush of the cost study and these ordinances and would like time for public review because this will impact every fee in her office. She stated that the fees for certified copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses and civil unions will

go from \$15 to \$19 for the first copy and from \$5 for additional copies to \$6, the fee for certified copies of death certificates will go from \$19 to \$23 for the first copy and \$10 for additional copies because \$4 goes to a state program. She said that Marriage license and civil union issuances will go from \$60 to \$75, assumed name business applications will go from \$30 to \$32 and any withdrawal or supplement to an assumed name will go from \$10 to \$32, notary commissions by mail or in person will go from \$10 in person or \$15 by mail to \$17 each and the tax redemption clerk fee will go from \$75 to \$94. Leitheiser also explained that in the Recording department, the base cost for land records will increase from \$60 to \$75, the base cost for non-land records will increase from \$50 to \$66, and the base cost for subdivision, condominium, surveys and plats will increase from a range of \$70 to \$94 up to \$106. Leitheiser would like for these fees to take effect at the first of the calendar year on January 1st, 2017. Hampton+Knodle asked if this cost study included GIS fees, and Leitheiser responded that it did not, as the vendor wasn't asked to examine them.

3. **Early Severance Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that employees who were eligible to participate in the early severance have until August 31st, 2016 to take advantage of the package.
4. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that an update will be given during the Personnel Committee report.
5. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the reports are in everyone's packet and she pointed out that another \$21,000 was withdrawn from coal money for operating purposes. Hampton+Knodle asked Beeler about the chart that compares a difference in the expenses and noted that we are in a better position from June 2015 to June 2016 and wants to know if it is because of the health insurance savings and other cuts. Beeler stated that across the board everyone is living leaner and has tightened their belts.
6. **FY 2017 Budget Discussions Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee continues to work on the FY 2017 budget and they reviewed the ROE budget recently received in the mail.
7. **708 Board – FAYCO & Health Department Resolution for November Ballot Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Health Department Director Satterlee came to their meeting and explained the requirements for forming the 708 Board and presented a proposed property tax that will provide funds for mental health and substance abuse programs and assist disabled citizens. Beeler explained that the County Board has to make hard decisions on what funds we are providing FAYCO and other worthwhile organizations which puts these organizations in a tough spot on how they can fund their programs. She said that this tax would give them the opportunity to apply for the grant money to help supplement their programs. Beeler stated that the County Board will need to approve this Resolution, which gives them the ability to put this on the ballot for the voters to decide. Hampton+Knodle stated that mental health support services are needed. Plunkett stated that if this public question passes the County Board Chairman will appoint the 708 Board, and he hopes that tax payers realize that we need these services and support this funding. Chairman Hertel replied that voters don't realize what FAYCO does, and said that when we got coal money we helped them out, but times are tough and lean now with no coal money so the County is forced to cut our contribution. Satterlee stated that what they are asking for is to let the voters decide on how to fund these programs. Savage stated that when funding is in place for these services we are providing opportunities to families who need them to stay in Montgomery County, which helps everyone. FAYCO representative Kim Taylor gave a breakdown of how 708 Boards work and she stated that there will be seven members on this 708 Board who will decide the grant funds for qualified organizations that apply. She said

that the new proposed property tax will generate about \$630,000 and the 708 Board sets the levy and the County Board has to approve the levy as part of their annual levy. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution to place a referendum to the electors of Montgomery County at the November 8th, 2016 General Election for an annual property tax not to exceed .15% for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services including facilitates and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser. Roll Call Vote: 17 Yes and 0 No votes. Voting Yes were Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. (Miles had left the meeting prior to this vote). Motion carried.**

8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Election Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser provided the committee a handout of Important Election Dates for the November 8th, 2016 General Election and a copy of the 2016 Candidates Guide which shows the qualifications for federal, state, and County offices.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that grant money has been appropriated however the check has not been received yet for State Fiscal Year 2016.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that Recycling Coordinator Bishop, Bathurst and herself met with landfill owners (Republic). She reported that they had a good meeting and they have offered to come down to review our recycling facility to see if there are any improvements that can be made. Beck also reported that there will be Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 from 9:00 am to Noon at the Litchfield recycling facility.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the revised Animal Control ordinance was sent out to all the interested citizens and that no further comments were received. She said that the full Board will vote in September to approve this ordinance. Beck also reported that Animal Control Officer Daniels will be contacting the County's mayors regarding the municipal contracts for Animal Control services.
5. **Meeting time change Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the committee approved to move their meeting time from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each Month to accommodate member Joe Gasparich who has taken a teaching job recently. **Motion by Beck and second by Graden to change the meeting time to 4:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

Bathurst started her report by stating that she felt that whenever we base salary increases on merit it is a good thing and Deabenderfer replied that he disagreed because merit-based raises are subjective and that government should be more objective.

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee had a phone conference discussion with a Vault Insurance representative and there is still some confusion on its offerings, so the committee will look further at the program. Bathurst stated that the committee approved to go with the December 1st renewal date on health insurance. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Beck to go with the December 1st renewal date for Employee Health Insurance to coincide with the County fiscal year. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel announced that an Electronics Recycling Drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at the Litchfield Recycling Facility.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Hertel stated that EMA and HWE committee meetings will now start at 4:00 pm instead of 8:30 am for their respective monthly meetings.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder stated that the hotel south of town was full of customers due to the recent pipeline construction so we'll get hotel tax, which is a good thing. He also asked when clean up at Eagle Zinc will start. Chairman Hertel stated that plans are in place for clean up to start at Eagle Zinc in the fall and that they have not picked a contractor yet. Schroeder also shared concerns about broadband and internet services in Montgomery County and said that he hopes that there is a plan to get better services soon.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 15, against – 0, absent – 4, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Robinson and second by Graden to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Martin and second by Hopper to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Earlene Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Roy Hertel, after he announced a moment of silence in memoriam of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Webb and second by Miles to approve the mileage and per diem. Hopper voted no, all others are in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Young and second by Sneed to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and stated that they are getting ready for flu shots.
5. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions and reported that they will be getting ready to start the Rocky Hollow Bridge project and said that notices have been issued stating that the road will be closed until November 23rd, 2016.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi- report was submitted.
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
12. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
13. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Hopper and second by Bishop to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that there will be a quarterly meeting next month.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson was absent.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett stated that there will be a seminar this Thursday in Springfield regarding the new federal law starting on December 1st, 2016 where salaried employees making less than \$47,000 per year will get paid overtime for any work over 40 hours per week. Chairman Hertel also reported that an email was sent out by the Illinois Association of County Board Members regarding board members on IMRF who must now keeping track of their time. Hertel suggested that any members on IMRF should call their pension representative to see how this affects them.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that Will Shalter has resigned as director of the MCEDC and took a job at Pana School district as of August 12th, 2016 and that the MCEDC will be conducting interviews on Monday for several candidates.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that he did not attend the meeting.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that there is a meeting scheduled next month.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that there was nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there is a meeting scheduled in two weeks.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they have a meeting scheduled next month.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. Community Health Assessments Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel asked board members to complete the community health assessment forms and return them to Director Satterlee at the Health Department.
2. Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that Gasparich will work on the public safety sales tax referendum after the November election.
3. Coal Mine Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
4. Overweight Trucks Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that he contacted Circuit Clerk Lemons regarding the overweight truck fines and that he will have States Attorney Matoush look into fees going to the municipalities or the county.
5. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge Material Letting Update/Approval:** Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood opened four bids at the meeting, and said that County Materials received the bid for the deck beams in the amount of \$95,695.50; P.H. Drew received the low bid for the Steel railing in the amount of \$12,497.40; and Yamnitz received the low bid for the traffic products and markers in the amount of \$9,020. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the low bids for the Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge Material Letting. Roll Call Vote. 20 Yes and 1 absent. Voting Yes were** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. **None voting no.** Earlene Robinson was absent. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Resolution #2016-07 to Appropriate Funds for 1136 B-CA, Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood stated that this bridge will cost \$309,000 and an additional right of way was obtained to make the bridge wider. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve Resolution #2016-07 to Appropriate Funds for 1136 B-CA, Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge, 100% County funded for a cost of \$309,000. Roll Call Vote. 20 Yes and 1 absent. Voting Yes were** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe

Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. **None voting no. All in favor, motion carried.** Earlene Robinson was absent. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 276-277).

3. **Resolution #2016-08 to Appropriate Funds for 1135 B-CA Walshville Trail Bridge Rail Repair Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the committee approved the resolution to appropriate funds for the Walshville Trail Bridge repair and Engineer Greenwood stated that he is working with the insurance company to get reimbursement for the repairs. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve Resolution #2016-08 to Appropriate Funds for 1135 B-CA Walshville Trail Bridge Rail Repair, a 100% county project for a cost of \$18,000. All in favor, motion carried.** (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 278-279).
4. **Engineering Agreement for Bridge Inspections Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported that the committee needs to review two proposals for bridge inspection since he hasn't seen any classes offered yet for him to take so he can do this work. Miles said that the committee discussed and approved an engineering agreement with McDonough-Whitlow PC in the amount not to exceed \$51,000 for this work until Greenwood is trained for it. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve an engineer agreement for bridge inspections with McDonough-Whitlow for \$51,000. All in favor, motion carried.** (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 280-281).
5. **Resolution #2016-09 to appropriate funds for bridge inspections Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood stated that Resolution #2016-09 is to appropriate the funds for the bridge inspections. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve Resolution #2016-09 to appropriate \$51,000 in funds for the bridge inspections. Roll call vote: 20 yes and 1 absent. Voting Yes were: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. None voting no.** Earlene Robinson was absent. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 15, pages 282).
6. **Road and Bridge Committee Dates Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed and approved the 2017 meeting dates.
7. **Vacation of Subdivision in Van Burensburg Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood was contacted by county resident Donald Woolsey to vacate a subdivision in Van Burensburg that was platted many years ago. Greenwood reported that since Van Burensburg is no longer incorporated as a municipality, Woolsey asked if the county could oversee the vacation, and he said that the parcels total 11.29 acres and he requests that they be assessed as farm ground. Greenwood checked with State's Attorney Matoush who informed him that these parcels could be vacated with at least two thirds majority vote of the county board. **Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to vacate the Subdivision in Van Burensburg and assess the land as farm ground instead. All in favor, motion carried.** (For copy of Petition to Vacate Subdivision, see Resolution Book 15, pages 283-290- an Ordinance to record in land records is pending at this time).
8. **Dakota Access Pipeline Project Update/Approval:** Miles reported that construction phase is done and they will be coming back to do the road repair and ditch cleanup work.
9. **Additional Soil Borings for UST Removal to Comply with OSEFM Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood spoke with the company that did the soil borings and they will do the work for no additional cost. He also said that we are under a timeline with the Fire Marshall's Office for this work to be completed. Engineer Greenwood stated that they will be there today to finish the borings at no cost to the county.

10. **1131 B-CA, Bodner Ave. Update/Approval:** Greenwood reported that the pipe job west of Miller Brothers will be done September 13th and 14th and that the media will be contacted to provide public information for the road closure.
11. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Bids for Trash Removal Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee opened and reviewed three bids for the county building trash hauling services, and said that the low bid was from DC Waste and Recycling. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to accept the low bid from DC Waste and Recycling for the trash hauling for county buildings. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the small air conditioning unit at the Jail has been freezing up and it has been an intermittent problem. He also stated that two new tires will be put on the maintenance truck.
3. **Johnson Controls Invoice Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Johnson Controls submitted a breakdown on the costs for the invoice they sent for \$13,000 for work that they said they would do the coil work on warranty. He said that Johnson Controls sent a letter stating that the company that supplied the coils is charging for them and Johnson Controls is asking for help in paying for the work to replace the coils. Sneed reported that the committee decided not to pay Johnson Controls the additional \$13,000 invoice for the coil work at the Courthouse Complex, and Sneed said he will sign a regret letter to Johnson Controls stating the committee's decision.
4. **Utility Vouchers Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Clerk Leitheiser addressed the committee regarding her office handling the processing the pre-paid utility vouchers because there is no longer part time clerical help in the county board administration office for this task. Leitheiser stated that once her staff processes the vouchers, she will sign off as department head on them in order to assist Coordinator Daniels.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hampton+Knodle confirmed that the process is underway to replace Will Shalter as the director of the MCEDC.
2. **Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee reviewed revisions to the Revolving Loan Fund Policy and Procedure Manual which will include allowing the communities to receive loan funds for demolition and debris removal of old buildings. She said that the RLF board met on August 31st, 2016 and approved the changes. Hampton+Knodle stated that the municipalities will have to put in an application with minutes from their meeting approving use of the funds, and also must comply with all state bidding requirements. She said that municipalities will be able to loan up to a max of \$50,000 which will be paid back by holding back a portion of their real estate taxes for up to five years. Hampton+Knodle stated that a \$75,000 balance will remain in the fund for the purpose of loaning money to a potential business. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve the Revised Revolving Loan Fund Policy and Procedure Manual including the community eligibility criteria. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 15, pages 291-300).**
3. **Appointment to the RLF Board Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that the committee is recommending the appointment of Nick Kunz of Litchfield to the RLF Board to replace Mike Fleming. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Hopper to appoint Nick Kunz to the RLB Board. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - Enterprise Zone: Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee discussed a couple of recent EZ projects and the new Administrative Fee. She stated that Coordinator Daniels will follow up on the status of the EZ application.

4. Planning Update:

- Planning Commission – Hampton+Knodle stated that they will meet in October.

5. Infrastructure Update:

- Incumbent Provider Updates – Hampton+Knodle stated that she and Tim Hopper met with an internet service provider to see if service can be upgraded in our county and a meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2016 at Aumann Auctions with some large businesses and the top six communities.
- Eagle Zinc – Chairman Hertel stated that there is no new information on which contractor was awarded the cleanup project and that they are still deciding on where the rubble pile will be located.

6. Tourism Update:

- Tourism – Hampton+Knodle that the committee discussed ideas on how to come up with a branding name for the county and stated that since May the county has collected about \$5,700 in revenue from the hotel tax.

7. Workforce Update:

- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle stated that we need to find a replacement for JoAnn Keele to the West Central Development board and she said that she will write a letter to West Central Development.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the CEO annual meeting was held on August 15th and there were good remarks from Jim Schultz and Lucaas Secrist. She said that the new class is up and running and is going well so far. Hampton+Knodle shared a copy of the CEO annual report and she encouraged people to sign up to receive email updates.

12. Witt Downtown Buildings Approval: Hampton+Knodle stated that the Committee discussed loaning RLF money to the City of Witt to help them demolish some derelict buildings and use the new RLF Policy and Procedure. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Beeler to extend \$50,000 of RLF funds to the City of Witt for the demolition of three derelict buildings and debris removal to be paid back in five years. Roll call vote: 19 yes, 1 abstained and 1 absent. Voting Yes were: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Jay Martin Abstains from voting. None voting no. Earlene Robinson was absent. All in favor, motion carried.**

8. Other Business Update: Hampton+Knodle shared a draft report submitted by the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council that identifies real information about issues with high speed internet.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

- 1. Resolution to Adopt the Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Approval:** Savage reported that we were notified by Greg Michaud that we can now adopt the Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan so that we can apply for IEMA and FEMA funding if there were a disaster. Gasparich stated that if there was a natural disaster, governmental bodies are not eligible for any funding for mitigation if they don’t have a mitigation plan in place. Savage stated that these meetings over the past year were very well attended. Chairman Hertel thanked Health Dept. Administrator Satterlee for letting us use the new Health Department building for the meetings. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Webb to approve the Montgomery County Multi- Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 15, page 301).**
- 2. EMA and Ambulance Billing Update:** Savage reported that the EMA Office is in the process of organizing, training, and tracking grants. He said that the Ambulance Billing Office is now in the process of hiring and training a part time billing person.

3. **Hazmat Team Deployment Update:** Graden reported that the County Hazmat team was deployed to a fuel tank spill in Assumption on August 26th, 2016.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that the County recently received the grant money for last year in the amount of \$39,788.11 towards Environmental Administrator Bill Gonet's salary.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that an Electronics Recycling Drive has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at the Litchfield recycling center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
3. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that the committee reviewed the proposed Animal Control ordinance. Beck stated that she did not receive any phone calls regarding any concerns; however a few board members did receive phone calls from those who have been following the ordinance update process who stated that they did not get an email with the final draft right after the committee meeting. As a result of these concerns, Beck apologized to those who did not receive the final draft and she stated that the proposed ordinance will be tabled for one month. Beck also invited anyone with input to come to the next HWE meeting on October 4th, 2016 at 4:00 pm. Chairman Hertel stated that one of the changes recently made was that if an animal is found running at large, the owner would have to pre-pay the \$10 registration tag fee and \$10 for the rabies along with the normal fines in order to claim their pet. He said that a voucher will then be given to the pet owner to get the rabies shot and we will then be invoiced by the Veterinarian. He said that other changes that were made was changing the word "facility" instead of "shelter" and the job descriptions for Animal Control personnel were taken out of the ordinance and will be put on the county's website. He said that breeders will be responsible for reminding their customers to get their pets rabies vaccinated for the first year. Audience member Matt Spinner stated that the Illinois Federation of Hunting Dogs is against the breeding permits and kennel licenses in the proposed ordinance. Chairman Hertel stated that if the ordinance is approved, it would go into effect on January 1st, 2017. Hampton+Knodle asked if the board would have input on the mission statement listed in the ordinance and Beck replied that the mission statement was taken out of the ordinance at this time. Copies of the proposed ordinance and corresponding state laws were distributed to interested audience members, and Hertel stated that the proposed ordinance will also be placed on the county's website. Beck also reported that the animal control program will be having a rabies and microchip clinic on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and an open house is scheduled at the facility on Saturday, October 8th, 2016 from noon to 3:00 pm.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Forrestal Group – Gene Stuard, Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler reported that the ten year assessment with Dynegy is about to expire and stated that the committee met last month with Gene Stuard of Forrestal Group to get an idea of a cost for that company to help with the reassessment of the power plant. Beeler also reported that she sent letters to all the taxing bodies involved with the power plant assessment inviting them to a meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the county board room where Gene Stuard will be available to answer questions about his consulting work. Beeler stated that the letters informed the taxing bodies what their portion of the consultant fee would be if we have to hire the Forrestal Group to negotiate with Dynegy.
2. **Early Severance Update:** Beeler stated that there were 17 employees who took the early severance package and all have been paid and have left county employment as of August 31st, 2016. Beeler reported that this was a success as it resulted in an estimated savings to the general fund of about \$134,850. Beeler also thanked board members for helping to pass this severance package and thanked the Department Heads for their support.
3. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the report is in everyone's packet for review and that the county received a payment of \$7,235.00 in July.

4. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Beeler stated that the Finance Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the health insurance bidding process and premium costs. She said that the budget is very close to being balanced and Health Insurance costs and employee salaries are what is left. Beeler stated that we have cut everything that we have to cut.
5. **FY 2017 Budget Discussions Approval:** Beeler asked committee chairs to look at their revenue and expense reports from the treasurer to see if their budgets are on track since cuts were made earlier this year and she advised everyone to keep an eye on any purchases made or what purchases may need to be made before the end of the fiscal year. Beeler also stated that she thinks we have the ability to balance the FY 2017 budget this November and that we will have to live lean and make sacrifices. She said that the current FY 2017 proposed revenues are \$6,111,031 and the expenses are \$6,316,699. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to approve the changes to the FY 2017 Budget.** Discussion: Plunkett stated that our goal was cut \$500,000 from the FY 2017 budget and we are now close to balancing and eliminating the \$1 million dollar deficit. Beeler stated that FAYCO's budget was originally cut by one half to \$17,000 and they came to the last Finance committee meeting and requested that their budget be cut instead to \$24,000 which is down from \$34,000. Beeler reported that the committee felt that since we are meeting the mark we will give them time to try and pass the 708 board public question at the November 8th, 2016 General Election and will give them \$24,000 this year and then step down gradually. Beeler stated that this budget does not include any money from coal Office 375 to the general fund. **Roll Call Vote: 20 Members Yes and 1 member absent. Voting Yes were:** Mary Bathurst, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Gene Miles, Jay Martin, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Connie Beck. Earlene Robinson was absent. **All in favor, motion carried**
6. **Estimated Tax Levy Approval:** Beeler reported that the estimated extension is \$5,523,126 which is a 4.9998% increase. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the estimated tax levy in the amount of \$5,523,126 which is a 4.9998% increase. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler stated that the VAC chose to decrease their levy and will operate on savings. **(For copy of Estimated Tax Levy Document see Resolution Book 15, page 302).**
7. **Truth and Taxation Update:** Beeler stated that we are under the 5% increase in the levy so we will not need to hold a truth and taxation hearing.
8. **Ordinance for County Clerk & Recorder Fee Increases as a result of the Cost Study Approval:** Beeler reported that last month Clerk Leitheiser submitted two ordinances for board members to review for one month that would approve raising the County Clerk Fees and the County Recorder Fees as of January 1st, 2016. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve Ordinance 17-2016 for the County Clerk fees increase. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve Ordinance 18-2016 for the County Recorder fee increase. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of both Ordinances, see Resolution Book 15, pages 303-304).**
9. **Resolution 16-19 to Void Taxes on the Communication Tower Parcel # 16-03-200-007 Approval:** The committee reviewed the resolution to void taxes on the communication tower parcel. **Motion to approve the resolution to void the taxes on the communication tower parcel #16-03-200-007. Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the resolution to void taxes on the communication tower, parcel #16-03-200-007. All in favor, motion carried.** Moore asked if this tower purchase has solved the communication problems and Chairman Hertel replied that the highway department has much better reception since their antenna was moved up. **(For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 305-306).**
10. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel #18-26-129-002 in the Village of Fillmore to Gustave Anderson Approval:** **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve of the resolution to convey the deed to parcel #18-26-129-002 in the Village of Fillmore to Gustave Anderson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 307).**

11. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel #21-19-351-002 in East Fork Township to Ronald Wright Living Trust Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve of resolution to convey deed to parcel #21-19-351-002 in East Fork Township to Ronald Wright Living Trust. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, pages 308).
12. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Approval:** Bathurst asked board members to review a spread sheet that shows the employee and county contribution levels discussed and approved at the committee meeting. Bathurst explained that the Committee discussed setting a percentage for what the county would subsidize for each employee category. Bathurst reported that the Blue Cross Blue Shield annual premium was about \$1.2 million on June 1st and that the County's portion was \$987,000 and the employee portion was \$265,000. She said that an individual plan is currently about \$80 per month which is 13 percent of the premium and the percentage of employee contribution for the other three tiers (employee-child; employee-spouse; family) varies from 22 percent to 31 percent. Bathurst stated that the committee is seeking to make a change where the individual would pay 15% of the premium and the other three tiers would pay 50% of the premium. She said she realizes that this is a huge increase for families, but they are making an effort to take care of the employees first and that there are other less expensive options for employees with children outside of the county insurance. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Young to adopt a county/employee share formula on insurance premiums where an individual would pay 15% and other three tiers (employee-child; employee-spouse; family) would pay 50% of the total premium cost effective December 1st, 2016 with the formula to be reviewed every year.** Discussion: Chairman Hertel stated that we are going to have meetings with the employees to inform them of how the formula works and said that the committee thought this to be the most fair cost sharing. Miles stated that the insurance we offer is optional and if the employees are not happy, they can go somewhere else to look for better insurance. Gasparich stated that he agrees that we have to adjust health insurance, because it is too much money for dependents. Bathurst stated that our insurance is such a good deal that spouses now don't take their own insurance and this will force them to look at their other options. Deabenderfer stated we could have an unintended consequence and lose some employees because the insurance costs will be too high. Bathurst stated that we have never asked an employee to take a salary reduction, never frozen a salary and have not had to lay off a single person, but we are in a financial situation where we have to sacrifice and she feels that the county should focus on taking care of the actual county employee by incentivizing them and giving them a better percentage. Bathurst added that we have to move forward and are working on a short time frame because the renewal is December 1st, 2016. Clerk Leitheiser asked if there will be an overall equal implementation of the new premiums for union and non-union employees. Bathurst replied that we looked at all the union contracts and she anticipates a successful overall implementation of this formula. The county will negotiate with two unions soon and the other unions will be notified in a couple of weeks. Bathurst stated that we need to talk with the unions and this issue has been brought up several times over the past year. Moore stated that this is all tax dollars and we are trying to get to Beeler's magic number and it is time to start making changes in what the employees pay on premiums. **Roll Call Vote: 18 members voted Yes- Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Wendel, Young. 2 Members voted No – Gasparich, Hopper. Earlene Robinson was absent. Motion carried.**
2. **Approval to bid out the Employee Health Insurance:** Bathurst stated that there are options to save even more money and referred board members to the two options offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield for a full insurance program, one with current levels of health care coverage and one with a higher deductible. Bathurst stated that the committee also looked at preliminary numbers from Vault Insurance who asked to submit numbers for a partially self-funded program. She said that Vault and BCBS need employee social security numbers to give this information to underwriters for just going out to get a bid

which is a requirement by the Affordable Care Act. Bathurst stated that under the new formula under the current insurance plan, the county would save about \$181,000 if the premiums were to stay the same. Shannon Hall responded that she just received the renewal numbers for BCBS for December 1st and in the worst case scenario the premiums will increase about 8.5%. Hall stated that the social security numbers are not needed for a fully funded program. Clerk Leitheiser asked if the board would be reinstating the dental and vision insurance and Bathurst replied that these benefits would still be offered to employees on a voluntary basis for an additional fee. Bathurst stated that we have to decide quickly if we are going to go out for bid and that she would like to stay with BCBS for another year for the stability it offers the employees. Beeler stated she disagreed and would like to see all the possible numbers from other insurance companies because we are now asking the employees to give 50% towards the premiums and we need to tell the employees that we are looking for savings everywhere. Plunkett stated that he would feel better if we looked at other insurance options because we owe it to our employees to look under every rock for cost savings on employee insurance and that we know we will have different numbers on December 1st, and he feels much more comfortable to tell employees with dependents that we have looked at every option. Graden stated that he would rather have a job if he were an employee and that to save money and jobs employees may have to pay for their own insurance premiums. Bathurst stated that the employees are happy with our current BCBS agent and network and she stated that Vault has no history negotiating with providers in our area. She said that another problem is that they have only worked with one county (Mercer County) since last November and they have less than one year of experience working with counties. Bathurst stated that she sees that as more uncertainty and feels that it is important to have a local agent. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to open up the process and bid out the employee Health Insurance for the policy to be implemented on December 1st, 2016.** Discussion: Beeler stated that we are asking the employees to swallow this increase and there could be a potential 8.5% increase and if Vault could possibly save us \$200,000 she can't accept staying with BCBS without looking at all other possibilities first. Miles stated that he wants to put a dollar cap on what the county contributes to employee insurance. Young stated that with the formula we adopted today, the employee contribution could be less by looking elsewhere for less expensive insurance. Hertel stated that we need a meeting with the employees first and then an RFP will need to go out as soon as possible. BCBS representative Shannon Hall stated that when we talk about the four insurance companies for a fully insured program it would be in the best interest for the county for Shannon to bring the numbers for them because the other agents will bring the same numbers. Beeler stated that her concern is the Dec. 1st renewal is approaching soon and we have to have some options from other providers because without this, we are opening us up to risk and we need to mitigate the risk. Beeler stated that she doesn't like to exclude other agents by not letting them bid and she doesn't have the knowledge to make that decision. Hampton+Knodle stated that we have to bid out other county services, and Chairman Hertel replied that health insurance is considered a professional service so we don't have to bid out. Beeler stated that fully funded health insurance companies have variables within their options for the use of agents and agents can set their own commissions. **Roll Call Vote: 11 members voted Yes. 6 Members voted No. Four members were absent. Members voting Yes** were Megan Beeler, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Tim Hopper, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Evan Young. **Members voting No** were Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Roy Hertel, and Richard Wendel. Members absent were Nikki Bishop, Joe Gasparich, Jay Martin and Earlene Robinson. **Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel stated that the Electronics Recycling Drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at the Litchfield Recycling Facility.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Nothing to report.

APPOINTMENTS: The County Board has been asked to re-appoint John Speiser for a 3 year term to the Mutual Drainage Dist. #1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. **Motion by Miles and second by**

Hampton+Knodle to re-appoint John Speiser for a three year term to Mutual Drainage District #1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Moore to approve Hampton+Knodle's per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Mary McKenzie stated that she has had no plumbing in her kitchen for the past two months and she recommends that the county make sure that residents do not go without plumbing and make provisions for this by implementing an ordinance. McKenzie also stated that she went to an HWE committee meeting a few months ago regarding the issue that judicial candidates need to prove that they are legal citizens by providing a birth certificate before their name is placed on the ballot. Clerk Leitheiser responded that Judicial Candidates file at the Illinois State Board of Election level and not the county level. McKenzie stated that she would like the citizenship requirement enforced at the county level.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Webb and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 14, Against – 0, Absent – 4, Abstain -3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Plunkett and second by Miles to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bathurst and second by Hopper to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

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

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Member Absent: Earlene Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by member Nikki Bishop in honor of her son Alex Bishop's win at the recent Sectional Golf tournament. Chairman Hertel called upon press member Mary Herschelman of the Journal-News, who gave also recognition to the Litchfield, Hillsboro and Lincolnwood golf teams for their recent achievements at the Sectional Golf tournament.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried. Hopper voted no, all others are in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Bathurst and second by Webb to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 4. Health & TB Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and he stated that County Employee Flu Shots are underway now.
- 5. Highway Department Report ---** Cody Greenwood was present for questions and informed members of updates on the Red Ball Trail and Rocky Hollow Trail.
- 6. Probation Office Report ----** Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
- 7. Public Defender's Report ----** Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
- 8. Recycling Report ----** Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
- 9. ROE Report –** Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
- 10. Sheriff's Report ----** Rick Robbins was present for questions.
- 11. SOA Report ----** Ray Durston was present for questions.
- 12. Treasurer's Report ----** Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
- 13. V.A.C. Report ----** Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gasparich and second by Young to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that a meeting is scheduled for one week from tonight.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson was absent from today’s meeting.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is nothing new to report.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that there is a meeting scheduled for tonight.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett and Bergen stated that there is nothing to report.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the MCEDC hired Valerie Belesko of Litchfield for the MCEDC Director position and he said that she has experience so it should be a smooth transition.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that there was not a meeting held in September.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they have a meeting scheduled for next week.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Bishop stated that they are getting ready for the annual Christmas dinner and that they are taking donations for the gift bags that are given to the seniors. She also said that work will begin soon on the roof to the Montgomery County Senior building in Taylor Springs.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that at their recent meeting they discussed the State’s Bicentennial celebration and also had a presentation regarding the 911 administration changes due to the State taking over 911 administration which is resulting in some counties merging services. Miles also stated that UCCI has a reception and seminar planned for this Friday and Saturday in Springfield.
- **U of I** – Young stated that members should have a copy of the U of I Extension Annual Report on their desks and he said that Director Amanda Cole does a good job in keeping costs down to provide those services.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they have a meeting scheduled next week.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. Public Safety Sales Tax Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel deferred to Joe Gasparich who stated that he will give a report at the December full board meeting and ask the board to approve a referendum be put on the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election for a ½ cent sales tax per \$100 for Public Safety purposes. He said that if the referendum passes, the new increased sales tax would not include farm equipment, food and prescriptions.

2. State Grants for Abandoned Buildings Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that he asked Gasparich and Hopper to look into this grant for the Ohlman School derelict property and he reported that they learned that the grant can only be used for residential properties. Hertel stated that they will ask the MCEDC to apply for grants to tear down the old Ohlman School.

3. Coal Mine Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that he has heard there may be some activity at the coal mine in a few years but this depends on political and economic conditions.

4. Overweight Trucks Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel stated that State’s Attorney Matoush sent a request for a legal opinion from UCCI. Hertel said that the truck traffic is

deteriorating the county roads because they were not established as 80,000 pound roads. Hertel stated that it is extremely costly to put down the required rock base to upgrade the 198 miles of county roads at \$25,000 per mile and reported that that we will probably pass an ordinance that will establish a rule if a truck gets a ticket on our county roads we will get the money rather than the state getting the fine money for overweight trucks.

5. Moving Ambulance Line Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel reported that he has talked to State's Attorney Matoush regarding a constituent request to move the boundary line that separates two county ambulance districts and he is researching this now.

6. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge in Butler Grove Twp. Update/Approval: Miles reported that work continues on the Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge and that steel pilings will be installed tomorrow and that a temporary crossing was constructed.

2. Village of Butler Water Line Issue Update/Approval: Miles reported that while working on the Rocky Hollow Bridge project they discovered that the Village of Butler has a main water line on the south side of the road that will need to be moved. Engineer Greenwood received a quote from Bondurant Plumbing in the amount of \$8,861.41 to replace about 600 feet of water line and reported that the Highway department will do the digging. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to hire Bondurant Plumbing to install a water line in the amount of \$8,861.41 by the Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. Positive Train Control (PTC) Communication Monopole Update/Approval: Miles reported that the committee discussed the project to construct the 60 foot Positive Train Control Communication Monopole near Litchfield and that Engineer Greenwood stated that it would be OK and not impact the County.

4. Engineering Agreement for Bridge Inspections Update/Approval: Miles reported that Greenwood is pursuing Federal Participation with an 80/20 cost share for the upcoming bridge inspections. IDOT has verbally approved the agreement. Engineer Greenwood stated that there will be some bridge training classes offered in the spring and he plans on attending one of them so that we don't have to hire an outside engineering firm to complete these bridge inspections that are required by IDOT.

5. Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval: Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood and Assistant Engineer Sefton drove on county roads looking for areas that may need some work due to the pipeline project and they are working on cost estimates for these repairs.

6. Walshville Bridge Guardrail Repair Update/Approval: Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood talked with the insurance company in this case and they will pay for repairs to the guardrail on the south end of the bridge that was damaged from an accident.

7. Additional Soil Borings for UST Removal to comply with OSFM Update/Approval: Miles stated that samples were submitted to the State Fire Marshall and the work is complete and there are no violations.

8. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval: Sneed reported that maintenance issues have been running smooth and that Mark Brown has been doing a good job.

2. County Farm Lease with Jason Anderson Update/Approval: Sneed reported that Jason Anderson gave an update to the committee regarding the county farm that he cash rents and Sneed said that Anderson would like to continue farming it after the three year lease expires this November 30th, 2016. Sneed stated that Anderson has been doing a good job farming the county property for 20 years and said that he started a fertility program also. Sneed stated that the committee will discuss the rental amount and will get back to Jason Anderson before December 1st, 2016.

3. Schindler Elevator Maintenance Contract: Sneed reported that he called a Schindler Elevator representative and was told that we should be getting a quarterly inspection and he will call and follow up to see when it was scheduled.

4. Other Business Update/Approval: Sneed stated that he purchased a do-it-yourself radon test for the basement of the Historic Courthouse and the results came back that we received a rating of 8. Sneed stated that we will have the Historic Courthouse basement re-tested with a hand held device.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. MCEDC Update: Hampton+Knodle stated that Valerie Belusko has been hired as the MCEDC Director and that she begins soon. Hampton+Knodle stated that Belusko's office will be at the U of I Extension office and she thanked Amanda Cole for handling the hiring so quickly. Hampton+Knodle asked her committee to move their meeting back one week to November 2nd, 2016 at 9:30 am so that Belusko can attend.

2. Incentives Update:

- RLF - Community Eligibility – Hampton+Knodle stated that a \$50,000 loan was given to the City of Witt from the Revolving Loan Fund to demolish three old buildings and said that the Village of Panama was interested in a similar loan arrangement for the roof on their building. Chairman Hertel stated that this program will work out well for the communities and he thanked the committee, Treasurer Jenkins and State's Attorney Matoush for their work in implementing this loan program for the RLF.
- Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that the state is working on the EZ application and said that the committee learned about some new tax abatement opportunities for local business projects.
- Incentives: Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee reviewed and discussed a draft of a general tax abatement application and guidelines document that they will consider at their next meeting in order to present it to the full board in November.

3. Planning Commission Update:

- Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee has a meeting scheduled for October and they will discuss information derived from the high speed internet meeting that took place at Aumann Auctions in Nokomis last week.

4. Infrastructure Update:

- Eagle Zinc – Hampton+Knodle stated that the work has not begun yet on the Phase II clean up. Young asked who the contractor will be and Chairman Hertel responded that we will not know until the work starts.

5. Branding Brainstorm Update – Hampton+Knodle stated that a meeting was held in September at Forsee Vineyard to discuss a “branding” name for the county and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm with IllinoisSouth Tourism to pursue this topic.

6. Workforce Update:

- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle stated that we received a delinquent notice for \$5,969.60 for membership dues and that she will try and get the letter written to them explaining our concerns by the November board meeting.
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the CEO program has scheduled a Night of Networking on Monday, November 7th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Litchfield Holiday Inn Express and she invited board members to attend.
- WCDC Representative- Hampton+Knodle stated that Jeremy Jones has agreed to fill the vacancy on the WCDC Board left by JoAnn Keele’s resignation, and plans will be made to appoint him to that position in the November 2016 meeting.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

EMA:

1. EMA Job Description Draft Update: Savage reported that the committee received a draft of the revised EMA Director job description from Greg Nimmo.

2. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Update: Savage reported that Nimmo stated he is working on starting up the LEPC and that Gasparich stated that he will help activate the group again.

3. Incident Management Team Update/Approval: Savage stated that Nimmo will work towards getting a meeting set up for the group after the holidays.

4. Montgomery County Resolution of Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update/Approval: Savage stated that Nimmo will be following up with Greg Michaud to see what is applicable for grants and get examples of what grants have been filed in the County and then report back to the committee.

5. Ambulance Billing Office Approval: Savage reported that the committee voted and approved that the part time person be made full time. Ambulance Billing Clerk Sherry Greenwood reported that she is behind with billing and collections and that there is a backlog of Medicare and Medicaid documents to process. Savage stated that he received a letter from the Nokomis/Witt Area Ambulance that was in support of hiring a full time person instead of a part time person and he said that Greenwood has been working extra hours to keep caught up with the ambulance billing. Savage stated that he notified the five area Ambulance Districts and they are in agreement. Chairman Hertel stated that the ambulance districts will be paying for all the staff expenses and not the County General Fund.

6. Other Business Update: None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. Forrestal Group Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the taxing bodies for the Dynegy Power Plant parcels attended a meeting on September 14th, 2016 to discuss a proposal from Consultant Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group to negotiate and perform a new assessment of the Power Plant. She said that the ten year agreement that was

negotiated with the help of Stuard will expire soon and the Finance Committee is asking the affected taxing bodies to help share in the cost of his consulting fees due to the financial hardship the county is facing. Beeler stated that they reached a tentative agreement with the taxing bodies who will help pay for the consulting fees with the understanding that if the coal mine were to re-open and the county started to collect royalties again in excess of \$250,000 within a five year period we will reimburse the taxing bodies for their portion of the taxes. Beeler stated that the total agreement is in the amount of \$83,700 with the county portion of the cost at \$12,781.

Motion by Beeler and second by Young to hire the Forrestal Group to negotiate a new assessment with the power plant for an amount not to exceed \$83,700. Roll Call Vote- 20 Yes and 0 No, 1 Absent. Voting Yes were Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. **None voting no.** Earlene Robinson was absent. **Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to hire the Forrestal Group to represent the County on the Dynegy assessment contingent on the other taxing bodies approving their portion as proposed with an agreement that we will pay them back when we have received more than \$250,000 in coal royalties within five years.** Discussion: Moore stated that Dynegy has hired a group to represent them and is ready to fight so we should be ready to respond and that Mr. Stuart is the man for the job. Beeler stated that Jasper County lost a 40% reduction in their assessment because they lost the appeal with their power plant so she supports hiring a consultant to represent us. Plunkett stated that they have lawyers working on this so we need a body of evidence to support what this power plant is worth and that he worked with Mr. Stuart on the last assessment ten years ago and agrees that he is the man for the job and that it was well worth the money. Hampton+Knodle asked about the timeline and SOA Durston responded that an agreement should be in place at this time next year. **Voice vote: 19 voting Yes, 1 No vote and 1 absent. Voting Yes were** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Voting No was Deabenderfer. Earlene Robinson was absent. **Motion carried.**

2. Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval: Beeler stated that Mary Bathurst will report on this issue during the Personnel Committee report.

3. Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval: Beeler stated that the monthly coal Revenue, Expense and Bank Balance reports prepared by Treasurer Jenkins are in everyone's packet.

4. FY 2017 Budget Discussions Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the committee went through the proposed FY 2017 Budget's revenue and expense reports for final revisions which were then made by the Treasurer's Office and copies are on everyone's desk. Beeler stated that all the changes on the reports have been highlighted so that everyone can see what was recently changed.

5. Adopt the Aggregate Levy Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the final aggregate levy report that was submitted by Treasurer Jenkins. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the aggregate tax levy in the amount of \$5,650.125. Roll Call Vote. 20 Yes and 1 absent. Voting Yes were** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim

Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. None voting no. Earlene Robinson was absent. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Real Estate Tax Levy/Extension Summary see Resolution Book 15, page 309).

6. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 13-06-260-001 in Witt Township to the City of Witt Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the resolution to convey the deed to the City of Witt. Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 13-06-260-001 in the City of Witt. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 310).

7. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 13-06-253-011 in Witt Township to the City of Witt Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the resolution to convey the deed to the City of Witt. Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 13-06-253-011 in the City of Witt. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 311).

8. Resolution Fixing Juror Compensation and Jury Trial Demand Fee Update/Approval: Beeler reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the draft of the resolution fixing Juror Compensation and Jury Trial Demand Fee to change the reimbursement. The rate was \$15.50 for many years and Chairman Hertel stated that he drafted the Resolution which has been reviewed and approved by State's Attorney Matoush and Circuit Clerk Lemons. Hertel said the law was deemed unconstitutional so we are changing the amount by County Board Resolution. Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the Resolution fixing Juror Compensation and Jury Trial Demand Fee. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 15, page 312).

9. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. Election Update/Approval: County Clerk Leitheiser reported that today is the last day to register to vote and she thanked the media for helping promote voter registration. She stated that Grace Period registration starts tomorrow and will require voters to register at the County Clerk's office and then vote early at the same visit. She also said there has been a good response of early voters and ballots requested by mail so far.

2. Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval: Beck reported there was a successful electronics drive held at the Litchfield recycling facility on Saturday, October 1st and stated that they received twice the amount of product as the collection done last year. Beck also said that BLH Electronics Recycling company is still trying to find a place to re-locate in Montgomery County.

3. Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval: Beck stated that Animal Control Warden Daniels reported that there were over 40 animals vaccinated at last Saturday's clinic at the facility and she also told the committee that an Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, 2016 from noon until 3:00 pm.

4. Animal Control Ordinance – Beck reported that several interested citizens attended their last HWE committee meeting and informed members of a few changes that were made to the ordinance based on their suggestions. Beck went over a summary of the changes and provided a copy of the final draft for everyone's review and said it was also given to State's Attorney Matoush for his approval. She said that the HWE committee will make a recommendation on

the Animal Control Ordinance at their next meeting so that action can be taken at the November board meeting. Hampton+Knodle asked if the ordinance could be voted on in sections at the November meeting rather than in its entirety, and Chairman Hertel responded that he feels it will be best if they vote on the ordinance as a whole because of the amount of work that went into it. Plunkett stated that there are ways to do this process under Robert's Rules of Order.

5. Other Business Update/Approval: None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. Employee Health Insurance Approval: Bathurst reported that this has been a painful process and she explained what has transpired in the past few months regarding the employees' health insurance renewal. Bathurst reminded members about the new formula that was approved by the County Board last month where the employees with dependents on the county health insurance will be paying 50% of the premium costs which is expected to save the county about \$200,000 per year. Bathurst also explained that last month the board approved opening up the bidding process for the employee health insurance and that four companies have sent in their qualifications to submit proposals. She said that in order for the bidding process to take place, the employees had to quickly complete a health questionnaire online or by hard copy. Bathurst stated that with the short time frame to get everything done to begin the new insurance on December 1st, 2016, the employees would only have a few weeks to try and get different health insurance for their dependents if the county insurance was too expensive. Bathurst stated that since the last board meeting, Blue Cross Blue Shield representative Shannon Hall has come to the committee with the official BCBS renewal rates for December 1st, 2016 and they will be .21% cheaper than the current premium rates. Bathurst stated that based on this new information she feels that with the short timeframe we need to go with the BCBS renewal and then actively research for a new health insurance program for next year. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Moore that the County accept the final proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the effective dates 12/01/2016 through 11/30/2017 and that we investigate all alternative insurance savings options immediately during this policy period with a plan to bring a thoroughly researched savings option in a practical timeframe before the 12/1/17 renewal date.** Discussion: Beeler stated that the reason that the County went out for bids is that it is our job to get the best rate for the taxpayers and the employees. Beeler stated that she and Bathurst went to address this issue with employees in several departments and they listened to concerns expressed by the employees about how they were going to pay for the additional health insurance increases. Beeler stated that she feels other options need to be looked at because the board needs to say they looked at every option for the taxpayers and employees. Beeler stated that the board members have a job to do and while she understands the tight timeframe she thinks it is worth the time to look for other cost saving options. Hampton+Knodle stated that she agrees with Beeler and said that we need to look at all options. Hampton+Knodle said that the employees are already filling out the paperwork which will have to be re-done if we are waiting until next year to bid out health insurance because their health history will not be accepted by the companies if it is more than 30 days old. Beck stated that she doesn't see an issue with staying with BCBS for now while still looking for other insurance options for next year. Young stated that he was against the motion and explained that we owe it to the taxpayers and the employees to look at other lower cost options and that he is willing to put in the work and time to look. Beeler asked how the new formula would work with the union contracts and Bathurst responded that they will have to open up the contracts for discussion on the issue and

that none of the union contracts state how much the employees have to pay on their premiums. Sneed stated that this is a hard discussion and he feels that we need more time to explore all the options. Chairman Hertel asked Health Department employee Lynn Sellers to address the board regarding the employee health insurance changes. Sellers stated that she has worked at the Health Department for 20 years and she has a twelve year old son who is also on the insurance. Sellers said that she is grateful to have the insurance but the new formula will amount to an over \$200 per month cost increase and will be a financial hardship to her family. Sellers stated that before she took the job at the Health Department she could have gotten a higher paying job, but she took the lower pay to work for the County because the benefits were good. Webb stated that the insurance renewal is a good number from BCBS, but after hearing the problems with employees paying a lot more money, he feels that we need to look at all options now. Chairman Hertel stated that the County has not raised the health insurance premium costs to employees very much for several years and said that smaller increases should have been made over the years so this is not such a large increase at one time. Moore stated that he feels we should not hurry into this and we have time to do this right and we can balance the budget next year. Deabenderfer called for the question. **Roll call vote: 11 voting Yes and 9 voting No. Voting yes were: Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Graden, Hertel, Miles, Moore, Savage, Sneed, Wendel. Voting No were Beeler, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Hampton+Knodle, Hopper, Martin, Plunkett, Webb, Young. Robinson was absent. Motion Carried.**

2. Negotiations with Recycling Local 773 Update: Bathurst stated that first negotiation meeting will take place with Bill Trout on Wednesday, October 12th at 10:00 am.

3. Negotiations with FOP – Mark Russillo Update: Bathurst reported that FOP Union Representative Mark Russillo has received all the information he requested in order to schedule union negotiations and the first negotiation meeting is set for Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 8:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

1. Recycling Union Negotiations: - Meeting with Bill Trout Wednesday, October 12th, at 10:00 am.

2. Negotiations with FOP – Mark Russillo: Union negotiation meeting set for Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 8:30 am.

3. Economic Development Committee Meeting Change: The Economic Development Committee changed their regular meeting date to Wednesday, November 2nd, at 9:30 am in the County Board Room.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Hertel allowed Citizen Mary McKenzie to speak after the Road and Bridge Committee report. McKenzie stated that she wants the County to enforce Judges proving that they are US Citizens in order to be elected, and she said that she has been personally endangered by this issue.

Citizen Bill Schroeder was allowed to speak at the end of the meeting, and he thanked the HWE Committee for their work on the Animal Control ordinance and for listening to the input from concerned citizens and said that he feels that the ordinance should be passed. Schroeder also thanked the board for a good discussion on the employee health insurance.

PAY BILLS:

1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Gasparich and second by Martin to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods, Point of Light Awards and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 17 Against – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain - 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.

2. Motion by Bishop and second by Bathurst to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.

RECESS: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Hopper and second by Martin to recess the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Minutes
For Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

Roll call was taken - 21 members present, no members absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young.

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by VAC Superintendent Dave Strowmatt.

Service Award Presentations: Chairman Hertel presented the following people with plaques for their years of service:

Rick Broaddus – Coroner- Service award for his election to the position in 1988.

Nikki Bishop – 6 years of service – Served on the Building and Grounds Committee and the Economic Development Committee.

Heather Hampton+Knodle – 4 years of service as Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

Mike Webb – 4 years of service on the Road & Bridge Committee, HWE Committee, and EMA Committee.

Mary Bathurst 12 years of service and was Vice Chairman of the County Board for the past four years. During her tenure, Bathurst had served on seven out of the eight committees and negotiated nine union contracts.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Bishop and second by Young to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Graden and second by Hopper to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels was present for questions.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons - report was submitted.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reported that there was a 73% voter turnout for the General Election and that 17.55% of the registered voters were also early voters. Leitheiser thanked her staff for their hard work and thanked the County Board for the space in the Early Voting room.
- 4. Health & TB Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions. Satterlee and Kim Taylor of FAYCO Enterprises addressed the county board and thanked everyone for their support for the 708 Board (Montgomery County Community Mental Health Board) public question that passed at the November General Election. They gave a brief overview of what will need to take place to establish a community mental health board and to get the property tax levy in place now that is was approved by the voters.

Satterlee said that a seven member board will need to be appointed within 60 days by the county board and will include one county board member on the board.

5. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
6. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
7. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
8. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
9. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
10. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi- **report was not submitted this month.**
11. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston - report was submitted.
12. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
13. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions and stated that his report now includes running totals.

APPROVAL OF 12 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Martin and second by Webb to approve the 12 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that new funding for 911 is now in place and so far it is adequate. Hertel stated he asked Captain Nimmo to apply for a grant to help pay for 911 equipment.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that there was nothing to report.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there was nothing new to report.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there was nothing new to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Plunkett stated that there will be a meeting on November 30th 2016 and one of the topics is County Health Insurance.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper introduced the new MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko of Litchfield. Belusko stated she is originally from Carlinville and also lived for a short time in Effingham where she helped get the CEO program started in 2008. Belusko stated she also helped with the CEO class in Litchfield.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that they met but did not have a quorum so it was an informational meeting only. He stated that final inspection of the Phase V project will take place soon and if there is any funding left over, they will try and serve a few more new customers.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will have a meeting on December 14th, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Courthouse Annex Building.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop stated that they are getting ready for the Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon that will be held on December 10th at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro and also said that the roof has been finished on the senior building in Taylor Springs. Bishop also reported that they will work on expanding the parking lot at the senior building soon.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that he attended the UCCI meeting and that they reimburse the county \$400 for each meeting that he attends. Miles reported that discussion took place regarding the truck weight limits at this meeting.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet in December.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they met on October 20th, 2016 and they discussed employee health insurance funded by WCDC.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Sales Tax Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that County Board member Gasparich will present more information at the December 2016 County Board meeting.
2. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.
3. **Overweight Trucks Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that information from UCCI regarding Overweight Vehicle Regulations was sent to the State’s Attorney’s Office for review.
4. **Treasurer’s Automation Fund Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
5. **Moving Ambulance Line Update:** Chairman Hertel reported that county resident Phil Borgic sent information requesting a change in the ambulance district for his area and that it is being reviewed by the State’s Attorney’s Office at this time.
6. **Ordinance Establishing the Reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees in Montgomery County Update:** Chairman Hertel reported that the committee reviewed a draft of the ordinance and some revisions need to be made so it can be presented next month.
7. **All Standing Committee Meeting Dates and Time for 2017 Approval: Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the 2017 full board and committee meetings dates and times. All in favor, motion carried.**

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge in Butler Grove Township Update:** Miles reported that the project is nearly complete and that concrete decking is set. Engineer Greenwood stated that the concrete decking has been installed and that the highway maintenance crew will install the bridge rail tomorrow and they will complete the approach work. Greenwood said that the water line installation set them back a little and the bridge should be complete and reopened in a couple of weeks.
2. **Village of Butler Water Line Issue Update:** Miles reported that the Butler water line has been completed and that the Village of Butler will then have a boil water order.
3. **Section 15-10120-00-BR – T.R. 113 (Cottonwood Trail) over East Fork Shoal Creek, Nokomis Township, additional Engineering Services Approval:** Miles reported that this project just started and is classified as an urban project which will require the county to obtain additional engineering design work. He said that we already paid \$2,500 for the design work and Greenwood obtained a proposal from McDonough-Whitlow in the amount not to exceed \$8,950 for the additional design work. Miles reported that there are tighter restrictions to design by for urban classified projects, which has to deal with the drainage requirements. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the proposal from McDonough-Whitlow to prepare the work for Section 15-10120-00-BR-T.R. 113 for an amount not to exceed \$8,950. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, pages 313-319).**

4. **Upcoming Equipment Purchases Update:** Miles reported that the committee approved for Engineer Greenwood to look into the CMS joint purchasing program to purchase two new pickup trucks and then the two oldest in the fleet will be traded in.
5. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood has talked with all the township road commissioners who were affected by the pipeline install and that they are all in agreement that they don't want to go through this process of road evaluation again next spring. He said we have a bond of \$3.5 million to fix any damaged roads. Chairman Hertel stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has denied Dakota Access Pipeline the right to bore under a river in North Dakota so the pipe line work has stopped.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Approval:** Bathurst reported that the Personnel Committee reviewed the employee insurance open enrollment packet that was given to the staff on Tuesday and the county/employee percentage share. The county board previously approved an employee cost share of 15% for Individuals and a 50% cost share for each of the other three tiers of Employee Plus Child, Employee plus Spouse, and Family plans. She said that the committee discussed and approved recommending an employee premium share of 15%/40%/40%/40%. Bathurst reported that the Committee also approved the five options of BCBS insurance packages that Shannon Hall presented to the employees. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Young to approve the employee health insurance premium share of 15% for an Individual, and 40% for each of the other three tiers consisting of employee plus child, employee plus child and family and to offer the five BCBS medical insurance plan choices.** Hampton+Knodle asked Bathurst to explain the spreadsheet. **Voice vote was taken - voting No were Gasparich and Hopper. All other members voted Yes. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, pages 320-322).**
2. **2017 Holiday Schedule Approval:** Bathurst stated that the Committee discussed and approved the list of 12 holidays for the 2017 calendar year. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Wendel to approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 323).**
3. **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Union Negotiations Update:** Bathurst stated that there will be a mediation scheduled for the County and FOP.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation Issues Approval:

Motion by Bathurst and second by Moore to enter into Executive Session to Discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 773 the Recycling Department. Time: 11:30 am
Motion to come out of Executive Session by Bathurst and second by Miles. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 11:40 am.

Laborers Local 773 – Recycling Employees Union Negotiations Approval: Motion by Bathurst and second by Moore to approve the three years Collective Bargaining Union Contract with Laborers Local 773, the Recycling Employees. All in favor, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler reported that Ray Durston has been communicating with Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group regarding

their work on the Dynegy Power Plant assessment. Beeler stated that we are in the data collection phase at this time.

2. **Treasurer's Automation Fund Approval:** Beeler stated that this is a statutory fund that will be added to the budget as office number 330 and will be funded by the tax sale revenue. She said that the Treasurer's Office created fund 330 and the money from last week's tax sale will be deposited in that line item and Treasurer Jenkins will pay a part time salary from that fund. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to create the Treasurer's Tax Sale Automation Fund Office 330.** Hampton+Knodle asked what the funds can be used for and Beeler responded that they can be used for personnel, software, office supplies and computers. **All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the reports are in the packet for board member review.
4. **FY 2017 Budget Changes and Recommendations Update:** Beeler stated that revenue numbers changed based on the new employee insurance contribution levels with the employees taking the most expense choice as a worst case scenario. She said that coal money transferred in currently at \$250,000 and the contingency line item was increased last month to \$100,000. Beeler stated that \$150,000 is budgeted for maintenance to buildings.
5. **Motion to Approve of the FY 2017 Budget Approval:** Beeler stated that in January 2016 we found out that the coal mine was closing and they discussed the loss of revenue would create about a \$1 million deficit. She said that the full board amended the FY 2016 budget in March and they began discussing the FY 2017 budget and what cuts could take place to reduce the deficit. Beeler stated that in April the board voted to make the vision and dental insurance self-paid by the employees which saved the county about \$78,000 per year. Beeler stated that there was an estimated \$134,850 savings in the general fund when employees took advantage of the early buyout/severance packages. Beeler stated that the offices were asked to cut 11% out of their budgets and nearly every office submitted cuts. Beeler stated that during the budget hearings in July, every budget was reviewed line by line. Beeler stated that the expense for FAYCO was cut and then partially reinstated. Beeler reported that the committee then worked on the employee Health Insurance and raised the premiums which will save the budget about \$120,000. Beeler explained that when they started the budget process last January, there was a \$1 million deficit and the deficit is now \$27,000. She said the budget includes a transfer in \$75,000 of coal money and also stated that they are looking at other savings options such as sharing the cost for the consultant needed for the Dynegy assessment with the taxing bodies that will also benefit. She said that Office Holders were also asked to use some of their own funds, and stated that it won't be easy to operate within the parameters of this budget. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the FY 2017 Budget.** Hampton+Knodle asked about the hotel tax and where funds will go if it goes over the projected revenue as where expenses will go. Beeler replied that the fund number for the tourism revenue and expenses could be changed so it can be tracked. **All in favor, motion carried.** Chairman Hertel stated that a lot of grueling hours were put into working on the FY 2017 budget and said that we have to think differently about our finances and search for solutions like getting the hotel/motel tax and reviewing our fees and fines.

- 6. FY 2017 Budget Appropriation, Levies and Resolutions Approval:** Resolutions were read by State's Attorney Chris Matoush and approved as follows:
- Resolution #16-20:** Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$18,575,692.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-21:** Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to pass the General Corporate Fund levy for the current taxable year in the amount of \$867,450.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-22:** Motion by Beeler and second by Webb to approve the Resolution to pass the County Health Department levy in the amount of \$472,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-23:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the Resolution to pass the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund levy in the amount of \$1,230,275.00.
- Resolution #16-24:** Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve the Resolution to pass the Social Security Fund levy in the amount of \$765,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-25:** Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution to pass the levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums in the amount of \$536,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-26:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Fund levy in the amount of \$427,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution: #16-27:** Motion by Beeler and second by Webb to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund levy in the amount of \$213,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-28:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to pass the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund levy in the amount of \$213,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-29:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area in the amount of \$72,000.00. Webb abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.
- Resolution #16-30:** Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area in the amount of \$89,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-31:** Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Litchfield Special Service Area in the amount of \$181,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.
- Resolution #16-32:** Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Nokomis/Witt Special Service Area in the amount of \$224,000.00. Gasparich abstained, and all others vote in favor. Motion carried.
- Resolution #16-33:** Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Raymond/Harvel Special Service Area in the amount of \$54,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #16-34: Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the County Extension Service in the amount of \$154,900.00. Gasparich abstained, all other in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #16-35: Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Senior Citizen Social Services in the amount of \$110,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #16-36: Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance in the amount of \$40,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #16-37: Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments in the amount of \$60,698.00, Probation Officer in the amount of \$63,510.00, and the Assistant Probation Officers in the amount of \$182,658.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #16-38: Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Authorize State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of money not to exceed \$12,000.00. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of all Resolutions and Budget/Levy summary, see Resolution Book 15, pages 324-344).

- 7. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 08-23-378-004 in Nokomis Township to Kevin Guyot Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the county trustee resolution to convey the deed to parcel 08-23-378-004 in Nokomis Township to Kevin Guyot. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Book 15, page 345).**
- 8. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 15-04-226-005 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Eichelberger Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Webb to approve the county trustee resolution to convey the deed to parcel 15-04-226-005 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Eichelberger. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Book 15, page 346).**
- 9. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 16-11-252-004 in Hillsboro Township to Gerald Boyd Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the county trustee resolution to convey the deed to parcel 16-11-252-004 in Hillsboro Township to Gerald Boyd. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Book 15, page 347).**
- 10. County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 13-06-179-001 in Witt Township to Jan Richardson Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve the county trustee resolution to convey the deed to parcel 13-06-179-001 in Witt Township to Jan Richardson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Book 15, page 348).**
- 11. County Trustee Resolutions to Convey Deeds on Parcels 13-06-263-004, 13-06-263-005, 13-06-263-006, and 13-06-402-006 in Witt Township to the City of Witt Approval: Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the county trustee resolution to convey the deed to parcels, 13-06-263-004, 13-06-263-005, 13-06-263-006, and 13-06-402-006 in Witt Township to the City of Witt. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolutions, see Book 15, pages 349-352).**

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. Animal Control Facility Program and Animal Control Ordinance Approval:

Motion by Beck and second by Graden to approve the revised draft of the Animal Control ordinance. Deabenderfer asked what the definition of “breeders” is in the ordinance, and Animal Control Officer Amanda Daniels stated that the animal owner is defined as a breeder if they let their animals produce. Deabenderfer asked how many county residents will need breeders’ permits, and Daniels replied that potentially thousands of them will. Deabenderfer responded that we are still a very rural county and we can’t afford to regulate breeders. Bathurst stated that if a family breeds their beloved pets and gives them away the county has no interest in them- it’s the breeders who sell their animals where abuse is a concern that we need to be aware of. Bergen stated that he looked at the ordinance and it is confusing the way it is presented. He said he has never heard about problems with breeders and feels this ordinance is over-regulating. Beck stated that the ordinance does not require a fee for the breeder’s permit and there is only one fee increase in it for the cost of a 3 year rabies tag. Bathurst stated that Animal Control needs fees to operate and make it self-sustaining. Hampton+Knodle stated that her perception of the ordinance is that it controls people, not animals and oversteps its scope. She said that in regards to their budget, their revenues have been less than expenses continually each year, and the additional registration requirements for permits will increase the workload of staff. Savage read a prepared statement that stated he plans to vote no on the proposed Animal Control ordinance because the current version contains several flaws and exceeds state law in several areas. He cited concerns about areas of the ordinance regarding exempt animals, hunting dogs running at large, acts of cruelty to animals, and the definition of dangerous dogs. Savage stated that he would like to be appointed to a sub-committee that will re-work this ordinance. Sneed stated he understands there may be a communication problem where those affected by ordinance changes did not receive emails that were promised them to keep them informed about the language contained in it. Gasparich said that animal neglect cases are a problem in the county and the Animal Control Officer needs to have the right to go on private property when these incidents occur for the welfare of the animal. Chairman Hertel stated he was disappointed with the concerns raised by board members about this ordinance now at the time of its potential approval when they had the opportunity to have their concerns addressed for the past 18 months it has been discussed. He said that Board Members have every right and go the HWE meetings and stated that the State’s Attorney wrote most of this ordinance. Hertel then allowed public comments on the ordinance from Litchfield resident and newly elected County Board member Glenn Bishop who stated that he feels state law on its own is sufficient; from Audubon township resident and hobby breeder Nancy Hill who stated concerns about the ordinance’s microchipping requirements and breeders permit implementation; from county resident and kennel owner/breeder Tina Hill who said that she is following state laws now and doesn’t feel the breeder’s section is needed; from county resident Bill Schroeder who stated that he recalled that this draft now contains compromise which he thought was sufficient for its approval but now after hearing the concerns raised he has changed his mind and thinks the board should ask Savage to chair a sub-committee on this topic; and Raymond

resident Tara House who stated she supports this ordinance and hopes it passes. Citizen House also asked Animal Control Officer Daniels about the status of Rabies Tags collections and Daniels stated that of the county's 18,000 animal owners 14,000 Rabies Tags are not collected. **Motion by Gasparich, second by Moore to table the question for further consideration. Roll call vote: 17 voting no – Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Young. 3 voting yes – Gasparich, Moore and Wendel. 1 absent – Beeler. Motion failed.** State's Attorney Matoush was called in to confirm that if the Motion failed on this Animal Control Ordinance did the prior Animal Control Ordinance get rescinded, and he responded that this is not the case, and if this Animal Control Ordinance is not approved, the prior Ordinance is still in effect. Hampton+Knodle called for the question. **Roll call vote to approve the revised Animal Control Ordinance- 11 voting no–Bergen, Deabenderfer, Hampton+Knodle, Hopper, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 8 voting yes – Bathurst, Beck, Bishop, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Robinson and Webb. 1 was absent- Beeler. Motion failed.**

- 2. ICRMT Insurance Renewal Approval:** Beck asked ICRMT agent Tom Franzen to give a brief report regarding the Property Casualty Insurance Premium that decreased about 8% to \$244,672 and the Worker's Compensation Insurance that also decreased to \$65,036. **Motion by Beck and second by Webb to approve the ICRMT Insurance Program Renewal Proposal for 2017 for the Property Casualty Insurance in the amount of \$244,672. Roll Call Vote: 18 Members voting Yes – Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb and Wendel. 3 members absent: Beeler, Hopper and Martin. Motion carried.**
Motion by Beck and second by Wendel to approve the ICRMT Workers Compensation Insurance Premium in the amount of \$65,036. Roll Call Vote. 18 Members voting Yes – Bathurst, Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb and Wendel. 3 members absent: Beeler, Hopper and Martin. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

- 1. County Farm Lease with Jason Anderson Approval:** Sneed stated that committee members discussed the county farm lease last month with Jason Anderson and decided to charge him \$210 per acre for rent. **Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve a three year lease agreement with Jason Anderson to farm the county property at \$210 per acre per year. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 2. Radon Testing at Historic Courthouse Update:** Sneed reported that he contacted a Radon Testing Company to do an independent test in the basement of the Historic Courthouse and that the testing will begin today.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hampton+Knodle thanked members for their support of the MCEDC and all the progress that has been made by that organization.
2. **Incentives Update:**
 - Revolving Loan Fund - Community Eligibility – Hampton+Knodle stated that the Village of Panama is working on a RLF application for a roof replacement project on their village hall. She said they are requesting a \$30,000 loan over a five year period to repair their building’s roof. Hampton+Knodle is also checking with the State’s Attorney’s Office because the Village Hall Building is located in Bond County and the RLF policy may need to be changed for other villages like Harvel and Donnellson. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Deabenderfer to extend a \$30,000 loan to the Village of Panama for a five year period to repair the roof on their village hall building contingent on State’s Attorney Approval. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - Enterprise Zone – Hampton+Knodle stated that Coordinator Daniels has been working with DCEO regarding the EZ application. .
 - Incentives: Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee is working on an Incentive Application for General Abatements that businesses could apply for if the property is not in the county Enterprise Zone. Hampton+Knodle stated that she will make the changes to the Incentive Application and get the document to the committee and the State’s Attorney’s Office for review.
3. **Planning Update:**
 - Planning Commission: Hampton+Knodle said that the October meeting was cancelled due to staffing issues and stated the next meeting is scheduled for December 14th, 2016. She said that the committee discussed and approved to appoint Joe Tosetti of Nokomis to serve on the Planning Commission.
4. **Infrastructure Update:**
 - Broadband Update: Hampton+Knodle stated that the committee continues to work on broadband initiatives and said that she and Hopper had a good meeting with a broadband company and that there are some meetings scheduled with school districts this week regarding their e-rates. Hampton+Knodle stated that the Finance committee put \$50,000 in the budget for any possible fiber projects and that a lot of things are happening with broadband.
 - Eagle Zinc – Hampton+Knodle stated that they have noticed some preliminary testing for phase two of the Eagle Zinc Clean-up project in Hillsboro.
5. **Tourism Update:**
 - Hampton+Knodle said that the committee approved the recommendation to appoint the MCEDC Director and Sara Waggoner that represents Litchfield Tourism to the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau Board. She stated that about \$10,000 has been deposited in the Tourism fund to date. Hertel stated that we are in the top 5 of 22 counties in terms of tourism revenue.
6. **Branding Brainstorm Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that they had a Branding Name brainstorm meeting and the committee approved \$500 for an ad in the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau brochure.

7. Workforce Update:

- West Central Development – Hampton+Knodle stated that she is drafting a letter to West Central Development regarding our non-payment of our invoice which will explain the issues with the program. She said that the committee approved the recommendation to pay the invoice and to appoint Jeremy Jones to the West Central Development Council Board. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Young to pay the invoice for membership dues to West Central Development Council. All in favor, motion carried.**
- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle reported that the Night of Networking was held Monday on November 7th, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express with good attendance.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn

Savage as follows:

Savage asked if there were any questions about his monthly report. Hearing none, he concluded his report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel stated that the Full Board Re-Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Jeremy Jones to the West Central Development Council: **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Beck to appoint Jeremy Jones to the West Central Development Council. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. Joe Tosetti to the Planning Commission for a three year term. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Graden to appoint Joe Tosetti to the Planning Commission for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. Bob Wagahoff to the Revolving Loan Fund Board for a three year term. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Webb to appoint Bob Wagahoff to the Revolving Loan Fund Board for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. Re-appoint MCEDC Director and Sara Waggoner of Litchfield Tourism to the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau Board. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Deabenderfer to re-appoint the MCEDC Director and Sara Waggoner of Litchfield Tourism to the IllinoisSouth Tourism Bureau Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder was in attendance and asked if the idea Member Savage had about leading a sub-committee regarding the Animal Control Ordinance would be pursued, and Chairman Hertel stated that we will leave that decision up to the HWE Committee.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Wendel and second by Bishop to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods Point of Light Awards and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 15 Against – 0, Absent – 3 Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
Motion by Robinson and second by Plunkett to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

ADJOURN: Until the Re-Organizational Meeting on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Re-Organization Minutes

Date: Monday, December 5th, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board

Room

Clerk Leitheiser called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Resident Circuit Judge Jim Roberts.

Official Verbal Oath was administered to the following elected and re-elected County Board members by Judge Roberts: Connie Beck, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Jeremy Jones, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Glenn Savage and Richard Wendel.

Roll call was taken, with 20 Member present, 1 Absent. Those present were: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ron Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel and Evan Young. The member absent was Earlene Robinson. Leitheiser stated there was a quorum to conduct business.

Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a Temporary Chairman of the County Board.

Motion by Graden and second by Miles that Joe Gasparich be elected temporary County Board Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Leitheiser asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Young and second by Wendel to close the nominations. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Temporary Chairman Gasparich then called for nominations for County Board Chairman.

Motion by Hopper second by Beck that Roy Hertel be nominated as County Board Chairman. Temporary Chairman Gasparich asked three (3) more times for nominations and heard none. Gasparich then asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Sneed, second by Bergen to close the nominations. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Gasparich asked for a Motion to Elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman. **Motion by Beck, second by Jones to elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman by acclamation. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

County Board Chairman Hertel addressed the board and expressed his appreciation at the confidence placed in him to continue as County Board Chairman. He stated that it has come to the County Board's attention that according to 55 ILCS 5/2-1003 the County Board should elect the Vice Chairman of the Board rather than the past practice of the Chairman appointing the Vice Chairman. State's Attorney Matoush was in attendance and agreed with the need to elect the Vice Chairman rather than appoint that person.

Chairman Hertel then called for nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. **Motion by Beeler and second by Savage that Evan Young be nominated as County Board Vice-Chairman.** Chairman Hertel asked three (3) more times for nominations and heard none.

Motion by Martin and second by Deabenderfer to close the nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Motion by Bishop and second by Clark to elect Evan Young as the County Board Vice-Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried. Vice Chairman Young thanked the members for their support and pledged to work hard to support Chairman Hertel and make everything go as smoothly as possible.

Chairman Hertel then named the Committee Chairmen and Coordinating Committee as follows: Personnel - Jay Martin; Building & Grounds - Bob Sneed; Economic Development - Tim Hopper; EMA/Ambulance - Glenn Savage; Finance - Megan Beeler; Health, Welfare & Elections - Connie Beck; Road & Bridge - Gene Miles. Hertel announced that handouts with Committee assignments will be available after the meeting. Chairman Hertel asked each newly elected County Board members Kirby Furness, Dillon Clark, Glenn Bishop and Jeremy Jones to introduce themselves to the membership and state brief information about their background, which they did.

Chairman Hertel asked each Committee Chairperson to announce their Vice-Chairpersons and committee members, which was announced as follows:

Building and Grounds Committee: Chairman Bob Sneed announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Chuck Graden, Members- Glenn Bishop, Ron Deabenderfer, Gene Miles, Richard Wendel

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Tim Hopper announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Jeremy Jones, Members- Megan Beeler, Dillon Clark, Ron Deabenderfer, Jay Martin

EMA/Ambulance Committee: Chairman Glenn Savage announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Joe Gasparich, Members Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper

Finance Committee: Chairman Megan Beeler announced her committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Mike Plunkett, Members Kirby Furness, Jim Moore, Connie Beck, Bob Sneed.

Health, Welfare and Elections Committee: Chairman Connie Beck announced her committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Chuck Graden, Members Joe Gasparich, Jeremy Jones, Earlene Robinson and Richard Wendel.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Jay Martin announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Evan Young, Members Joe Gasparich, Mike Plunkett, Kirby Furness and Bill Bergen.

Road and Bridge Committee: Chairman Gene Miles announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman Earlene Robinson, Members Bill Bergen, Jim Moore, Glenn Savage and Evan Young.

Hertel stated that the members need to appoint a Rules Committee-Ad Hoc Committee to update the County Board Rules of Order, and asked that members Gasparich, Plunkett and Bergen be appointed to the Rules Committee. **Motion by Martin and second by Graden to appoint Gasparich, Plunkett and Bergen to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried.** Hertel stated that the Rules Committee will meet after the next County Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at approximately 10:30 AM.

Chairman Hertel reviewed the accomplishments of the County Board from 2013-2016 with members and also informed them about the challenges the County faces in the future. Hertel reminded members that they represent all the people of Montgomery County, and for the good of the county we need to hold together and do what is right for the citizens. He stated that members may have disagreements and close votes, but he encouraged the Board to focus on keeping the budget low, the need for the jail to have a new roof, to push for more jobs and economic development and to repair county roads with limited funds. He thanked members for their hard work and asked them to contact him if they have a question or issue. Hertel then announced that the next County Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at 8:30 AM. He also announced that after the Full Board meeting new Board Members will get their picture taken for their ID badges and there will also be a group photo taken.

Motion by Plunkett and second by Beck to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

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

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 – 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, 2016 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:34 AM.

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

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Jeremy Jones.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Gasparich to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Young and second by Wendel to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 2016 County Board Reorganization Meeting Held on December 5th, 2016: Motion by Hopper and second by Martin to approve the Minutes of the County Board Reorganization Meeting held on Monday, December 5th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

708 Board Appointments Update/Approval: Chairman Hertel reviewed the list of seven individuals who were recommended to serve on the 708 (Montgomery County Community Mental Health) Board. He said that in order to stagger the four year terms, to start the process two members will receive a two year term, two members will receive a three year term and three members will receive a four year term.

Motion by Graden and second by Beeler to appoint Earlene Robinson to the 708 board for a 2 year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Miles and second by Gasparich to appoint Brian Gaskin to the 708 Board for a four year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jones and second by Beeler to appoint Christina DeWerff to the 708 board for a four year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Martin to appoint Pam Lentz to the 708 board for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hopper and second by Moore to appoint Bruce Sanford for the 708 board for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to appoint Ed Schumacher to the 708 board for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Sneed and second by Bergen to appoint Linda Billiter to the 708 board for a four year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Those 708 Board members who were present introduced themselves and gave a brief personal background. Chairman Hertel thanked the new 708 Board members for their service and the members left the County Board meeting to conduct their own meeting in an adjoining room.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – Report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee – report was submitted.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
8. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
9. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
10. **ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
11. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi – Undersheriff Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
13. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Gasparich stated that no meeting was held.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson was not in meeting at time of report.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated he had nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Bergen reported findings from the recent meeting he attended relating to the use of Illinois Energy Now Grants, State Road Funds and Judicial Fees. Chairman Hertel stated that an additional \$30 fee needs to be added to pay for courthouse needs, which will take legislation to implement.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that an update will be given in his Economic Development Committee report.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that he didn’t attend the last meeting.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will meet tomorrow.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer will be the new representative.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there was not a meeting recently.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that he had nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that the next meeting is in February, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Hertel stated there is no news. He called on citizen Bill Schroeder who was in attendance who stated that Murray Energy recently won a federal lawsuit against the EPA, which could have an impact on their Montgomery County mine.
2. **Overweight Trucks Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that he received a UCCI document and sent it to the State's Attorney's Office for review.
3. **Moving Ambulance Line Update/Approval:** Hertel said he is checking with State's Attorney's Office to see if the County Board or the Court will handle this complaint.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Hamrock Estates, minor subdivision in Nokomis Update/Approval:** Miles stated that Jennifer Trapani from McDonough Whitlow presented the minor subdivision plat request in Nokomis to the committee and said this project is west and south of the cemetery and is classified as a minor subdivision and Engineer Greenwood has reviewed the documents and everything seems to be in order for these two lots. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve the Hamrock Estates Minor Subdivision in Nokomis. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Rocky Hollow Trail Bridge in Butler Grove Township Update/Approval:** Miles stated the construction is complete and the bridge is open for traffic. Final grading and seeding along with oil and chipping the approaches will be completed in the spring of 2017.
3. **Village of Butler, Water Line Issue Update/Approval:** Miles reported the plumber is having trouble getting the water samples to pass the EPA testing requirements for new construction but there is not a boil order in effect for Butler at this time.
4. **Section 15-10120-00-BR – T.R. 113 (Cottonwood Trail) over East Fork Shoal Creed, Nokomis Township, additional Engineering Services Update/Approval:** Miles reported that at the last meeting they approved additional engineering services and Greenwood contacted IDNR and they had McDonough Whitlow submit the calculations again for review to see if we have to pay additional fees for engineering services. Miles stated that this bridge is located on the edge of Nokomis by farm ground and Greenwood hopes to hear something soon from IDNR.
5. **Upcoming Equipment Purchases Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood is working with the dealerships on pricing for the two pickup trucks that they are looking to replace. They are looking at one F250 and one F350, both extended cab four wheel drives.
6. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood stated that there is nothing new to report and that he is still issuing oversize/overweight permits for their trucks.
7. **Bridge Inspection Training Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood will be signing up for the IDOT Bridge Training will be held in Springfield from February 27th, to March 10th, 2017 at a cost of \$2,025.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated he has written letters to IDOT about the condition of Montgomery County roads and he was told we are on the list and also was told that they will finish the frontage road near Waggoner by 2018.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative Shannon Hall was called on and she gave an update on the recently completed Open Enrollment period. Martin stated there has been a grievance placed against the county by the Circuit Clerk's union and a tentative meeting is scheduled for December 19th, 2016.
2. **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Union Negotiations Update/Approval:** Martin reported that a Mediation meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 at 5:00 pm.
3. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training & Implementation Update/Approval:** Martin stated that he will speak with Treasurer's Office staff person Holcomb and schedule a training session for the Zobrio Software.
4. **ICRMT Sample Personnel Employee Manual Updates Review Update/Approval:** Martin said he will review the email and attachments from Kyle Shell at ICRMT regarding the sample personnel employee manual updates.
5. **2017 Personnel Committee Meeting Dates Update/Approval:** Martin stated that the committee discussed keeping their meeting dates on the last Thursday of the month, but approved changing the time to 5:00 pm.

Motion by Martin and second by Young to change the meeting time to 5:00 pm on the last Thursday of the month. All in favor, motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that consultant Gene Stuard has requested information from Dynegy and meetings will be set up after the first of the year.
2. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that she would like to take some money out of the coal reserve fund and transfer it into the Capital Improvement Fund for use for broadband needs, roads and bridges, a new roof for the jail and other capital improvement needs.
Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to transfer \$1.3 million of coal reserve money to the Capital Improvement fund. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 15-04-429-008 in South Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield Update/Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to recommend the approval of the County Trustee Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel 15-04-429-008 in South Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 1).
4. **708 Board Budget and Amended FY 2017 Budget Appropriation Ordinance Update/Approval:** Beeler called on 708 Board Temporary Chairman Bruce Sanford who provided a copy of the budget and levy request from the 708 Board that was approved at their meeting held in the adjoining room. **Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the 708 Board budget. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **708 Board Levy Resolution #16-39 Update/approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution Creating a Tax Levy for the Montgomery County Community Mental Health Board in the amount of \$640,500. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 2).

6. **Amended Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Appropriation Ordinance: Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Amended FY 2017 Budget Appropriation Ordinance- Resolution #16-40. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 3).**
7. **Amended Levy Summary: Motion by Beeler and second by Young to Approve the amended FY 2017 Levy Summary. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 4).**
8. **Truth in Taxation Hearing Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that due to the timing of the 708 Board property tax increase passing at the November 2016 election, Illinois law does not require a Truth in Taxation hearing in advance of approving the additional levy for this fund, but there will be a notice informing the public about the tax increase under Truth in Taxation that will be published after the December 13th, 2016 board meeting.
9. **Public Safety Tax Resolution Update/Approval:** Beeler introduced Gasparich, who reviewed a draft of the Resolution to submit to the voters the question of imposing a public safety tax on retail sale of tangible person property, excluding qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliance and items that are titled or registered with an agency of Illinois State Government. Clerk Leitheiser stated that she drafted a resolution based on one that was presented in earlier years when a public safety tax was a question on the ballot before. Gasparich stated this additional revenue would relieve the general fund of about \$400,000 to offset the cost of the Sheriff's Office, with one third funding the Sheriff's Department and one third for emergency service agencies and one third for the Jail building expenses. He stated that by adding the fire department and ambulances participation it will help support this sales tax. Members discussed how emergency responder groups will receive funds from this new tax. Jones and Beeler stated their experiences with in their County Board District where limited resources are available for ambulance and fire services and voiced their support for this tax. Furness discussed concerns about the school facilities having their sales tax increase on the same ballot at the April election. Moore stated that the funds from the sales tax if it passes should not be an additional amount received by the Sheriff's office and should supplement their existing budget instead. Members also discussed how the sales tax question can be legally promoted by the county which must be done without use of taxpayer funds. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Jones to approve the Public Safety Sales Tax Increase be placed on the April 4th, 2017 Election Ballot. Roll Call vote: 19 members voting yes- Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Clark, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 2 members voting no- Bishop, Furness. Motion carried.**
10. **Ordinance #16-41 Establishing the Reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees in Montgomery County Update/Approval:** Beeler stated a new Illinois Law requires us to approve an Ordinance Establishing the Reimbursement of all Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses of Officers and Employees in Montgomery County, which will include roll voting for per diem approval. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to recommend to the full board the Ordinance Establishing the Reimbursement of all Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses of Officers and Employees in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance 16-41, see Resolution Book 16, pages 5-8).**
11. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that an IMRF representative will be

present at the next Finance Committee meeting.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **Elections Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser reported that the next election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 and will be the only election next year and preparation is going smoothly.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck stated that no funds for EPA have been appropriated by the State of Illinois for 2017.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck stated that Bishop shared the monthly bale report and the price of cardboard has gone up to \$120 per ton because it is good cardboard and not wet. She also stated that Bishop reported that the baler is running good at this time and the Committee discussed looking for a different Baler and trying to find grant money to replace it and Jeremy Jones offered to help look for grants for a different baler and will contact Ben Bishop. Beck also stated that the University of Illinois Extension Office will be doing a free study about recycling soon.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck said that the committee discussed reviewing the animal control ordinance again in January and February and they will be contacting some of the residents who participated on the recent Animal Control Ordinance for their input.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Johnson Controls Maintenance Contract Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed the two proposals from Johnson Controls for the maintenance contract for the HVAC System at the Courts Complex. The basic maintenance contract is the one we usually get and the proposal is \$5,106 for the first year, \$5,316 for the second year and \$5,532 for the third year. The premium package was for \$10,692 for the first year and works like an extended warranty. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to approve the basic contract for three years. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Dan Heise Plumbing Replacement for New Boilers at the Jail Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there are two boilers down at the Jail Building and it was approved at the Coordinating Committee to get them replaced on an emergency basis since two of the three boilers are down that provide hot water and heat for the jail building. Sneed received a proposal from Dan Heise Plumbing in the amount of \$26,014 to replace and install the three boilers at the Jail. **Motion by Sneed and second by Beeler to approve the proposal from Dan Heise Plumbing in the amount of \$26,014 to replace three boilers at the jail. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Radon Testing at Historic Courthouse Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that he received the test results from Midwest Radon Testing and the results varied. He said that the highest testing was in a vault that is by the boiler room. Sneed stated that he is working with a local professional to come and give us costs to mitigate the basement areas with ventilation options.
4. **Sons of the American Revolution Flag Ceremony/Presentation Update/Approval:** Sneed said that the committee discussed and approved to work on a Flag Ceremony with the Sons of the American Revolution at the Historic Courthouse on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 starting at 1:00 pm where there will be 50 state flags and 28 historic country flags

on display. He said they will need some chairs set up, a PA system and would like for the county to advertise the event.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Tim Hopper as follows:

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hopper informed members that MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko gave a written report, which was provided to them.
2. **Incentives Update/Approval:**
 - RLF - Hopper reported that he talked with State's Attorney Matoush and the loan to the Village of Panama is approved by him. Hopper said he will meet again with Matoush regarding the RLF policy language.
 - General Abatement Program – Hopper reported that the committee reviewed a revised draft of the General Abatement Program as prepared by Heather Hampton+Knodle. Hopper said he will check with Matoush to see what parts of this document will be made public to the full board for a review and approval. Beeler stated that this will be an MCEDC document for them to use as they administer and work with businesses. Hopper stated that Montgomery County may not have an Enterprise Zone in 2020 due to the limits on the total number of Enterprise Zones in the state.
 - Enterprise Zone - Daniels stated that she is working with GIS staff person Younker to add colors to the maps for the territory adds and deletes that were submitted in the application to DCEO.
3. **Planning Update/Approval:**
 - Planning Commission – Hopper stated that the next scheduled meeting will be on December 14th at 5:30 pm. MCEDC Director Belusko will be facilitating the group and received a review of the Planning Commission's purpose. Hopper stated that Young will be bringing the plan updates and recommendations to the County Board. He said that the Planning Commission should be working on storm water mitigation. The county has no one to enforce this and structural permits.
4. **Infrastructure Update/Approval:**
 - Broadband Update: Hopper stated that the committee reviewed a report that was prepared by Hampton+Knodle regarding the broadband project with proposed costs and where it will be installed. He explained that it will go from Hillsboro to Route 185 to Fillmore then north to Nokomis and then over to Raymond. He said they are not looking at Donnellson and Walshville at this time and the City of Litchfield is not interested. Hopper stated he is a big believer in broadband and will make it a priority for the County.
5. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the committee discussed the revenue and expenses for the Hotel/Motel Tax that will fund Tourism.
6. **Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that Belusko reported that she talked with IllinoisSouth recently and the person is still on maternity leave so this is on hold for now. He said that Belusko will get the branding committee together when the IllinoisSouth representative is available.

7. **Workforce Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that there is a 3/15/2017 deadline for students to apply for the CEO program next year, and said that the current CEO students are working on their concert fundraiser at the present time.
8. **2017 Committee meeting dates Update/Approval:** Hopper said that the Committee discussed changing their meeting times to evening and will be finalizing their meeting dates and times soon.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the MCEDC is considering two individuals as grant writers for the county at this time, and may have them partner together.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn

Savage as follows:

EMA Old Business: Savage encouraged members to make sure their vehicles have proper emergency supplies in case of bad winter weather, and asked that they help spread the awareness to others about this need.

EMA New Business:

1. **Montgomery County Hazmat Team Trailer Storage Update/Approval:** Savage stated that members from the county Hazmat Team were at the meeting to explain issues with storing the Hazmat Trailer. He said that the estimated value of equipment on the trailer is about \$650,000 and they need a secure space for it that has electricity and heat. He said it is currently being stored in the Nokomis/Witt ambulance garage, but needs to be moved. He stated that the committee will further discuss this matter.
2. **Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Savage reported that Greenwood stated that retired EMA office employee Cathy Ulrici will return and show her how to do the year end ambulance billing reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Hertel stated that the Rules Committee will meet after this meeting, and the members are Plunkett, Bergen and Gasparich.
- Hertel stated that the County Board group picture will take place after the January full County Board meeting.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Jones and second by Bishop to re-appoint Gregory Weitekamp for a three year term for the Zanesville #3, County Zone #15 Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to re-appoint Mark Meisner for a three year term for the Pitman-Zanesville #2, County Zone #33 Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder informed members that he has heard that Dynegy has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and asked how this news will impact the negotiations with their re-assessment for property tax. Chairman Hertel stated he will check for information by speaking with Supervisor of Assessments Ray Durston.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Plunkett, and second by Martin to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods Point of Light Awards and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 18 Against – 0, Absent –0 Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Miles and second by Hopper to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2017.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Graden and second by Savage to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.