

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 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: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, 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: Bill Bergen

Chairman Hertel congratulated member Earlene Robinson on her recent honor of being selected as the Illinois Department of Revenue's Collections Department's Employee of the Year.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Earlene Robinson.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Young and second by Gasparich to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting Yes were Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. Member Bergen was absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Gasparich and second by Young to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici –was present for questions.
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** ---- Undersheriff Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
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 Martin and second by Furness to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board – Gasparich** stated that they have not met yet.
- **708 Board-** Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and elected their officers: President Bruce Sanford, Vice President Kristy Dewerff and Secretary/Treasurer Ed Schumacher. She reported that they will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM in the Historic Courthouse, and they plan to have their fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th. Members discussed whether their fiscal year can be different from the County Board's fiscal year, and Health Dept. Director Hugh Satterlee said that they want it to coincide with the election of their officers and when property tax funds will be available.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that they will meet soon.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that a meeting has been scheduled for January 26th, 2017 and the annual dinner is scheduled for April 13th, 2017. He stated that the MCEDC grant writer has resigned and two people are interested in filling the vacancy.
- **Planning Commission** – Young asked MCEDC Director Belusko to give the report, who stated that members discussed the need for better fiber throughout the county along with road and bridges concerns and road weight limits.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer stated that their next meeting is next week.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that UCCI will have a meeting in two weeks followed by a legislative seminar.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they met recently and he relayed their concerns that the State is not paying for U of I Extension services.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing new to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will have a meeting next month.

Farm Bureau Report: Director Bob Lentz announced that the Farm Bureau is hosting another breakfast meeting before the March 14th, 2017 board meeting at 7:00 am and that they are inviting all county officials and board members along with the county mayors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

Rules Committee Report Approval: Hertel stated that the Rules of Order Committee met after the last board meeting and they made a few changes, which he reviewed as follows: the mileage and Per Diem will now be approved by a Roll Call Vote, Rule #27 was deleted, Rule #30 had the language referring to the appoint of the Vice-Chairman of the board deleted because it is an elected position and the 708 Board was added as a County Board liaison. **Motion by Graden and second by Gasparich to approve the Revised Rules of Order. All in favor, motion carried.**

1. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update:** Hertel stated that this will be discussed in the Finance Committee Report.
2. **Coal Mine Update:** Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report.
3. **Overweight Trucks Update:** Hertel stated that the only thing we can do is pass our own ordinance.
4. **Moving Ambulance Line Update:** Hertel stated that we are still checking with Sates Attorney's Office to see if the County Board or the Court will handle changing a boundary in an ambulance district that was requested by a county resident.

5. **Public Safety Sales Tax Update:** Hertel stated that this will be discussed in the Finance Report.
6. **Ordinance Establishing the Reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees in Montgomery County Update:** Hertel stated this policy is now implemented as of January 2017.
7. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Sanford Field, minor subdivision in Nokomis, Approval:** Miles stated that the Road & Bridge Committee reviewed and approved recommending the Sanford Field minor subdivision in Nokomis for full board approval. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to recommend the approval of the Sanford Field minor subdivision in Nokomis. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **2017 MFT Rock Letting Approval:** Miles reported that there were nine bidders for the Township rock letting, three bids for the County's rock letting and two bids for the County's rock salt letting. Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approve of the apparent low bidders for the Township Road District rock letting. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the apparent low bidder for the County rock letting. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to approve the second lowest bidder for the County salt letting. All in favor, motion carried.** Deabenderfer asked who the low bidders were and Miles replied that there were several and the 24 page bid tabulation will be included in the full board minutes and kept on file at the County Clerk's Office just in case there is anyone that wants to review it. **(For copy of bidders, See Resolution Book 16, pages 11-37).**
3. **2017 Fuel Letting Approval:** Miles stated that one bid was opened from M & M Service and said that the fixed price for unleaded gas is a total of \$2.281 and diesel is \$2.336. He said that the alternate bid for flex pricing was \$2.381 for unleaded and \$2.436 diesel for the first quarter and then it could change each quarter. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the fixed price of \$2.281 for unleaded gas and \$2.336 for diesel fuel. All in favor, motion carried.** Engineer Greenwood stated that three to four bidders took a packet and only one was returned, so he is going to look into bidding it out differently next year to make it more appealing to bid on the fuel.
4. **Resolution #2017-01, 2017 MFT Resolution Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed and approved the IDOT Resolution to appropriate \$1,200,000 from the MFT allotment for the maintenance on County or State highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code. **Motion by Miles and second by Clark to approve Resolution #2017-01, 2017 MFT Resolution to appropriate \$1.2 million from the MFT allotment for the maintenance on County or State highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 38).**
5. **Resolution #2017-02 to appropriate funds for 1137 B-CA Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed and approved the Resolution for 1137 B-CA a pipe culvert in Audubon Township. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2017-02 to Appropriate Funds for 1137 B-CA located on Stringtown Road in Audubon Township, a 50%/50% split with Montgomery County's share in the amount of \$9,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, pages 39-40).**

6. **Resolution #2017-03 to appropriate funds for 1138 B-CA Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed the Resolution for 1138 B-CA a pipe project in Audubon Township. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2017-03 to appropriate funds for 1138 B-CA located on North 23 Avenue in Audubon Township, a 50%/50% split with Montgomery County's share in the amount of \$9,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, pages 41-42).**
7. **Equipment Purchase Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed and approved specifications and prices for the State Bid on a 2017 F-250 Super Cab 4x4 with 8 foot bed in the amount of \$29,916 and a 2017 F-350 Super Cab 4x4 Chassis Only in the amount of \$32,895. He said that the truck bed will be ordered from Koenig for the Mechanic's truck and will cost about \$10,341 and there is money in the budget allocated for these truck purchases. Plunkett stated that he likes local dealers to get county business for vehicles rather than State Bids. **Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to purchase the two 2017 Ford Super Cab 4x4 pickup trucks in the amount of \$62,811 from the State Bid. All in favor, motion carried.** Jones stated that Animal Control has an interest in one of the older vehicles, and Miles said they will not be available until the new vehicles are purchased.
8. **County Engineer Salary Program Update:** Miles stated that the Committee will continue to review and discuss the County Engineer Salary Program with IDOT that would establish the County Engineer's Salary to be 95% of the recommended salary for the County Engineer as determined annually by the Illinois Department of Transportation.
9. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Approval:** Martin reported that they met with Local 148 (Circuit Clerk's Union) regarding a grievance about the employee health insurance, which was denied by the committee. Martin stated that the committee also met with Local 773 (Sheriff Dispatchers unit) regarding a grievance filed about the employee health insurance and that they came to a tentative agreement with Local 773 to split the insurance increase by 50% and also split the dental and vision insurance cost by 50%. **Motion by Martin and second by Jones to approve the tentative agreement with Local 773 to share a 50% split on the increase in insurance premiums and to split the dental and vision insurance cost by 50%.** Deabenderfer asked what will this do to the previously approved split of 40% employee and 60% County share. Chairman Hertel responded that the union has agreed to the 50% split on the increase in the premium and that the employees with the individual plans will be paying more and the employees with dependents will be paying less for insurance premiums. Deabenderfer also asked if this applies to the non-union employees and Martin responded that he is waiting for an opinion from our labor attorney concerning this matter. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Union Negotiations Update:** Martin stated that a second mediation meeting has been scheduled with the FOP for Monday, January 23rd, 2017.
3. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training & Implementation Update:** Martin reported that he met with Treasurer's office staff person Liz Holcomb and said we are having problems because the software doesn't do what we hoped it would to getting time

off printed on the payroll stubs. He said the software gives only one person the ability to enter in the time off information for all employees and will not allow individual Department Heads to enter their own time off data. Martin also stated that we plan to decline when the renewal of this software is requested.

4. **ICRMT Sample Ordinances for Review Update:** Martin reported that the committee will review the ICRMT policy changes at their next meeting.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Project Update:** Beeler reported that Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group has been providing the committee his communications with Dynegy regarding the power plant assessment.
2. **IMRF Update:** Beeler reported that she has asked IMRF Representative Mandy Beedie to come to the next regular Finance Committee meeting on February 9th, 2017 to discuss the county responsibilities and pension obligations. Beeler invited everyone to submit questions ahead of time and invited them to attend the meeting also.
3. **Intergovernmental Agreement Village of Panama & Montgomery County for Law Enforcement Services Approval:** Beeler reported that Undersheriff Robbins addressed the committee regarding a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama for law enforcement services. Beeler stated that it has been a good relationship and said that the Village of Panama has been satisfied with the law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff’s Department so far. **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Panama and Montgomery County for Law Enforcement Services. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 43-44).**
4. **Public Safety Tax Approval:** Gasparich addressed the board regarding the amended Resolution to put the Public Safety Tax Question on the April 2017 ballot. He explained that the “sunset language” needed to be added to the amended written Resolution and clarification was requested regarding the public questions’ language stating “50 cents in sales tax for every \$100.” He reviewed a spreadsheet that provided the calculation confirming the proposed increase would result in an increase of 50 cents for every \$100 spent. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Jones to recommend the amended Resolution to put the Public Safety Tax Question on the April 2017 ballot. Roll Call Vote: 17 members Voting Yes, 3 members voting No and 1 member absent.** Voting Yes were: Beck, Beeler, Clark, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. Voting No were: Bishop, Deabenderfer and Furness. Member Bergen was absent. **Motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 45).**
5. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler referred to the monthly coal revenue and expense reports in everyone’s packet and stated that the \$1.3 million that was moved to the Capital Improvement Fund last month will not appear on the reports until next month. Beeler stated that she has asked that the interest also be moved to the Capital Improvement Fund.
6. **2017 Mileage Rate Approval:** Beeler stated that the annual IRS mileage rate is \$.535 per mile and the committee discussed not changing the County reimbursement rate that is currently at \$.54 per mile. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to keep the County mileage reimbursement at \$.54 per mile. All in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett

reminded everyone that since the IRS rate is ½ cents lower than the County rate, anything above will have to be claimed as income on tax returns.

7. **Resolution #17-01 to Collect Probation Services Fee Fund or Diversion Program Fund Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed and approved the Resolution to collect Probation Service Fees as requested by Chief Probations Officer Bane Ulrici. Ulrici was present for questions and she stated that this \$75.00 fee will be collected to fund the Youth Court for Juveniles and programs for Adults. Ulrici added that these fees have not been collected in the past and that by collecting them now it will help pay for the costs of drug tests and materials for the diversion program. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve Resolution #17-01 to a Collect Probation Services Fee or Diversion Program Fund. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 46).**
8. **Intergovernmental Agreement with East Fork Township and Road District for Forrestral Payments Approval:** Beeler stated that she attended the East Fork Township and Road District meeting recently and would like to present an Intergovernmental Agreement that has been drafted to finalize their help in sharing payment of the consulting fees to the Forrestral Group to work on the Dynegy Assessment. Beeler stated that the county hired the Forrestral Group in the amount of \$83,700 to conduct work on the power plant assessment and that the other taxing bodies agreed to share in the cost based on their percentage of the tax bill. Beeler added that the agreement would state that if the coal mine re-opens in the next five years and the county collects over \$250,000 revenue, then the County would repay the taxing bodies their share of the cost. East Fork Township and Road District has asked for an Intergovernmental Agreement which Beeler prepared for County Board and East Fork Township and Road District approval. **Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with East Fork Township. All in favor except Deabenderfer, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with East Fork Township Road District. All in favor except Deabenderfer, motion carried. (For copy of agreements, see Resolution Book 16, pages 47-48).**
9. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel # 18-26-202-001 in Fillmore Township to the Village of Fillmore Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #18-26-202-001 in Fillmore Township to the Village of Fillmore. All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #08-23-229-014 in Nokomis Township to Donald and Ruth Lozier Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #08-23-229-014 in Nokomis Township to Donald and Ruth Lozier. All in favor, motion carried.
11. **Resolutions to Convey Trustee Deeds for Parcels #09-05-285-004 and 09-05-285-003 in Audubon Township to Maggie Rakers Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcels #09-05-285-004 and 09-05-285-003 in Audubon Township to Maggie Rakers. All in favor, motion carried.
12. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #01-33-453-006 in Bois D'Arc Township to James Allen Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #01-33-453-006 in Bois D'Arc Township to James Allen. All in favor, motion carried.

13. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #01-33-479-006 in Bois D'Arc Township to Robert and Pamela Mattingly Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #01-33-479-006 in Bois D'Arc Township to Robert and Pamela Mattingly. All in favor, motion carried.
14. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #04-33-282-004 in Harvel Township to Gerald Wagahoff Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #04-33-282-004 in Harvel Township to Gerald Wagahoff. All in favor, motion carried.
15. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #10-03-281-003 in North Litchfield Township to Kenneth Walch Revocable Living Trust DTD 6/8/05 Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #10-03-281-003 in North Litchfield Township to Kenneth Walch Revocable Living Trust DTD 6/8/05. All in favor, motion carried.
16. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #10-32-483-002 in North Litchfield Township to Connie Miller Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #10-32-483-002 in North Litchfield Township to Connie Miller. All in favor, motion carried.
17. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #16-01-305-025 in Hillsboro Township to Franklin Altevogt Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Young to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #16-01-305-025 in Hillsboro Township to Franklin Altevogt. All in favor, motion carried.
18. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #16-02-480-015 in Hillsboro Township to Store It All, Inc. Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #16-02-480-015 in Hillsboro Township to Store It All, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.
19. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #17-07-126-003 in East Fork Township to Calcari Properties Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel: #17-07-126-003 in East Fork Township to Calcari Properties. All in favor, motion carried.
20. **Resolutions to Convey Trustee Deeds for Parcels #17-35-252-004 and 17-35-252-005 in East Fork Township to Snowwhite James Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcels #17-35-252-004 and 17-35-252-005 in East Fork Township to Snowwhite James. All in favor, motion carried.
21. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #21-19-353-001 in East Fork Township to Steven McCario Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #21-19-353-001 in East Fork Township to Steven McCario. All in favor, motion carried.
22. **Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #17-07-127-017 in East Fork Township to Richard Chamberlain Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve Resolution to Convey Trustee Deed for Parcel #17-07-127-017 in East Fork Township to Richard Chamberlain. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of all Resolutions, see Resolution Book 16, pages 49-64).
23. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Beeler reported that her committee also discussed the employee health insurance issue.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Beck referred to Clerk Leitheiser who stated everything is proceeding nicely with the April 2017 Election preparation.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that there is no answer from the State on the reimbursement for Gonet's salary.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that there has been a lot of cardboard dropped off due to the Christmas holiday and that signs have been placed at the drop sheds stating that "NO syringes or needles" due to a report from the Sheriff's department. Beck also reported that Jones is working on a grant for a baler which is much appreciated.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that the committee will continue to work on the Animal Control Ordinance at the February meeting and that the public will be invited to participate.
5. **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:** Sneed reported that two of the boilers at the jail have been installed and operational and the third one will be installed next week. He said that the 20 plus year old air conditioner that cools the area above the Jail where all the phone and computer equipment is stored has been in disrepair for quite some time. Sneed reported that the Building and Grounds Committee reviewed and approved a quote from Neuhaus Heating and Air-conditioning to replace the unit in the amount of \$4,929.28, which was approved.
2. **Radon Testing at Historic Courthouse Update:** Sneed reported that he has talked with a company to mitigate the basement of the Historic Courthouse for radon gas and it will cost about \$2,000 to mitigate the room north of the boiler which had the highest readings. He explained that the radon gas seeps up through the basement floors and the pressure has to be drawn out by drilling holes and installing a pipe in there with a fan that has to be exhausted all the way up through the roof. Sneed also reported that a portable tester will be purchased for about \$200 so that areas with more use can be monitored at all times.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper stated that MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko shared her report that is attached in everyone's packet. He provided a few highlights from her report, which were that she is working on a pre-application for Village of Panama to purchase a generator for the community building and that she attended two CEO classes. Hopper stated that the current grant writer has resigned as of the end of this month and that two new individuals are interested in grant writing.
2. **Tourism Update:** Hopper stated that the committee approved a ½ page ad that will be published in the next IllinoisSouth Tourism Publication.
3. **Branding Brainstorm Update:** Hopper stated that Belusko is working with IllinoisSouth Tourism to conduct meetings to create a branding name for the county.
4. **Incentives Update:**

- Enterprise Zone - Daniels reported that she is working with GIS mapping department to get farm land acres for the Department of Agriculture for the application sign off.
 - Incentives: Hopper stated that the committee will review a final draft of the incentive package for business that consists of a general abatement program that the MCEDC will administer. He said that this information will be introduced to the full board next month.
- 5. Planning Update:**
- Planning Commission – Hopper stated that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 to introduce himself and to give an update on the fiber RFP.
- 6. Infrastructure Update:**
- Broadband Update: Hopper stated that they continue to meet and discuss the broadband issue.
 - Eagle Zinc – Hopper stated that we are waiting for them to award the bids for phase two of the cleanup project that should start this summer.
- 7. Workforce Update:**
- West Central Development – Hopper stated that he is working with Jones to have better communication with West Central Development. Jones stated that West Central will be sending a response to the letter that was sent last month.
 - CEO Program – Hopper reported that the CEO Program will be hosting a fundraiser in Litchfield on February 18th. Hopper also reported that the CEO applications for next year’s class are due by January 15th and that the current students are involved in recruiting new students for next year.
- 8. 2017 Committee meeting dates Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that his committee discussed and approved to have their regular monthly committee meetings on the last Monday of the month at 5:00 pm.

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

EMA Old Business:

- 1. EMA Job Description Update:** Savage reported that Sheriff’s Dept. Captain Greg Nimmo submitted a revised draft of the EMA Job Description and the committee will approve it next month.
- 2. Montgomery County Hazmat Trailer Storage Update:** Savage stated that they continue to search for a home to store the Hazmat Trailer which needs to be in a secure, controlled climate area with electricity to keep the equipment charged. He said that the Hazmat trailer is currently being stored at the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance garage and it was originally stored in Raymond. Savage reported that there is a possibility of storing it in Litchfield and they are looking at those options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hertel stated that the Farm Bureau Breakfast Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 am and encouraged members to attend. Clark stated that he recently met with Litchfield Mayor Dougherty regarding the need for overpasses in Litchfield due to train traffic and he has found some grants he is exploring that would place an overpass free of charge.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Schroeder stated that there have been 35,000 to 40,000 people who have left Illinois and he asked if anyone knew how this has affected Montgomery County. He said that due to the loss of population, Illinois could lose two congressional districts. Chairman Hertel stated that the newspaper had a recent article about the county school enrollments which shows that Hillsboro and Nokomis School districts went down. Jones stated that we need to focus on getting sustainable jobs here in the county which will pay \$15.00 an hour and above so people can raise a family. Gasparich stated that we need to make sure our school districts stay viable because they are the economic engine in the county and when they suffer, the communities will suffer.

PAY BILLS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVAL:

Chairman Hertel called for Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel Issues.

Motion by Hopper and second by Young to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:26 am.

Motion by Graden and second by Savage to come out of executive session. Time: 11:05 am. No board action was taken.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 14th 2017 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 11:08 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

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Member Absent: Mike Plunkett

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- 14. V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Strowmatt stated that he will submit several pieces of legislation for next month’s board meeting. Strowmatt also reported that Captain Nimmo and the VAC is putting together a preparedness response team to work on emergency situations.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they approved the mission statement and that IT Manager Watkins will create a link to the county’s website so the 708 Board can post their guidelines and applications to the public. Robinson said that the final draft should be ready to approve in March.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich reported they did not meet last month and will meet next month.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Bergen stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the Annual MCEDC Dinner will be on April 16th at 6:00 pm at the Broad Street Grill.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will meet next on March 21st, 2017.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported the Senior Board approved a bid from Lessman Excavating to expand the parking lot at the Senior Center at its current location.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a short meeting this past month and he has nothing to report.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that the WCDC board will meet this Thursday. Jeremy Jones stated that he attended a recent meeting and said WCDC is working on putting together a website at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that there has been some drilling activity at the coal mine. Jones reported that he talked to Hillsboro Energy representative Roger Dennison and they have drilled an air hole so they can get quality air down by the longwall machine site.
2. **Overweight Trucks Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has to work with the State’s Attorney on this ordinance. Hopper stated he will get Hillsboro’s City Ordinance to Chairman Hertel for his review.
3. **Moving Ambulance Line Update:** Chairman Hertel asked Miles if he was able to talk with the county resident about his concerns with the Nokomis Ambulance district response times and Miles responded that he has not talked to them yet.
4. **Solar Farm Ordinance/Inquiry Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that this issue has been assigned to the Economic Development Committee and that they are reviewing a draft of a solar farm ordinance from Whiteside County. Hopper stated that he and Megan Beeler will reach out to county solar energy business owner David Ronen regarding current legislation for solar farms.

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

1. **2017 MFT Oil Letting Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed and approved the low bid for the Oil letting that was held on Monday, February 6th, 2017. **Motion by**

Miles and second by Young to approve the low bid from Louis Marsh for the county oil purchases at \$1.57 per gallon. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve the low bidders for the townships that are posted. All in favor, motion carried.

2. **2017 Pipe Culvert Letting Approval:** Miles reported that two bids were opened on Monday, February 7th, 2017 for the 2017 pipe culvert letting. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the low bids from Metal Culverts on both groups. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Section 14-04117-00-BR – SN: 068-3192 Deck Beam Replacement – N. 6th Ave. (TR 371) over Coffeen Lake, East Fork Township TBP, Engineering Services Approval:** Miles reported that the committee approved to recommend a proposal from Hurst Rosche Engineering to do the engineering work for an amount not to exceed \$16,100 to replace the deck beams on North 6th Avenue over the north end of Coffeen Lake. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve the engineering agreement with Hurst and Rosche for an amount not to exceed \$16,100 for the engineering work on North 6th Ave. over Coffeen Lake in East Fork Township. All in favor, motion carried.** Moore stated that to his knowledge there is no plan to mine under this bridge. **(For copy of document, see Resolution Book 16, pages 67-69.)**

4. **Section 17-05121-00-BR – SN: 068-3212 Bridge Replacement – Wonder Tr. (TR 457) over Dry Fork Creek, Fillmore Twp., TBP, Engineering Services Approval:** Miles stated that this bridge was scheduled to do some piling work and after the bridge inspection they found concerns with the concrete on the deck. Greenwood stated that he contacted IDOT regarding the issues with the poor condition of the deck and they recommended replacing the whole bridge. He said that this will be an 80/20 cost share with Fillmore Township. Greenwood stated that he received a proposal from McDonough Whitlow for the engineering work in the amount of \$69,600. Engineer Greenwood stated that the estimate cost to replace the bridge will be approximately \$325,000 and this would be a spring 2018 project. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the proposal from McDonough Whitlow to do the engineer work for the Wonder Trail Bridge in the amount of \$69,600. ROLL CALL VOTE – 20 voting Yes and 1 member absent. Voting Yes were 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, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Mike Plunkett was absent. Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 70-76).**

5. **Section 09-00133-00-BR – SN: 068-3017 Bridge Replacement – Walshville Trail (CH 11) over Middle Fork Shoal Creek, Engineering Services Supplement Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed options of straightening out the road to the Walshville Bridge that is slated for replacement in 2021. Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood will ask the Engineering firm for a cost to complete the feasibility study since.

6. **Equipment Purchase Approval:** Miles reported that they received a price for the truck bed for the Mechanic's Truck. He said that the total cost for the road foreman's pickup truck, mechanic's pickup truck and the mechanic's service body is \$74,465. **Motion by Miles and second by Furness to purchase the truck bed in the amount of \$11,654 from Koenig Body and Equipment, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. **Small Equipment Purchase Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed and approved to replace the copy machine at the Highway Dept. with the low bid from CDS in the amount of \$5,279. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to accept the low bid from CDS for a new copier in the amount of \$5,279. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Farmersville Drainage on C.H. 17 (Mine Ave.) Approval:** Miles stated that the committee discussed and is satisfied with the letter the Village of Farmersville submitted from an Engineering Company to approve the work they completed on the ditch on the county right of way in that area.
9. **Ford Ave., City of Witt, Road Repair Cost Estimate Approval:** Miles stated that Young is working with the City of Witt to see if the county will repair Ford Avenue and then take over the maintenance of this road like was done with the Irving Road project.
10. **Red Ball Trail (CH 9) Approval:** Miles reported that he and Engineer Greenwood met with Attorney Stephen Kaufmann regarding litigation on the Red Ball Trail. That attorney advised them that he can't represent the County due to a conflict of interest. Miles said that Kaufmann suggested that we seek an independent review and he provided contact information for a few other attorneys to consider. Miles said that State's Attorney Matoush will review this list and make contact with an attorney on the county's behalf.
11. **Credit Card for Small Purchases Approval:** Miles stated that the committee approved that Engineer Greenwood get a credit card with a limit of \$1,000 to order parts that can be purchased cheaper online. Engineer Greenwood said he will be signing off on the purchases.
12. **County Engineer Salary Program Approval:** Miles stated that the committee discussed the IDOT County Engineer Salary Program and said that the Finance and Personnel Committees will also be looking at this program.
13. **Other Business Update:** Miles stated that they are working on a legal situation where damage was done to a Frontier Cable while the highway department was out doing ditching work in the county.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Mediation with the Sheriff's Department Fraternal Order of Police Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with the FOP on January 27th, 2017 to try and complete the union negotiations for the contract that ended on November 30th, 2016. He stated that there was no agreement reached so another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the county board room
2. **Meeting with Local 148 Regarding Grievance Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with Attorney Chris Walters and Local 148 Business Agent Patrick Lynch Friday, January 27th, 2017 at 12:00 pm. He said that an agreement was also reached with Local 148 regarding that union's employee health insurance.
3. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Martin reported that Health Alliance is maxed out on individual policies and can't take on any more customers through the Affordable Health Care Act exchange, and that Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only health insurance company that will sign up individuals
4. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training & Implementation Update:** Martin stated that he met with Treasurer's office payroll clerk Liz Holcomb and they spoke with a Zobrio representative concerning the Human Resource Module that we were sold a few years ago which will not work for us in getting all employees' time off in the

payroll system to print on the pay stubs. He said that the committee discussed that at the time we purchased the Human Resource Module from Zobrio we were told by Zobrio sales representative Penrod that we would get 20 logins for supervisors to enter their time off, however we have since found out that these individuals would also have access all the areas of the payroll software, which is not acceptable due to the private information contained. Martin said that the committee discussed getting the meeting audio to show that we were promised that the office holders would only have access to the time off reporting function of the payroll software and not the entire payroll system. Martin stated that he will contact Zobrio CEO John Veradian to discuss this issue. The committee also discussed other payroll options such as outsourcing the payroll function in order to get time off balances on the pay stubs.

5. **Travel Reimbursement Voucher Form:** Martin explained the new Travel Voucher form which simplifies the reporting process now required by state mandate and the recently passed county ordinance. He stated that the form will be available both on the county website for county board members and on the employees' intranet site as a fillable form which will calculate the totals needed. **Motion by Martin and second by Hopper to approve the revised Travel Reimbursement Voucher Form. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler thanked Martin for his hard work on this form.

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Project Approval:** Beeler stated that Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group has been in touch with the Dynegy Attorneys and they are compiling data at this time.
2. **IMRF Presentation Update:** Beeler stated that IMRF Representative Mandy Beedie gave a very informative presentation that shared information on our current position with an updated financial aspect of the recent retirees and how it impacts our different pension funds. Beedie also explained the three different funds and the impact it will have when we have a very large retirement. Beeler stated that a few more follow-up questions have been asked to get a better understanding for our pension system.
3. **County Highway Engineer Salary Program Update:** Beeler stated that they will table this issue until the other three members of the Finance Committee are here and that the Personnel Committee is also updated. Beeler reported that she and Highway Engineer Greenwood have been talking about this program and she said that this probably won't be made available in this budget year. Beeler stated that the revenue and expense line items would need to be amended and this request doesn't fit into the category of emergencies that must be met to amend the budget.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the monthly coal report submitted by Treasurer Jenkins is available.
5. **2017 Mileage Rate Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed and approved to decrease the mileage reimbursement to \$.53 per mile so that those who are receiving the reimbursement are not subject to paying income tax on the extra ½ cent. The 2017 IRS Mileage rate has been set at \$.53.5 cents per mile. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to change the mile reimbursement to \$.53 per mile. All in favor, motion carried.**

6. **EMA Budget Amendment Update:** Beeler stated that there are ongoing conversations and questions regarding who is in charge of the Hazmat Team and she said that there will be no budget amendment at this time because the \$3,500 they are requesting doesn't qualify as an emergency to amend the county budget. Beeler explained that if it is found that the Hazmat Team is an entity of Montgomery County then we will take the money out of a contingency fund. Nimmo stated that he is in the process of trying to determine the structure of this organization and said that the equipment is funded and maintained by MABAS and the County owns and insures the trailer. He said that Hazmat is an all-volunteer team and if we don't find storage for this trailer we will have to give up the trailer to another county and this would be detriment to Montgomery County due to all the railroads, I-55, fertilizer storage etc. that may require Hazmat services in a timely manner. Bishop stated that he talked with Macs Fire and Safety from Litchfield and they said for \$100 per month they could provide storage with electricity and security cameras. Beeler stated that if this is a county entity then the county board needs to make appointments to this organization. Gasparich stated that these volunteers have signed an oath for EMA and are legitimate, and said they are actually county emergency volunteers right now and not a liability.
7. **U of I Extension Annual Agreement Approval:** Beeler called upon U of I Extension Director Amanda Cole to present the annual agreement in the amount of \$154,910. Cole explained that this funding levy has been the same amount for several years and that U of I Extension hasn't received any state match since 2015 but their unit is still operating OK. Cole stated that there are 21 positions in her four county unit and ten of those positions are in Montgomery County. Cole invited board members for lunch and shared some brochures for the programs they are offering. Cole reported that a group of graduate students are coming this Friday to the recycling facility to work with Ben Bishop and Connie Beck on different options to recycle. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to recommend the approval of the annual agreement with the U of I Extension to levy the amount of \$154,910. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 77-78).**
8. **Gmail Hosting Options Update:** Beeler reported that she is working with the County IT Department to switch the email hosting site in the future and said that this will be a good move for the employees because it will allow access to emails when employees are offsite.
9. **Vice-Chairman of County Board Stipend Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that Vice Chairman Evan Young is not a committee chair and therefore does not get the annual stipend nor is he compensated a per diem for the committee meetings that he is attending. She said there is currently no mechanism in the Rules of Order for compensating the Vice Chair when that person is not a committee chairman. Deabenderfer stated that he would feel better if there was better language to address this in the Rules of Order. Beeler asked that the Rules Committee review this issue. Beeler stated that the Finance Committee approved that Young should get a stipend. Beeler signed a voucher for \$450 to compensate Young for his Vice-Chairman role.
10. **Public Safety Tax Budget Allocations Update:** Beeler reported that she met with Young, Gasparich and Undersheriff Robbins to discuss the Public Safety Tax question for the April 4th, 2017 election. Beeler stated that the Public Safety sales tax revenue would be used to take the burden off the general fund and to help fund items that were cut

from the Sheriff's Department such as two new vehicles per year, an increase to their training budget, and part time administrator and tele communicator positions. She said this money could also be used to make a onetime software purchase of the 911 equipment, to replace radios that need to be updated from analog to digital, and to address the overcrowding situation with the female population at the jail. Robbins shared concerns that there was no plan on where the money will go and pointed out that they lost a tele communicator and part time administrative person when the budget was cut and they would like to utilize this money for Sheriff's Vehicles and to add money to the training budget. Robbins also shared that they lost a full time maintenance person and they could use some Public Safety tax money for this position. Beeler said that 1/3rd of the Public Safety money would be to fund the new roof on the jail as well as updating the software for 911 and communications. Robbins stated that there was a question on whether this sales tax money could be paid out to county fire districts and he found in the state statute that it could be used. Chairman Hertel stated that a committee would be set up much like the 708 Board to review the applications for funds from the various police, fire and ambulance districts. Discussion took place about the application review process which would be done by the County EMA. Beeler stated that Gasparich is setting up a fact sheet and will start going to local organizations to explain how the Public Safety tax will work. Jones asked that we don't deplete any funds from the Sheriff's Office in the future. Gasparich stated that this funding will help replenish the funds that were cut from the Sheriff's Office. Beeler stated that if this tax were in place today, they would have had \$328,000 left over and that money would be left to maintain the Sheriff Department salaries and not endanger positions to be cut due to budget constraints. Beeler stated the plan is for the county budget to maintain the budget at the current level and also give them a few things that we can't budget for now, like vehicles or software updates. Bishop asked if the money not used by those purchases will go back to the General Fund. Beeler responded that there will be \$478,000 that we won't have to spend out of the general fund to pay for Sheriff and Jail expenses. Bishop stated that if this is done, you should not promote this as a Public Safety tax, you have to say it is a general fund tax. He said it is untruthful that this Public Safety money will be going to first responders. Beeler stated that no one stated that all the money is going to first responders. Gasparich stated that without this tax, next year there will have to be cuts in the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Hertel stated that 1/3 or \$400,000 will be given as new money to help the county's first responders. Bishop stated that if we promote this you need to say this and not say it is a first responder tax. Robbins stated that this is not what the public saw last time the Public Question was on the ballot, so it didn't pass. They would be gaining back more of a full staff than they have today. Gasparich stated that he has never said it was a first responder's tax, and has only referred to it as a Public Safety Tax. Hertel stated that sales tax is the most fair tax since everyone pays on a sales tax, and said that the cities of Litchfield, Nokomis and Hillsboro have increased their sales tax rates. Gasparich stated that we have used coal mine money to run this county for the past several years and this should be spent instead to benefit this county for the next 20 to 30 years from now and not pay for day to day operations. He said that we would use this sales tax to pay for Public Safety instead of using the coal money revenue that should be used for investing in the future of this county like fixing our roads and bridges and laying high speed internet. Chairman Hertel stated that we are going to be up front with the citizens of this

county as this sales tax question is promoted so they will be clear on where the new tax dollars will be spent.

11. **708 Board Disbursement Process Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed the disbursement process for the new 708 Board and said that the money will be collected by the County Treasurer and deposited in the Community Mental Health Fund and then dispersed when it is vouchered. She said that this fund will also be audited.
12. **Budget Hearing Dates for FY 2018 Update:** Beeler stated that they are looking at conducting Budget Hearings on two Mondays instead of three mornings, and the committee is looking at Monday, July 24th, and July 31st at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update/Approval:** Leitheiser stated that early voting will start on February 23rd, 2017 and all Election preparations have been going smoothly.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck stated that Gonet got an email that the state funding is being processed for his program.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that she and Bishop met with the U of I Extension students who are going to do a class study on the recycling program. Beck also reported that the Electronics Recycling Drive is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Hillsboro facility.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that two people came to the committee meeting including local citizen Bill Schroeder and they had a nice discussion regarding the Animal Control Ordinance. She said that the committee discussed that there should be language in the ordinance regarding abuse and neglect. Beck stated that the committee will review language from the Macon and Macoupin County Animal Control Ordinances and she also reported that the committee discussed and took out the entire "Breeder" section in the ordinance and she said that they hope to have something to present to the board next month. Furness stated that he feels that we didn't have an animal control facility 20 years ago so why make government bigger and asked why this ordinance needs to be addressed now. Furness also stated that the animal control facility should be self-funded. Chairman Hertel replied that if everyone bought their rabies dog tags as required by State Law the facility would be self-funded. Furness stated that this ordinance gives county animal control too much power to enforce local requirements that are beyond the state statutes. Jones stated that they discussed this in committee and details of cases would go to the State's Attorney's Office for review so the animal control officer would have a checks and balances. Graden stated that we don't want animals abused and the State has investigators but they can't get to a severely abused dog or cat immediately. Graden added that there are checks and balances currently with animal control staff. Beck invited everyone to the next HWE Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 to further discuss the proposed animal control ordinance.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed stated that there is about a \$150,000 of coal money to be spent on the Jail this year, which is money that we could have used for future generations.

- 2. Radon Testing and Mitigation at the Historic Courthouse Approval:** Sneed reported that the temporary fan used to mitigate the radon in the basement of the Historic Courthouse has to be vented outside and will cost about \$10,000. He said that the law says that the pipe has to go to the top of the building, but Sneed stated that he signed a waiver for the pipe to go up to the second story windows and it will look like the downspouts that are on the building so it will blend in with the other parts of the building. **Motion by Sneed and second by Furness to approve the proposal from Radon Services in the amount of \$7,750 for the radon mitigation in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. All in favor, Motion carried.**

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

- 1. MCEDC Update:** Hopper stated that MCEDC Director Belusko's report is in the packet and that there will now be two grant writers on board.
- 2. Tourism Update:** Hopper stated that IllinoisSouth Tourism Visitors Guide had some errors in it so they will now give us 24 hours' notice to review the tourism publication and give us some free advertisement to compensate for these errors.
- 3. Branding Brainstorm Update:** Belusko stated that IllinoisSouth Tourism continues to work on the branding name for Montgomery County.
- 4. Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Hopper stated that the committee reviewed and discussed the letter from Tonya Larnia, Deputy Director of IL Bicentennial. He said that the committee wants to compare this correspondence with what was received a few months ago before deciding our level of participation.
- 5. Incentives Document Update:** Hopper stated that the committee will discuss this next month after the MCEDC Board of Directors reviews the documents and gives their input.
- 6. Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Hopper stated that there is no update at this time and we are still being paid on a regular basis.
- 7. Enterprise Zone Update:** Daniels stated that the Department of Agriculture is completing their review today and will send a letter to DCEO regarding the proposed farm ground to be added and deleted from the County Enterprise Zone.
- 8. Planning Commission Update:** Hopper stated that he and Heather Hampton+Knodle met with the Planning Commission and presented the county fiber project. He said that the next meeting is scheduled for March 21st, 2017 at 5:30 pm.
- 9. Broadband Infrastructure Update:** Hopper reported that they met with the City of Hillsboro's Planning Commission to present the broadband project, and stated there will be a meeting with Hillsboro and Litchfield soon on this same topic.
- 10. Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper stated that there are no liens on the property at this time and ownership remains with T.L. Diamond at this time. Clerk/Recorder Leitheiser reported that the subcontractor lien was released in 2016.
- 11. West Central Development Update/Approval:** Hopper asked if everyone got their response letter from West Central Development and said he plans to put the past behind them and said that everyone needs to work together. Jones stated that the goal is to work on getting a website with the help from Blackburn College and Louis and Clark Community College, and there will be a meeting on February 23rd at Blackburn College for ideas to update the WCDC website.

- 12. CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the CEO program will host a fundraiser on February 18th, at the Litchfield High School where the band Brushville will be playing. He said that the deadline for new students to enroll in the CEO Program will be March 15th, 2017.
- 13. Monthly Committee Meeting Dates and Time Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the committee discussed changing their monthly meeting date to the first Monday of the month at 5:00 pm. after their February committee meeting.
- 14. Other Business Update/Approval:** Hopper asked Dillon Clark if there is any update on the rail overpass in Litchfield and Clark replied that there is nothing to report at this time.

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

- 1. EMA Job Description Update:** Savage stated that the committee will make a recommendation to approve the EMA Job Description next month when Captain Nimmo is back from training.
- 2. Training and Meetings Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo attended several trainings and meetings with the Red Cross, Veterans Assistance Commission and the LEPC Coordination group. Nimmo is also working to set up emergency conference calls with County Public Safety Officials.
- 3. County Board Emergency Preparedness Training Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee discussed and approved that Nimmo will conduct two county board emergency preparedness trainings per year.
- 4. Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Savage stated there was a glitch in the billing software that they caught and some money didn't come in immediately. He stated that the situation was corrected and money will be collected.
- 5. Other Business Update/Approval:** Jones asked if we have agreements in place for others to help us in emergency management and Nimmo responded that we have an Emergency Operation Manual in place for this purpose. Nimmo stated that he is working on training sessions for board members and departments to know their role in emergency planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chairman Herten stated that the Farm Bureau Breakfast Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 am. Those wanting to attend should RSVP with County Board Administrator Daniels.**

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Hertel stated that there will be a Personnel Committee meeting with FOP on Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Schroeder shared a concern about Attorney Steven Kaufmann regarding the Red Ball Trail issue. Miles stated that he was just a consultant and not the county attorney. Chairman Hertel stated that he didn't charge us any money for being here for two days while discussing the Red Ball Trail. Schroeder asked if we know for sure if the 6th Street bridge will be not be undermined by the Deer Run Coal Mine because his maps show that this area will be mined, and encouraged the County to get something is writing that assures us that they will not mine this area. Jones stated that the coal mine will have to submit another cutting plan and that will have to be reviewed prior to mining taking place in that area. Schroeder also asked about Treasurer Jenkins' health and Chairman Hertel stated that he seems to be doing fairly well.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Miles and second by Wendel 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 – Against – 0, Absent – Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Graden and second by Sneed to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Gasparich and second by Young to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 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: 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, Evan Young

Members Absent: Richard Wendel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Farm Bureau Vice-President Kenny Folkerts.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Gasparich and second by Sneed to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE 20 members voting Yes, none voting No and 1 member absent. Motion carried.

Members voting Yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Young. Wendel was absent.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Robinson and second by Hopper to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report ---** Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
- 2. Animal Control Report ---** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk’s Report ---** Holly Lemons was present for questions. Lemons reported that a contract was signed with Credit Collection Partners to collect delinquent court fines and fees at no charge to the county and she said that \$8,000 has been collected since it started in the past few weeks.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report ---** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Health & TB Department Report ---** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 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 - report was submitted, and Robbins was present.
- 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 Graden and second by Martin to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that a draft of all the 708 Board application forms is on the desks for review and she said that a copy has also been forwarded to the State’s Attorney for their review.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich reported they did not meet this month and will meet next month.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – no meetings. Plunkett stated that an IACBM Bulletin was forwarded by email to all county board members and he noted that it reported that Christian County was shutting down its recycling program due to budget issues.

- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that he will give an update during his committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will meet on March 21st.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that Lessman Excavating received the bid to re-do the senior citizen parking lot in the amount of \$10,396 and said that \$4,399 will be paid by CEFS. He said that the work on the Taylor Springs facility parking lot will begin in March or April and stated that CEFS is asking the Senior Citizens Board to waive the \$110 monthly rental for the kitchen until the state has a budget.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that UCCI leaders talked about all the bills in the state legislature at his recent meeting.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they have a meeting tonight.
- **WCDC** – Wendel was absent so there was no report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. Chairman Hertel thanked the Montgomery County Farm Bureau for hosting the breakfast before the board meeting this morning and welcomed the Farm Bureau members to the county board meeting.
2. **Central Illinois Public Transit Program Agreement Approval:** Susan Love from CEFS stated that services for CIPT have increased in Montgomery County and said that they are in the process of hiring a full time bus driver. Susan Love also presented the Intergovernmental Agreement for Transportation Services and the Ordinance. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Jones to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for CIPT Transportation Services. All in favor, motion carried. For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 87-88. Motion by Hopper and second by Deabenderfer to approve the CIPT Ordinance. For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 89.**
3. **Montgomery County Housing Authority Update:** Housing Authority Director Kelly Moroney reported that they are on schedule to replace housing units in Nokomis, Hillsboro and Witt, and she stated that the units in Nokomis should be completed in April. Moroney then reported that demolition of the 50 current units and construction of 50 new units will then be done in about two years on Long Avenue in Hillsboro. Moroney reported that the Housing Authority has some additional property in Hillsboro as a result of tax deeds and they also purchased some other lots for the new construction in the Hillsboro area. Moroney stated that there is a waiting list for these new units at this time. Beeler asked when the Raymond Housing project will be started and Moroney replied that construction will begin in the next four to five years after the Hillsboro units are replaced. She said that after the Raymond units are completed, then they will demolish and construct new units in Taylor Springs and Coffeen. Moroney explained that Litchfield Kirk Terrace will be the last phase to construct new housing units in the County and also announced that an open position at the Housing Authority has been filled by Brandi Young.
4. **Coal Mine Update:** Jones reported that he spoke with Deer Run Mine representative Roger Dennison this morning and he said that the ventilation testing came back positive at the site which is encouraging news.
5. **Other Business Update:** There is no other business at this time.

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

1. **Section 15-05120-00-BR – Fillmore 11th Avenue over Dry Fork – Bid Results Approval:** Miles reported that four bids were opened last Monday for the Fillmore Township Bridge on 11th Avenue over Dry Fork and bids were received from Ishmael Contractors, Kinney Contractors, Yamnitz & Associates and Lake Contractors. Yamnitz had the low bid of \$170,329.90 and the other three bids ranged from \$203,000 to \$232,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the low bid from Yamnitz and Associates in the amount of \$170,329.90 for the bridge work in Fillmore Township on 11th Avenue over Dry Fork. Roll call vote. 17 Yes Votes, 3 No Votes and 1 member absent. Voting Yes were:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Young. **Voting No were:** Deabenderfer, Hertel and Plunkett. Wendel was absent. **All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **Section 15-00137-00-BR – SN: 068-3044 Bridge Replacement – Honey Bend Ave. (CH #26) over 3 Mile Branch, 100% County Project, Engineering Services Approval:** Miles reported that the committee voted to recommend the bridge replacement on Honey Bend Avenue over 3 Mile Branch and that the highway department workers can do the work for this bridge replacement. **Motion by Miles and second by Beeler to approve the Engineering Agreement with Hurst-Rosche Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 to do the Bridge on Honey Bend Avenue over 3 Mile Branch which is a 100% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 80-86).**
3. **City of Hillsboro’s Oversize/Overweight Ordinance Update:** Miles reported that the committee is reviewing the City of Hillsboro’s Ordinance regarding oversize/overweight vehicles to see if it would be feasible for the county to adopt a similar ordinance.
4. **Section 09-00133-00-BR – SN: 068-3017 Bridge Replacement – Walshville Tr. (CH 11) over Middle Fork Shoal Creek, Engineering Services Supplement Approval:** Miles reported that this project started during Ruben Boehler’s tenure as County Highway Engineer and said that the estimated cost to replace this bridge is about \$1.2 million. He stated that the original engineering agreement was \$90,000 and the committee added to the scope of work by asking the WHKS Engineering for an alternate alignment study for the Walshville Trail Bridge over Middle Fork Shoal Creek. Miles said that the added cost will be \$29,583 for WHKS Engineering and one of the benefits of moving the route is to leave the bridge where it is and to build the new one next to it which would allow the road to remain open during construction. Engineer Greenwood stated that this cost will come out of the Federal Aid to Bridge Fund and that it is in the budget. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve the Engineering agreement with WHKS Engineering to do the design work to re-align the Walshville Trail Bridge for an additional \$29,583 to their original contract. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Small Equipment Purchase Update:** Miles reported that the 20 year old pressure washer broke and was too costly to repair so the committee approved the purchase of an electric unit from Pressure Washer Warehouse in the amount of \$4,991.60.
6. **Farmersville Drainage on C.H. 17 (Mine Avenue) Update** Miles reported that the Farmersville Drainage Ditch was shot at 0.7% which is greater than the required 0.6%; so the ditch grade is good. Engineer Greenwood will now draft up an agreement for the Village of Farmersville to sign.
7. **Frontier damaged utility Update:** Miles reported that State’s Attorney Matoush settled the claim with Frontier in the amount of \$1,613.00. He said that the Highway Department will now do JULIE Locates prior to future ditching work.
8. **Other Business Update:** Miles reported that the two new pickup trucks have not come in yet and said that the Recycling Department wants to purchase the used 2000 pickup truck, which is now being discussed. Gasparich inquired about the disrepair of a concrete culvert on Harvel Road and 22nd Avenue.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Mediation with the Sheriff’s Department Fraternal Order of Police Update:** Martin reported that the next mediation meeting with the Sheriff’s Department Fraternal Order of Police Union is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 4:30 pm.
2. **Union Negotiations Update:** Martin stated that he would like to set up a meeting with county labor attorney Walters to go over a strategy for union negotiations to conduct them in a more effective manner. Deabenderfer asked how much the labor attorney is costing the county and Young replied about \$5,200 so far. Deabenderfer stated that this money could be spent on the employees instead and he said that labor attorneys are self-promoting. Martin stated that Walters represents 18 other Illinois counties and said that he shares information about what is going on and that so far he has been proving that he is worth what we are paying. Young stated that we are saving money by using the information that he has provided. Deabenderfer stated that he would like to know how much the labor attorney will cost in the future.

3. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Martin reported that the committee has invited about nine different health insurance companies/agents to come to the next few committee meetings to talk about the services they can provide in order for us to prepare for the employee insurance request for proposals this summer. Martin invited anyone who is interested to attend the next three meetings and be a part of this process.
4. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training & Implementation Update:** Martin gave the update during the Finance Committee report.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Zobrio Accounting Software Approval:** Beeler deferred to Martin who reported that Zobrio representative Dave Penrod addressed the Finance Committee regarding their Zobrio Human Resources software purchased a few years ago. Martin stated that Penrod informed committee members that the software doesn't do what we want unless we purchase an additional module of software. Martin stated that the committee discussed having the department heads be responsible for their own employee time off information so that one payroll employee doesn't have to enter it. He said that the Human Resources portion of our annual maintenance agreement was deleted, which removed about \$1,700 from the invoice for the Human Resource Module that we are not using. Martin reported that we have two years to decide if we are going use the Human Resource Module or we will have to purchase it again. **Motion by Martin and second by Beeler to approve \$8,031.92 for the Zobrio Accounting Software Invoice for maintenance for one year. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler reported that there is nothing new to report from Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group at this time.
3. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler reported that the Committee reviewed and discussed the monthly coal revenue and expense reports. She stated that there was one certificate of deposit which was earning .65% that expired on 3/2/16 and was renewed at 1.05% which is a good sign.
4. **Circuit Clerk Annual Audit Report Update:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed copies of the FY 2016 Circuit Clerk's Audit report that prepared by KEB. She said there are copies in the packets for a 30 day review. Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that overall she is very happy with the outcome of the audit.
5. **Gmail Hosting Options Update:** Beeler stated that IT Manager Curt Watkins has sent out a survey to all departments to see how many county emails would be needed to obtain a cost estimate for Gmail to host our county emails. We will need about 100 email addresses at about \$5,000 and they are trying to operate within the parameters of expenses because it is not in the budget. This switch might take place next year because of the budget.

Report given by Joe Gasparich:

6. **Public Safety Tax Update/Approval:** Gasparich stated that he needs the county board's approval to divide up the funding so he can go out and market the Public Safety Tax to prospective voters. He said that the committee discussed the original concept of dividing it by 1/3 for Sheriff's department operations and 1/3 for Sheriff's building, vehicles, software, radios etc. **Motion by Gasparich and second by Graden that the public safety tax will be divided by 1/3 for Sheriff's Department operations, 1/3 for maintenance of the public safety complex and equipment, and 1/3 to the county wide first responder organizations. The Finance committee will administer 2/3 of the revenue for the Sheriff's Department and public safety complex and equipment through the budget process and the remaining 1/3 will be administered by a joint committee of the Finance and EMA committees. Voice vote by members was held with Glenn Bishop voting NO, all other are in favor, motion carried.** Martin asked if there was any negative feedback from fire departments who do not understand that they could possibly receive a disbursement from the 1/3rd portion of the new sales tax funds. Gasparich stated that information will go out soon to the newspapers and WSMI to clarify this process to emergency responder groups.

7. **Budget Hearing Dates for FY 2018 Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed and approved scheduling the FY 2018 budget hearings for Monday, July 10th and Monday, July 17th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
8. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Beck stated that Clerk Leitheiser reported on the voter registration deadline and shared a copy of the specimen ballot for the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election. Leitheiser reported that there have been 210 voters who have responded by mail or voted early and that the public likes the early voting space in the basement provided by the County Board.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that Gonet and the EPA work is going well.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that they are working on obtaining a used pickup truck from the Highway Department to replace the one Recycling truck that was damaged in an accident last month.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the committee discussed the proposed draft of the animal control ordinance with a handful of members of the public who came to the meeting. Beck reported that a few small revisions were made and the people in attendance were asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns and they said no. Beck reported that the revised draft has been put on the county web site for review and that the board will vote at the April board meeting. Beck also reported that State's Attorney Matoush will review the "reckless dog owner" section and compare it to State Statutes.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that maintenance services are going well.
2. **Courthouse Complex Cleaning Issues Update:** Sneed reported that the Courthouse Complex Custodian gave notice and they needed to find cleaning options on short notice so he called a cleaning service that will clean for one month and the Building and Grounds committee will discuss what they will do at their next committee meeting.
3. **Radon Testing and Mitigation at the Historic Courthouse Update:** Sneed reported that the radon mitigation is now complete in the Historic Courthouse and the testing results have come back with much lower levels.
4. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper stated that they are working on a new project with EPA and the JTI Program to recruit 100 people that will get about 20 people to work at the Eagle Site Company. He said that the MCEDC annual dinner will be held on April 13th, 2017 at the Broad Street Grill.
2. **Tourism Update:** Hopper stated that Belusko submitted an ad to IllinoisSouth and put a copy in her report for the committee to review. He said that this ad should be in their next publication.
3. **Branding Brainstorm Update:** Belusko is working with IllinoisSouth on this issue and will report to the committee.
4. **Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Hopper reported that the committee reviewed the letter that was received from Tonya Larnia, Deputy Director of IL Bicentennial and that they have tabled this until next month's meeting.
5. **Incentives Document Update:** Hopper stated that he will present this document to the MCEDC Board next Thursday and then to the Economic Development committee.
6. **Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Hopper reported that all loans are being paid.
7. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Daniels stated that the Department of Agriculture has sent their sign off letter and now DCEO has to review it to make final approval. Daniels said she is in communication with a

DCEO representative who will get back to us very shortly on the status and time frame for DCEO's determination.

8. **Planning Commission Update:** Hopper reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 at 5:30 pm and they will discuss the solar ordinance and the new Ameren power line from Litchfield to Staunton.
9. **Broadband Infrastructure Update:** Hopper reported that the MCEDC is working on the broadband infrastructure project with business and the public sector.
10. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper reported that a public meeting has been scheduled for March 16th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Moose and they will be handing out information about the Eagle Zinc Cleanup project and the JTI program.
11. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance from Whiteside County Update:** Hopper reported that the committee is reviewing sample ordinances and will discuss this topic further next month. Savage stated that he wants to review the solar energy sample ordinances so he can be in a position to help the people generating their own solar energy.
12. **West Central Development Update:** Hopper stated that the WCDC website is under construction with the cooperation of Blackburn College. Jones reported that we will be able to see the latest and greatest info for businesses and people will be able to look for grant programs and said that all this should help people find work and businesses find good employees.
13. **CEO Program Update:** Hopper reported that the CEO concert was a success and said that the deadline for new applications for next year's class is March 15th, 2017. He said that the CEO Trade Show will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at LLCC in Litchfield from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and encouraged members to attend the trade show because the CEO students have good business concepts.
14. **Economic Development Committee Meetings Approval:** Hopper reported that the committee discussed and approved to change their meeting dates to the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm starting on April 3rd, 2017. **Motion by Hopper and second by Deabenderfer to change the meeting dates to the first Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm beginning on April 3rd, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.**
15. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

E.M.A: Glenn Savage, Chairman

1. **EMA Director's Job Description Approval:** Savage reported that the committee reviewed and recommended the approval of the revised EMA Director Job Description. **Motion by Savage and second by Gasparich to approve the EMA Director's Job Description. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Hazmat Team Approval:** Savage reported that Captain Nimmo did a lot of research from minutes and other documents and it appears that the Hazmat Team is part of the MABAS Organization and they are not an official county entity. Savage stated that the equipment in the trailer is owned by MABAS 56 and the county owns the trailer. Savage reported that the committee discussed and approved the recommendation to donate the Hazmat Trailer to the Hazmat Team for liability purposes. **Motion by Savage and second by Hopper to sign the title for the Hazmat Trailer over to MABAS 56.** Plunkett asked if the Spiller Pay ordinance will still reimburse the county for our expenses, and Savage replied that it depends on how it will be invoiced and what equipment and who responded to the incident. Nimmo stated that they are looking for options to store the Hazmat Trailer. Deabenderfer stated that it will depend on attorneys to be retained to get the money for a spiller to pay. Nimmo stated that most areas as well at the County have a spiller pay program and we should get paid. **Voice Vote: Joe Gasparich abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.** Beeler thanked Savage and Nimmo and it took a lot to get to the bottom of this issue to come to a solution.
3. **Montgomery County Hazmat Trailer Storage Update:** Nimmo stated that they met with the Raymond Fire Department and they are working on an arrangement to store the trailer in Raymond. Robbins stated

that this is MABAS 56's issue now because the trailer will go to MABAS and said that Raymond is an ideal location to store the trailer because most team members live near there and it is very close to I-55.

4. **County Board Emergency Preparedness Training Schedule Update:** Savage reported that the committee discussed having the county board emergency preparedness trainings after the full board meetings in June and December of each year. Nimmo will organize the trainings in the event of a disaster.
5. **County Office Emergency Coordinator's Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo will also be setting up similar emergency preparedness training opportunities for all county department heads.
6. **Veteran's Assistance Commission/Team Rubicon (3/6/17 Meeting 7pm) update:** Sneed reported that Nimmo and Robbins gave a presentation to the VAC and the Veterans are very eager to work with emergency preparedness.
7. **Other Business Update:** Savage advised everyone to get a weather radio and stated that the National Weather Service offers customized information for each of our areas. Savage stated that the county had a tornado that carved a seven miles path near rural Irving last week and he reminded everyone to be prepared and to review and practice emergency plans.
8. **Ambulance Billing Office Update:** Savage stated that the ambulance collections are being collected in a normal fashion.
9. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Hertel stated that a Personnel Committee meeting with FOP will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the County Board room. He also stated that the Economic Development Committee has changed their meeting dates to the first Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm. starting in April.

APPOINTMENTS: Hertel stated that a request has been made to re-appoint Joe Marten to the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board for a three year term beginning March 2017 to March 2020. **Motion by Miles and second by Clark to re-appoint Joe Marten to the Raymond Community Fire Protection Board for a three year term beginning March 2017 to March 2020. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder asked if there was an update about the engineering work on the 6th Avenue Bridge and if it will be under-mined by Deer Run Mine. Moore replied that the East Fork Township Road Commissioner said that the coal company will not be mining under that bridge. County Engineer Greenwood responded that this is a township bridge which is paid 80% by the State and 10% by the County and 10% by the Township and he said that there is nothing in writing that says this bridge will not be under-mined. Bill Schroder also stated that he has attended each HWE meeting when the animal control ordinance was discussed and he feels that concerns and objections to other drafts have all been addressed. He urged board members to approve the proposed ordinance next month. Savage said he suggested taking out pages 19, 20 and 21 and asked everyone to look at this proposed ordinance carefully. Savage also stated that he hasn't had a chance to study this section yet and he doesn't think we need the expense of an animal control review board. Savage stated he feels that this ordinance is an elaboration of government rules and regulations and costly to the county. Beck replied that the State's Attorney will review this latest version of the ordinance in advance of the next HWE Committee meeting.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods Awards:** Motion by Furness and second by Robinson to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 17 Against – 1, Absent – Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Martin and second by Hopper to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Martin and second by Gasparich to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman Evan Young at 8:30 AM.

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

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

Members Absent: Roy Hertel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chuck Graden.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Robinson to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting Yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. Chairman Hertel was absent. All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Jones and second by Miles to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – Report was not submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee 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 - report was submitted. Undersheriff Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
13. **Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – Report was submitted.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Presentation Update:** Committee Chairman Martin stated that three Insurance Companies presented information and gave an overview of their company and services they provide for employee health insurance. He said that the committee heard presentations from Shannon Hall of Scheller Insurance Company, Eric File with CBIZ and Tony Johnston with CIBC. Martin explained that there will be a total of nine Insurance Companies that will go through an interviewing process with the committee at the regular Personnel Committee meetings in April and May.
2. **Executive Session Approval For the Purpose of Discussing Union Negotiations, Personnel, Litigation Issues:** Motion by Martin and second by Robinson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations with the FOP. All in favor, motion carried. Executive session began at 8:43 am. Motion by Furness and second by Bergen to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Executive session ended at 9:00 am.
3. **Agreement with the Sheriff's Department Fraternal Order of Police Approval:** Martin stated that the two year Collective Bargaining Agreement agrees to give the Deputies a \$.70 per hour increase each year of the two years and the employee will pay 15% of the cost of health insurance for an employee only policy and the employee will pay 40% of any dependents covered on the county employee health insurance. Martin also stated that any future cost increases will be split 50% / 50% between the county and the employees. Motion by Martin and second by Graden to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Sheriff's Department Fraternal Order of Police. Roll Call Vote: 16 Yes, 3 No, 1 abstention and 1 absent. Voting Yes were: Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. Voting No were: Beck, Plunkett and Savage. Hopper abstained and Board Chairman Hertel was absent. Motion carried.
3. **Union Strategy Planning for Future Negotiations Update:** Jay Martin stated that he spoke with County Board Labor Attorney Chris Walters about getting together to come up with a strategy to get all union contracts negotiated in the same year.
4. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they have the application for funds posted on the county website. She said that the deadline for completed applications is June 1st, 2017.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich reported that they did not meet.
- **Health Department** – no report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Bergen stated that he is going to a seminar tomorrow regarding new employment laws.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that he will give an update during his committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that the Planning Commission is working on a draft of the Solar Farm Ordinance so it can be given to the Economic Development Committee.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported he missed the last meeting.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that he attended a portion of the meeting.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they are making plans for the summer activities.

- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they are working on grants. Jeremy Jones stated that they are working on USDA grants and the new website and said that their next meeting is April. 20th, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Vice Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Young said there is nothing to report at this time.
2. **Moving Ambulance Line Update:** Young said there is nothing to report at this time.
3. **Other Business Update:** Young said there is nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **Resolution #2017-04: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1139 B-CA, Coffeen Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve Resolution #2017-04 to appropriate funds for 1139 B-CA, Coffeen Road in the amount of \$5,000 which is a 100% county project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 170-171).
2. **Resolution #2017-05: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1140 B-CA, Coffeen Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve resolution #2017-05 to appropriate funds for 1140 B-CA, Coffeen Road in the amount of \$2,000 which is a 100% county project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 172-173).
3. **Resolution #2017-06: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1141 B-CA, North Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve Resolution #2017-06 to appropriate funds for 1141 B-CA on North Road which is a 100% county project in the amount of \$8,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 174-175).
4. **Resolution #2017-07: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1142 B-CA, North Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Hopper to approve Resolution # 2017-07 to appropriate funds for 1142 B-CA on North Road which is 100% county project in the amount of \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 176-177).
5. **Resolution #2017-08: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1143 B-CA, North Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Clark to approve Resolution #2017-08 to appropriate funds for 1143 B-CA on North Road which is a 100% county project in the amount of \$3,500. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 178-179).
6. **Resolution #2017-09: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1144 B-CA, North Rd., 100% County Project Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2017-09 to appropriate the funds for 1144 B-CA on North Road which is a 100% County project in the amount of \$3,500. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 180-181).
7. **City of Hillsboro’s Oversize/Overweight Ordinance Update/Approval:** Miles stated that about 17 to 20 citizens were in attendance at their committee meeting and after much discussion the committee approved not to pursue the County Oversize Overweight Ordinance. Motion by Moore and second by Jones not to pursue a County Oversize/Overweight Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

8. **Farmersville Drainage on C.H. 17 (Mine Ave.) Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood is working with the Village of Farmersville's Attorney to obtain an agreement to solve the drainage issue on the ditch on County Highway 17 on Mine Avenue. Miles said that once Greenwood receives the agreement the county will review it.
9. **Vehicle Lease Agreement Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the State's Attorney is reviewing a draft of a vehicle lease agreement for the Recycling department in the amount of \$2,400 for a specified time frame to lease the 2000 pickup truck from the Highway department.
10. **Employee Overtime Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed two salary positions that are exempt according to the County Personnel Manual and do not receive overtime. He said that the committee will discuss this issue further at next month's meeting with Chairman Hertel's input.
11. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **FY 2016 Audit Presentation by KEB Update:** Beeler introduced Rick Gratza and Paul Osborne with Kerber, Eck and Braeckel who presented the FY 2016 Audit. Gratza stated that the County's Financial reports are appropriate and there were no weaknesses found in internal control. Gratza also stated that they are recommending positive pay banking to improve internal controls. He said they noted that there were some offices that exceeded their budgets and that the board should watch those funds. Gratza reported that they are required to audit county grant compliance and this year they tested the WIC Program. Gratza reported that there were eight different findings last year which have all been resolved and said that there were no other discrepancies. He complimented all departments, which were cooperative. Gratza noted that there was a \$2 million decrease in revenue in FY2016 that was attributed to the loss of coal royalties and employee health insurance accounts. Budget comparisons to total revenue were slightly under budget by \$19,000 or .3%. Gratza and Osborne thanked the county board and office holders for their cooperation while performing the audit. **(For copy of audit presentation, see Resolution Book 16, pages 182-197).** Beeler asked that the board members review the audit documents and stated that there were some offices over their budget and it appears that it was because of the cost of the employee severance packages which were not budgeted. She said that the offering of the severance package was done after the budget was approved and the severance expenses came out of each office budget. Beeler stated that the committee is discussing ways to reduce our dependency on the coal revenue. She stated that the full board will have thirty days to review the FY 2016 Audit so it can be approved at the May Board meeting.
2. **Circuit Clerk FY 2016 Audit Report Approval:** Beeler reported that KEB sent a supplemental Exceptions Report for board members to review and she stated that she has not heard of any issues since the board was given thirty days to review from the March Full Board Meeting. **Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to recommend the approval of the Circuit Clerk's FY 2016 Audit Report. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Approval:** Beeler stated that they received correspondence from Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group in regards to the status of the Dynegy Power Plant Assessment. Beeler stated that they are collecting data and information and Mr. Stuard needs specific direction from the county to move forward with

the assessment. She said that the Finance committee voted to recommend that the Forrestral Group proceed with the Dynegy power plant assessment. **Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to have the Forrestral Group proceed with the assessment of the Dynegy power plant. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler reported that the reports are in everyone's packet for review.
5. **Recertify IMRF for Elected Officials Update:** Beeler stated that we have some documents to complete on this recertification and we will present this next month.
6. **Gmail Hosting Options Update:** Beeler stated that she told IT Manager Curt Watkins that we will wait until after the audit report to see if there is any funds left in the budget for this expenditure.
7. **Budget Hearing Dates for FY 2018 Update:** Beeler reported that the budget hearings are set for Monday, July 10th and Monday, July 17th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. She stated that the worksheets will come out in May which will include the instructions for each office holder to complete their budgets.
8. **Electric Rate Bids Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed and approved putting out a request for proposals for electric rates to be reviewed at the May meeting. The current contract is good for two years.
9. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the State of Illinois has caught up on reimbursement payments to the County for the EPA program. Graden asked Gasparich about the recent removal of cars from a derelict property in Ohlman, and Gasparich said there is no final action from the court about this property at this time.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that the semiannual Electronic Recycling Drive was held this past Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at the Hillsboro facility from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and said that she will get the total amount collected and report it at next month's meeting.
3. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck stated that State's Attorney Matoush has the ordinance and is working on it.
4. **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 stated that there are no maintenance issues to report at this time and said that the committee approved paying the Imagine Hillsboro group \$200 to re-seed and fertilize the grass at the Historic Courthouse four times a year.
2. **Courthouse Complex Cleaning Issues Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the cleaning service for the Courthouse Complex was contracted for one month which is now complete. He said that the committee discussed the pros and cons of hiring an employee versus a cleaning service and the committee decided to go with the cleaning service because the cost was very similar. Sneed stated that the annual cost for the service will be \$28,340 and an employee would cost about \$28,000 per year with all the benefits. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to hire the National Maintenance Cleaning Service to clean the Courthouse Complex for \$19 per hour until the end of the fiscal year on**

November 30th, 2017 with a 30 day termination notice if services are unsatisfactory. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Radon Testing and Mitigation at the Historic Courthouse Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the radon mitigation is now complete and the cost was \$9,750. Sneed reported that there is a five year warranty on the fan and a three year warranty on any part of the system and said that the areas have been re-tested and the radon levels are below normal.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Robbins informed him that there was a lighting strike that hit the old tower recently. He said the repair was made and they are up and running fairly quickly. Deabenderfer asked if we can keep this from happening in the future, and Robbins replied that it is not possible to prevent this and lightning rods are currently in place on the tower.

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

1. **Route 66 By Ways Update:** Hopper reported that Route 66 By Ways Representative Martha Jackson addressed the committee regarding the Route 66 By Way tour that will take place on April 18th and 19th, 2018. Hopper stated that the committee approved a \$250 expenditure to print brochures for the event.
2. **Tourism Approval:** Hopper stated that Illinoisouth asked for a budget from their tourism funds so they could have for their grant purposes and the committee broke it down into three categories. The committee recommends that 15% will go to Illinoisouth Tourism for the membership fees, 55% will be spent on advertising and 30% will go to the MCEDC for their work on tourism duties. **Motion by Hopper and second by Jones to set the tourism budget at 15% for Illinoisouth Tourism membership dues, 55% for advertising and 30% for MCEDC's tourism duties.** Moore asked how long these percentages will be good for and Hopper stated that this will be something that is decided annually. Moore asked if it is our intention to spend funds on tourism, and Beeler stated that we have to provide a generic budget to Illinoisouth Tourism each year and said that our membership to that organization costs us \$2,500 per year. **All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Hopper and second by Clark to disperse the 30% of the hotel revenue tax to the MCEDC for reimbursement for their tourism duties at the end of the County's fiscal year based on hotel tax revenues collected. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **MCEDC Report Update:** Hopper reported that the MCEDC Annual Dinner is scheduled for this Thursday at the Broad Street Grill in Hillsboro. Hopper referred to MCEDC Director Belusko's monthly report and stated that she attended the Rural American Summit at Blackburn College recently and is also working on the MCEDC website.
4. **Branding Brainstorm Update:** Hopper stated that meetings will resume this summer.
5. **Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Hopper stated that there is an issue regarding our bank balance which will be resolved after the annual dinner.
6. **Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Hopper stated that there is no update at this time.
7. **Incentives Document Update:** Hopper stated that he showed the incentives document to the MCEDC Board and they have some comments and suggestions that will be made before it is presented to the County Board.
7. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Hopper stated that Chris Daniels reported that DCEO is putting the finishing touches to the EZ application process. He said that we need to start working

on the new EZ Application next year which has to be turned in to DCEO by December 31st, 2018.

8. **Planning Commission Update:** Hopper stated that the Planning Commission met on April 5th, 2017 and is working on the Solar Farm Ordinance so it can be presented to the Economic Development Committee. He said that this ordinance will be for commercial solar farms only. Savage asked for the definition of commercial solar use and Young replied that this would basically mean the ordinance would not pertain to residential homes.
9. **Broadband Infrastructure Update:** Hopper stated that the MCEDC is the lead organization on this project and he said that the project could start in 2018. Hopper also stated that they will want to see a minimum of 20% of the residents wanting the broadband.
10. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper stated that there is an EPA project that will provide training and job recruitment services for workers at the Eagle Zinc Cleanup site which should start next spring for the Phase 2 cleanup project. He said that they have 18 people who are interested in the work training program so far.
11. **West Central Development Resolution Approval:** Hopper stated that there is a student from Blackburn who will work on the WCDC website, and said that the committee reviewed and discussed the Resolution of Support for West Central Development to secure increased funding from the Federal Government for the EDA Grant. Hopper stated that they are looking for support to secure increased funding to the FY 2015 Partnership Planning Assistance grant in the amount of \$16,372.00 which will be matched by the WCDC. **Motion by Hopper and second by Jones to approve the West Central Development Resolution of support to secure increased funding from the Federal Government for the EDA grant in the amount of \$16,372. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 198).**
12. **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that there were 19 applications for CEO Program students that will be reviewed and he said that the selection process will soon take place. Hopper reported that the CEO trade show will be held on May 2nd, 2017 at LLCC and encouraged board members to attend.
13. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **EMA Emergency Fund Update:** Savage reported that we have a \$5,000 line to spend in an emergency and said that we need to find a way to access these funds quickly.
2. **Training Update/Approval:** Savage stated that there was a Search and Rescue (IL Search and Rescue Council) held on 3/23/2017. He also gave information on the EMA/Vets Volunteers, Team Rubicon, and a Smoke Detector Program Partnership.
3. **LEPC Update:** Savage stated that there have been a few meetings scheduled and he encouraged board members to get their peers to get involved with these meetings.
4. **EMA Budget Needs Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo is working on drafting a budget for EMA expenses. As an example, Nimmo stated that he recently changed the batteries in four AED units in county buildings, and we need to find how to pay for these items.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Plunkett and second by Robinson to Re-Appoint Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three year term beginning May 1st, 2017 to April 30, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Hopper stated that MCEDC Director Belusko will be available after the meeting to extend an invitation to the MCEDC annual dinner and sign up board members who are interested in attending the event this Thursday at the Broad Street Grill at the cost of \$25 per person. Citizen Bill Schroeder asked about the IllinoisSouth Tourism Budget and Beeler replied that this is a requirement from that organization to present a Tourism Budget so that IllinoisSouth can provide it to the State and get a matching grant for their member counties. Beeler stated that this requirement is not set by state statute nor do we have to spend it. She said that the only expense that is fixed is for the IllinoisSouth annual membership fee of \$2,500. Schroeder asked if the businesses collecting the hotel tax had any input as to how the tourism tax money is being spent and Hopper responded that the money could be spent on advertising and said that these businesses can come with their requests to an Economic Development Committee meeting. Jim Moore reminded everyone that the annual Township meetings will be held tonight after 6:00 pm throughout the county and Illinois and encouraged all to attend.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Plunkett and second by Savage to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods 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 Beeler and second by Furness to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Bergen and second by Hopper to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman Evan Young at 8:30 AM.

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

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

Members Absent: Roy Hertel, Joe Gasparich and Richard Wendel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Glenn Bishop.

Vice Chairman Evan Young expressed condolences to board member Connie Beck at the recent passing of her husband, Ronald Beck.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Hopper to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting Yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, and Young. Gasparich, Wendel and Chairman Hertel were absent. All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Furness and second by Beeler to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici was present for questions.
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 - report was submitted, Undersheriff Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
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 Martin and second by Miles to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson reported that the 708 Board met last night and they went over the Open Meetings Act Requirements with County Clerk Leitheiser. Robinson stated that the 708 funding applications are due by June 1st and the 708 board will review them at their next meeting on June 12th. Robinson reported that the 708 Board minutes are on board members’ desks with a list of 708 Board members and their contact information.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich was absent, so no report was given.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen. Plunkett stated that SB 2199 is the priority legislation now.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they had the annual dinner a few weeks ago where Dr. Bob Mulch was elected as the Chairman and Shelly Herman as the Secretary of MCEDC. Hopper reported that he is the Vice-Chairman, Sheila White is the Treasurer and Tim Brookshire from Nokomis now an officer on the MCEDC board.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that Valerie Belusko is working to move up the next meeting so they can work on the draft of the Solar Ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that the parking lot expansion will begin as soon as the weather allows and he also said that meals program employee Loretta Tyszko stepped down and Becky Texier took her place. Deabenderfer also thanked the Mt. Moriah Lodge for their \$200 donation to the meals on wheels program.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there was no meeting last month.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they are working on their summer programs.
- **WCDC** – Wendel was absent so no report was given.
- **CEFS** – Robinson stated that Director Paul White is retiring at the end of the month and she suggested sending him a retirement card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Vice- Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Young stated that there is nothing new to report.
2. **Moving Ambulance Line Update/Approval:** Young stated that the issue had been resolved and Deabenderfer asked how it was worked out. Beeler stated that she talked to the farmer who brought up the issue and she said he told her he is satisfied with the current service region and he wants to host a meeting with the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance service to tell them about his farm operation and needs.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Presentation Update/Approval:** Martin reported that the committee heard from three more insurance brokers and that they will listen to the final three broker proposals at their May meeting before bringing their information to the full board in June.
2. **Union Strategy Planning for Future Negotiations Update/Approval:** Martin stated that he spoke with labor attorney Chris Walters about the need for a strategy to get all union contracts negotiated in the same year. Deabenderfer stated that it will be difficult to get all unions

negotiated in one year and asked if there are smaller unions that would like to combine. Martin responded that he isn't sure if that would work however it would benefit the County if that were to happen.

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

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

1. **Resolution #2017-10: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1145 B-CA, Burg Road, 100% County Project Update/Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve resolution #2017-10 to appropriate funds for 1145 B-CA, Burg Road in Fillmore Consolidated Township in the amount of \$5,500 which is a 100% county project. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 121-122.)
2. **Resolution #2017-11: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1157 B-CA, North 13th Avenue, 100% County Project Update/Approval:** Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve Resolution #2017-11 to appropriate funds for 1157 B-CA, North 13th Avenue in the amount of \$35,000 which is a 100% county project. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 123-124).
3. **Section 17-09117-00-BR – SN: 068-3126 Bridge Replace – North 17th Avenue (TR 167A) over Fawn Creek, Irving Township, TBP, Engineering Services Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the need to replace this with a double box culvert. He said that the Engineering Agreement is with McDonough-Whitlow for a lump sum amount of \$21,300. The total project estimate is \$125,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve the Engineer Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for a lump sum amount of \$21,300 for bridge replacement on North 17th Avenue (TR 167A) over Fawn Creek in Irving Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 125-130).** Greenwood stated that these are Township Bridge Projects and the County portion is 10%, Township is 10% and the State portion is 80%. Greenwood stated that if we don't use these by the date that they go in the state pool and informed members that these funds have been there since 2014.
4. **Section 17-18117-00-BR – SN: 068-3159 Bridge Replacement – Hooter Trail (TR255) over Hurricane Creek in Witt Township, TBP, Engineering Services with Hurst-Rosche Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee approved that Engineering Services agreement with Hurst-Rosche for the Hooter Trail bridge over Hurricane Creek in Witt Township. He said that the State will pay 80% of the project, the County portion is 10% and the Township portion is 10%. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to recommend the approval of the engineering agreement with Hurst-Rosche Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$43,200. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 131-135).**
5. **Engineering Services for HSIP Grant and Guardrail Inventory Update/Approval:** Miles reported that they received three proposals for the engineering services and said McDonough-Whitlow was the low bidder at \$3,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to approve the engineering services with McDonough-Whitlow in the amount of \$3,500. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Miles asked Engineer Greenwood to give a report on the cleanup efforts by Dakota Access. Greenwood stated that he continues to work on cost estimates for repairs to the county roads and he is gathering information from the Townships as well. Greenwood stated that once the estimates are submitted, Dakota Access

will deposit the money in our account. Greenwood is also working State's Attorney Matoush to see if the repair work needs to be bid out since this is not tax payer money. He said that the work will be paid for out of the Dakota Access fund in order to track the expenses for accountability. Greenwood reported that about eight miles were affected by this project which include township roads in Walshville, South Litchfield, Grisham and East Fork Townships that will also be turning in some repairs.

7. **CH 7 (Nokomis Road) East 23rd Road Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee continues to discuss the project of extending the Nokomis Road to Route 16 and the different funding options. Greenwood will check on the engineering work with Hurst-Rosche and report back to the committee next month.
8. **Dedication of Abandoned I.C.R.R. Property to IDOT Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the County owned abandoned railroad property in North Litchfield Township and he said that the county has no intentions of using this property for a bike trail. The committee requested that Greenwood ask IDOT to make a reasonable offer for the property. Greenwood stated that IDOT representatives told him if IDOT can purchase this property they will take down the bridge and fill in the area.

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

1. **FY 2016 Audit Report by KEB Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the audit report needs to be approved after the 30 day review. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the FY 2016 Audit. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group and Supervisor of Assessments staffperson Miles Harris will be meeting the appraiser on May 24th, 2017 to start the assessment of the Dynegy power plant. She also stated that the SOA report is in the packet for review.
3. **Capital Improvement Fund Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the report is in everyone's packet for review.
4. **Amendment to SB 2199 - filed by Senator Kyle McCarter (R-Vandalia) that seeks to reduce the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) by 25% Legislative Alert Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that she checked with the Treasurer's Department staff to see what impact this legislation would have on the county budget and they informed her it would result in our revenue potentially decreasing by a total of \$538,500. Beeler stated that this would be devastating to the county budget if the State were to sweep the Local Government Distributive Fund by 25% and she urged board members to call legislators in opposition of SB 2199 that is sponsored by Kyle McCarter of Vandalia. **Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to write a letter to legislators opposing the amendment to SB 2199. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve Resolution #2017-04 to urge the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 136).** Beeler asked everyone to use the email with the list of members who sit on the Senate Revenue Committee and tell them that we can't afford to lose \$538,000. Bishop asked if other local governments will also lose with this amendment, and Beeler answered affirmatively. Hopper urged everyone to contact their local municipalities for assistance in going against this bill also. Plunkett stated that phone calls need to be made by tomorrow afternoon because there is a hearing on May 10th at 4:00 pm regarding this bill.

5. **FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the budget hearings are set for July 10th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. She said that the second day of Budget Hearings will be held on Monday, July 17th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Beeler stated that the memo and budget worksheets will go out next week.
6. **FY 2018 Non-Union Salaries Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed the Midwest and National Consumer Price Index (CPI) charts to show cost of living increases and after a lengthy discussion they approved a \$.30 per hour increase for non-union employees. Beeler stated that most union employees will be getting a \$.25 per hour increase for FY 2018. She said that the General Fund is not balanced yet and will the county will probably look at a 10% increase on health insurance next year. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to give a salary increase of \$.30 per hour for non-union employees for FY 2018. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Recertify IMRF for Elected Officials Resolution #2017-05 Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed the IRMF resolution to recertify the Elected Offices of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, Treasurer and State's Attorney. **Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the IMRF Resolution relating to participation by elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution #2017-05 see Resolution Book 16, page 137).**
8. **Fiber Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that Hopper attended the Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the fiber project and the tour at CTI of Taylorville. Beeler stated that the committee discussed and approved using some coal funds to help advertise the fiber project for high speed internet throughout Montgomery County and she said that these funds have been budgeted in Office 375 Capital Improvement Fund. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to transfer \$6,000 to the MCEDC out of coal funds to advertise for the fiber project. Plunkett abstained. Motion carried.**
9. **Electric Rate Bids Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the Finance Committee met before the full board meeting in a special committee meeting this morning to review electric rate proposals. She stated that the current rate we are paying is .05295 kWh with Direct Energy. **Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to approve the low bid from Homefield Energy (Dynergy) for a one year contract in the amount of .04373 per kWh pending review of the contract with the State's Attorney's Office. All in favor, motion carried.**
10. **Payment to FAYCO \$24,000 Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that we will hold off paying the invoice to FAYCO for \$24,000 until we receive more information.
11. **Gmail Hosting Options Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee decided to move forward with starting Gmail hosting of our account and Information Systems Manager Curt Watkins will be handling this project.
12. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the Credit Collection Partners year to date collections are \$42,512.42 and from December 2013 to date collections of \$20,535.59 has been received from the Illinois Debt Recovery for a total of approximately \$63,000 being recovered from these two resources. She reported that the committee discussed having the Personnel Committee send out a memo to all employees reminding them of the limits on Travel Ordinance. Martin stated that he spoke with Clerk Leitheiser and they are considering making adjustments to put the cap of meal expenses etc. on the Travel Voucher. Beeler also stated that she went to the drug court graduation based on Plunkett's advice and that she recommends that anyone go if they can because it is awesome and is worth celebrating. Beeler thanked Banee Ulrici for putting on such a good program.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Committee Chairman Chuck Graden as follows:

1. **Elections Update/Approval:** Nothing to report at this time.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Graden stated that there will be an open house at Envotech Landfill on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 from 11 am to 2 pm and County Board members are welcome and can RSVP by May 19th. Graden reported that the State is now up to date on payment reimbursement for the EPA program where the County pays for 30% and the State pays for 70% of the county solid waste inspection program.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Graden reported that about 20,000 pounds of electronics were brought into the April drive and he said that County Board member Jeremy Jones has been working with West Central Development to expand and upgrade the recycling facilities and equipment. Jones reported that they would like to obtain equipment to pick up cardboard from local vendors to help increase the life of the landfill. Graden reported that some other communities outside the county have been asking about our recycling services and the possibility of our facility processing their materials. Graden reported that he and Ben Bishop will be attending a Recycling Conference from August 20th thru August 30th in Minnesota and also said that the U of I students recently presented the results of a study they conducted on the recycling program.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program Update/Approval:** Graden reported that the Animal Control staff participated in the annual Safety Day Program hosted by the U of I Extension at the county fairgrounds on May 2nd and provided information to about 320 fourth grade students.
5. **Ohlman School Cleanup:** Graden reported that cleanup efforts will begin at the old Ohlman School property and said that the Illinois State Police will work with the county to remove and record the vehicle titles. Graden said that Ohlman is looking for grants to help clean up the property once the building is torn down.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Proposal by Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Circuit Clerk Lemons addressed the committee about putting up a free non-perishable food box on the outside of the Courts Complex in Hillsboro. He said that the committee discussed and approved the request by Circuit Clerk Lemons to install the box. Savage shared concerns about the County's liability if someone put poisoned food in the box and Sneed responded that Lemons will work with State's Attorney Matoush on liability issues.
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed stated that there are no maintenance issues at this time and that Graden will be meeting with the cleaning services to go over some of the issues after today's meeting.
3. **AED Units and Batteries Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee discussed the battery replacement for the four AED units which cost about \$300 each to replace. He said that the committee is reviewing a few options including funds from the safety grant and will look into the purchase of a few more units for county buildings that currently do not have an AED unit. Beeler asked what the life expectancy of the AED Units is and Sneed replied it is approximately 5 years.
4. **Jail Building Roof Estimates Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee discussed and approved scheduling a pre-bid meeting with roofing vendors to seek pricing on a shingle and metal roof replacement for the Jail building on June 9th at 9:30 am.

5. **Flag Ceremony at the Historic Courthouse Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that Undersheriff Robbins has been working with the Sons of the American Revolution organization to schedule a Flag Ceremony at the Historic Courthouse on June 10th, 2017. Sneed said that the City of Hillsboro will shut down the street around the Historic Courthouse for the event and there will be people dressed in older costumes and educate the public on the old flags.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Report Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the next MCEDC meeting will be held on May 25th, 2017 and that Belusko's monthly report is in the packet.
2. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that Belusko is working on the advertisement for the fall events and he said that we received an invoice for the advertisement that was posted in the Spring publication.
3. **Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the Branding Group will be getting together again and will have something for the committee to review at their June Meeting. Hopper stated that he likes the brand of "Montgomery County: Where Your Treasure Awaits You".
4. **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that Belusko is working with the bank to balance the RLF reports with the county reports.
5. **Incentives Document Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the Incentives Document is on everyone's desk for a 30 day review and if approved next month at the full board meeting, Belusko will use this incentive as a tool to help businesses that are not in the Enterprise Zone.
6. **Enterprise Zone Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the EZ application has been approved and certified by DCEO and the committee discussed starting the new application in January 2018. Hopper stated that at the Legislative Breakfast held recently at Litchfield's LLCC facility, Representative Bourne spoke about proposed legislation for counties 300,000 or less in population that if passed would enable them to apply five years before their zone expiration. Hopper reported that Coordinator Daniels will talk with a consultant at the EZ conference about assisting the county with the narrative for the new application next year.
7. **Planning Commission Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the Planning Commission will move up their meeting date to work on the draft of the solar farm ordinance. Sneed reported that he has heard of some interest about solar farming from a North Litchfield farmer who was contacted by a solar farm company.
8. **Broadband Funding/Infrastructure Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that there has been a lot of activity relating to the fiber project expansion and said there is a petition on CTI's website at www.2ctitech/montgomery to sign up if anyone is interested. Hopper stated that Megan Beeler, Curt Watkins, Glenn Savage, and others recently attended a tour of CTI in their Taylorville Office. Belusko stated that Facebook users could like the MCEDC page so that you can see the information on fiber broadband. Belusko also stated that the public can go to the MCEDC website and go the fiber website area for more information on the project to get fiber to the home and she encouraged everyone to share the link. Belusko stated that CTI also offers bundle packages to the home for TV, Phone and Internet at a reasonable cost. Robinson shared concerns about the need for

high speed internet to the Coffeen area. Hopper stated that if we want to connect the smaller communities, we need to help them with coal infrastructure incentive money. Hopper feels that this will be a great use of the money. Belusko stated that they could start with a bigger community so they can start making money in order to fund smaller projects in the near future. Belusko reported that CTI plans to open an office here and said that rural residents will also be added to the scope of work in the future. Beeler stated that it is \$2.00 per foot to run the fiber and Savage stated that every time a subscriber signs up it is put on the map. Belusko added that it will be a huge drawing factor for people to move here and house values are shown to increase by \$5,000 by having fiber to the residence. Hopper stated that this is one of the most important infrastructure items we could have for the future of our county.

9. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that there has been some equipment moved to the site to start the cleanup process that should be completed this fall.
10. **West Central Development Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the committee discussed sending the membership check to West Central Development and that he make sure it is sent out with a letter that he will type up after the meeting asking Mr. Sherer to attend the next Economic Development Committee meeting. Hopper stated that he appreciates Jones' work with West Central Development and he wants to mend the relationship with the organization.
11. **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the CEO Trade show grossed \$10,000 in sales and some very good ideas were presented. Hopper stated that 17 students have been accepted into next year's class.
12. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that he went to the Legislative breakfast in Litchfield yesterday where Representative Bourne and Senator Manar spoke and one of the topics was about the funding for schools. Clerk Leitheiser shared information regarding the 1% sales tax referendum that voters approved for the Schools Facility Tax. She said that businesses will begin collecting the additional sales tax on July 1st and it will be collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue and then it will be sent to our Regional Office of Education in Vandalia who will then distribute it to the schools based on student population.

E.M.A.: Glenn Savage, Chairman

1. **EMA Emergency Fund Update/Approval:** Savage reported that he and Megan Beeler had a meeting with the Sheriff regarding the EMA Emergency Fund and Budget.
2. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.
3. **Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Savage stated that ambulance collections are routine. Savage asked Clerk Leitheiser if she had received the ambulance contracts yet from the EMA office and Leitheiser responded that she had not received anything yet. Savage will work with EMA representative Sherry Greenwood to get the remaining ambulance contracts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: The re-Appointment of Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three year term beginning May 1st, 2017 to April 30th, 2020.

Motion by Miles and second by Furness to Re-Appoint Daniel Fenton to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three year term beginning May 1st, 2017 to April 30, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping: Motion by Savage and second by Sneed to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 15 Against – 0, Absent –3 Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Robinson and second by Graden to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Beck to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman Evan Young at 8:30 AM.

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

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

Member Absent: Roy Hertel

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Dillon Clark.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Bishop to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting Yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. One Member Absent: Hertel. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Moment of Silence for Chairman Roy Hertel: Young asked for a moment of silence for County Board Chairman Roy Hertel who passed away on May 25th, 2017.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Hopper and second by Beck to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report ----** Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions. Lemons reported that \$60,627.87 has been collected so far from unpaid fees through a program in the State Comptroller's Office.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions. He reported that due to the parking lot repairs, services for the WIC and Mental Health programs were being held at the Calvary Baptist Church.
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 - report was submitted. Undersheriff Rick Robbins was present for questions.
12. **SOA Report ----** Ray Durston was present for questions.

13. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – Report was submitted. Aimee Shelton was present for questions.
14. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they received seven applications for County Community Mental Health Funds received by property tax dollars. She said that interviews for these applicants will be conducted at their next meeting that is scheduled for July 7th at 6:00 pm. A decision will then be made and presented to the full board at the July 11th, 2017 meeting.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich reported that they did not meet.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that he will report during the committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that Solar Farm Ordinance draft is being reviewed by State's Attorney Matoush.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that the parking lot expansion is almost complete at the Senior Citizens Center and said that board members are invited on June 27th to a potluck lunch at the lake.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a speaker who talked about the budget problems at the State level.
- **U of I** – Young stated that the U of I Extension is working on their budget for next year.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday. Jones stated that they received some funding for a WCDC website and they have met twice to get it up and running.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Vice Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update/Approval:** Young stated that he has heard the Coal Mine workers are testing the air quality and equipment at the mine site.
2. **Policy for Building Keys Update/Approval:** Young reported that the committee discussed the current policy of issuing building keys and decided to issue them to committee chairman and to the Office Holders who will issue keys to their staff as needed, which will keep the number of keys to a minimum.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **Resolution #2017-12: Amended Resolution to appropriate funds for 1134 B-CA, North 24th Avenue, Rountree Township, 44.09% Montgomery County and 55.91% Christian County Update/Approval:** Miles stated that they took out two pipes that were clogged all the time and the extra cost total \$4,000 with our share being \$1,763.60. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve Resolution #2017-12 to appropriate funds for an 1134 B-CA on North 24th Avenue in Rountree Township in**

- the amount of \$4,000 with the County portion being \$1,763.60. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 139-140).
2. **Resolution #2017-13: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1158 B-CA on North Road, County Highway #1 a 100% County Project Update/Approval:** Miles stated that this repair will take place on the North Road just north of North 20th Avenue. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve Resolution #2017-13 to appropriate funds for 1158 B-CA on North Road which is a 100% County Project in the amount of \$6,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 141-142).**
 3. **Resolution #2017-14: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1159 B-CA, Waggoner Avenue, a 100% County Project Update/Approval:** Miles stated that this is a 24" diameter by 70 foot long pipe on Waggoner Avenue. **Motion by Miles and second by Beck to approve Resolution #2017-14 to appropriate funds for 1159 B-CA on Waggoner Avenue which is a 100% County Project in the amount of \$4,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 143-144).**
 4. **Engineering Services for HSIP Grant & Guardrail Inventory Update/Approval:** Miles stated that this is a grant that we are working on and said that if we get approved for the grant it will be a 90% / 10% split. He said the total construction cost of the project will be approximately \$800,000.
 5. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update/Approval:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood is working on a cost estimate for the road repairs as a result of the Dakota Access Pipeline project last year.
 6. **CH 7 (Nokomis Rd.) / East 23rd Road Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the committee continues to discuss the option of running Union Street to Route 16 on Nokomis Road. Engineer Greenwood reported that he met with Hurst-Rosche Engineers regarding the project and he will update the committee further next month.
 7. **Dedication of Abandoned I.C.R.R. property to IDOT Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the State is using this area for storage and we are waiting on an appraisal value to offer to sell the property to IDOT.
 8. **County Engineer Salary Program Update/Approval:** Miles stated that the committee has been discussing this County Engineer salary program where the county will be reimbursed 50% of the engineer's salary from the state motor fuel tax. He said that the County would compensate the Engineer at 95% of the State recommended salary and the change would begin on December 1st, 2017. Plunkett asked if there are any requirements as to where this money will be paid from and Beeler replied that it will be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax and we will come out ahead by about \$32,000 with the State's reimbursement. She said this will be a win for the county if the state continues to pay the reimbursement and the committee discussed revisiting the salary of the Highway Engineer if the State discontinues paying. **Motion by Miles and second by Bergen to join the County Engineer Salary Program effective December 1st, 2017 with the stipulation that we would have to re-negotiate the Engineer's Salary should the State stop paying the reimbursement for the County Engineer's salary. All in favor, motion carried.**
 9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles reported that the Highway Department has started oiling and chipping roads and they hope to budget an additional \$50,000 from coal money in FY 2018 for oil and chipping additional county roads.

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

1. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real Estate Update/Approval:

Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:55 AM. Roll Call was taken: 20 members present. Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Gasparich, Graden, Hopper, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. One Member Absent: Hertel. **All in favor, motion carried. Executive Session was held. Motion by Furness and second by Bishop to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:00 AM.**

Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to offer parcel ID #16-01-305-021 to Franklin and Teresa Altevogt for the minimum bid of \$825. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to pull Parcel ID #16-01-305-021 from the tax sale for 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to pull parcel ID #12-27-204-012 from the tax sale and to offer it to Mark and Jacquelyn Fenske for \$170 plus the fee to Joe Meyer and Associates. All in favor, motion carried. Beeler reported that Joe Meyer and Associates' fee is \$450 and that we are waiting on a response from them to see if they will waive their fees due to their admission of an error on a tax deed when the property was first listed. Mrs. Fenske thanked the board for the resolution to this issue and said she is grateful that this is a fair resolution for all parties. Board members discussed making the signage for the parcels posted at the site with better maps and Parcel ID#s in the future so prospective buyers will be better informed.

Beeler reported that the Village of Ohlman has a court order to tear down the former Ohlman school building that is a safety issue. She said that the County Trustee is awaiting direction from the county board whether to take the deed.

- 2. Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that Gene Stuard has started the power plant appraisal on May 24th and this process will continue until September. They agreed to wait for the appraisal to be completed until they start any meetings with Dynegy.
- 3. Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that \$100,000 of coal money needed to be transferred to the General Fund in order to pay the bills until the real estate tax money is received.
- 4. FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the annual budget hearings will be held on Mondays, July 10th and July 17th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Beeler stated that she appreciates all the hard work and dedication to keep the budget within the parameters that were set last year.
- 5. Recycling Conference Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the recycling department will not pursue going to a conference in Minnesota at this time.
- 6. Payment to FAYCO \$24,000 Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that FAYCO is on a different budget year than the county so we will be paying the \$24,000 invoice for this year and it will be taken out of the FY 2018 budget.
- 7. Pre-Paid Vendor List Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed and is recommending the revised Pre-Paid Vendor List. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the revised Pre-Paid Vendor List as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 145-146).**

8. **Change August Finance Committee Meeting Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the Finance Committee will change their August meeting date and time to Friday, August 4th, 2017 at 9:30 am due to the Old Settlers celebration.
9. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Ohlman – Old School Property Update/Approval:** Connie Beck stated that it was discussed earlier in the meeting and told board members to refer to the committee minutes.
2. **Elections Update/Approval:** Clerk Leitheiser stated that there will not be an election this fall since in odd years the April Consolidated Election is the only election. Board members also received a list of County Board seats that will also be nominated/elected for 2018. **(For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 147-148).**
3. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck reported that Gonet will work with an intern two days a week for twelve weeks this summer and she will sign a release for insurance purposes.
4. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck stated that she has a copy of the U of I Extension report that was done by the Graduate Students if anyone wants to read it. Jones stated that they talked with USDA representatives about recycling grants and because DCEO doesn't have a budget, there is no State money for grants. Jones reported that he has also talked with Ameren, Coca Cola and other big companies for grant money to buy items to make the recycling program self-sustaining. Jones stated that he has been working with West Central Development Council to gather the information for the recycling program and for their help to write the grants. Jones requested that if he can get this going he wants the host fee revenue to be dedicated to the recycling center to offset the expenses. Jones stated that he put together a vendor agreement that would allow them to collect \$25 per month from each cardboard vendor. Jones reported that they are looking for \$405,000 in grant funding to upgrade equipment and facilities. **Motion by Beck and second by Robinson to proceed with pursuing grant funds for the recycling program. All in favor, motion carried. Bishop abstained. Motion by Beck and second by Clark for Jones to pursue the list of Vendors with the Proposed Draft of the Cardboard Vendor Agreement pending approval of the State's Attorney and contingent on receiving grant funding for all the improvements.** Discussion: Plunkett asked that if we are picking up cardboard from some customers now at no charge why would they pay with a vendor agreement and he also stated that cardboard prices have fluctuated over the years wondered what will happen when prices go down. Jones stated that in order for him to request grant funds, he needs a proposal on how the recycling program will be ran. In order to get the numbers, he needs to be able to talk with the Cardboard Vendors to see which ones will participate in the program. Jones stated that a compaction truck and dumpsters will be needed with the grant money. Savage stated that most grants ask for a match and wondered where that money would come from and said this is premature since members haven't had a chance to see Jones' packet of information yet. Young stated that he asked for the motion in committee because he wanted Jones to have permission from the County Board to continue discussions about recycling projects. Miles stated that we need to consider why the neighboring counties are closing their facilities. Jones stated that the neighboring counties are at the point of zero assets and they don't have funds for new equipment and don't have the money to pursue. Miles stated that this could happen to us and we could possible expand to take in the material from other neighboring counties. Beck stated that we are trying to figure out whether we stay in

recycling or not but pursuing grant money and if we can't get it, then the board will have to try and figure out what to do. We need to see if we can be independent of the general fund and self-sustaining. Hopper called for the question. Graden agrees with Miles and said that recycling provides a great service for our county. **Voice vote: 18 members voted yes, Megan Beeler voted No, Roy Hertel absent and Glenn Bishop abstained. Motion carried.**

5. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update/Approval:** Graden thanked Beck for a donation of a flagpole at the Animal Control facility in memory of her husband.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Panic Alarm Testing Results Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the panic alarm system was tested last week and all panic alarms are in working order.
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there is a vibration in the air handler on the NFAC system at the Courthouse Complex and Johnson Controls has been called out. Sneed also reported that they have discussed some issues with the cleaning services and they were given another month to correct the situation.
3. **Elevator Third Party Inspection Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the third party elevator inspection took place last week.
4. **Flag Display at Historic Courthouse Update/Approval:** Sneed stated that the Sons of the Revolution held a Flag Display and ceremony at the Historic Courthouse on Saturday. Sneed thanked Undersheriff Robbins and Savage for their help in organizing the event and he stated that it went well.
5. **AED Units and Batteries Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that the IPMG Safety Grant will pay for the three new AED units and batteries. Daniels has applied for the grant funds and will work with Sheriff Dept. Rep. Nimmo to get the units and batteries ordered once the grant funding has been received.
6. **Jail Building Roof Pre-Bid Meeting Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that two roofing contractors attended the jail roof pre-bid meeting. He said that the old shingles will be removed and the contractors were asked to supply a cost for an asphalt and a metal roof. Sneed stated that the bids must be submitted on Thursday, July 6th at 4:00 pm and will be opened by the committee on Friday, July 7th, 2017 and the full board will approve a bid at their meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that they had some meetings regarding the fiber project and they joined the Litchfield and Hillsboro Chambers of Commerce. Hopper stated that Valerie Belusko's report is on everyone's desk and he thanked her for her work.
2. **Tourism Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that Belusko has been working with IllinoisSouth Tourism on the Branding Name for Montgomery County.

3. **Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval:** Hopper showed an example of the branding for Montgomery County and said that it is a work in progress.
4. **Incentives Document Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the Incentive Document was given to board members last month for a 30 day review. **Motion by Hopper and second by Clark to approve the Incentives Document. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Enterprise Zone Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that we did get our EZ application approved as reported last month and that Coordinator Daniels spoke with Consultant Craig Coil and we will start working on the new EZ application in January of 2018. Daniels prepared a spreadsheet of all the taxing bodies that will have to sign new Intergovernmental Agreements, Ordinances and Resolutions to abate taxes.
6. **Planning Commission Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that they have a draft of the Solar Ordinance ready for review. Belusko will forward questions to a Planning Commission member. Hopper stated that States Attorney Matoush needs to look at the draft of the Solar Ordinance. Then the full board can ask questions at the August full board meeting.
7. **Solar Ordinance:** Hopper stated that David Ronen addressed the committee regarding the Solar Farms and government credits for solar energy. Ronan stated that solar incentives were for 5 years and now they are for 15 years and that solar credits will be an offset for power to Ameren. Ronan explained that solar incentives are available for low income, brownfield sites and regular sites. Deabenderfer asked about a fire issue and Ronan responded that there are some new codes to help with the safety issues and that will dictate where people can put the solar panels. All the panels are a 30 year warranty and rated for 130 mile per hour winds. Ronan stated that the City of Springfield has a really high standard on their Solar Ordinance and that his business is dealing with 20 different co-ops. Most people will have insurance on these solar units. The energy the solar unit makes will be taxed. Beeler stated that the land would not be assessed as agriculture it will change to a higher rate as commercial land being assessed.
8. **Broadband Funding/Infrastructure Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the signup process is still underway with CTI and he encouraged anyone in the county who is interested to sign up. Belusko will be at the Montgomery County fairgrounds promoting the high speed internet project with CTI and working with the City of Litchfield. Hopper stated that he had a meeting with one of the current providers and they may upgrade their services before their target date of 2020. Hopper stated that Belusko met with this current provider a few weeks ago with some of their concerns also.
9. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that workers are out moving trees at the site.
10. **West Central Development Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that Mike Sherer and Marsha Mueller from West Central Development Council addressed the committee. He said that the CEDS Document will be updated and we will work with the Mayors to update the narrative. Hopper reported that Belusko will meet with Mike Cavanaugh regarding grants to see if MCEDC can play a role in working with the communities to get MCEDC their information.
11. **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the new CEO students have been selected for the fall school year.
12. **NuStar Energy L.P. Real Estate & Right of Way Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that NuStar Energy L.P. is doing some pipeline work at the Arches Rail Trail in Butler

Grove Township. Hopper and Clerk Leitheiser thanked Glenn Savage who is affiliated with the Natural Area Guardians for submitting some required paperwork to NuStar.

13. **Waggoner Post Office Update/Approval:** Beeler asked that the county board send a letter of support to Vee A. Spikes the Regional Real Estate Specialist on the Facilities Implementation Team with the United States Post Office. She said they are in charge of the public comment period to get a postal office back in Waggoner. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper that the full board sends a letter of support to the Regional Real Estate Specialist with the USPS for the post office in Waggoner. All in favor, motion carried.**
14. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that Dillon Clark is working with the City of Litchfield with a grant for the overpass. Clark stated that there is no grant money for this project due to the lack of a state budget. Belusko informed members about the Farmersville Opera House fundraiser coming soon.

EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **EMA Old Business: EMA Budget Update/Approval:** Savage stated that Undersheriff Robbins requested a separate EMA worksheet and Beeler reported that lines will be added to the Sheriff's Office 80 budget and will not be a separate budget.
2. **Training Update/Approval:** Savage reported that Nimmo has been attending training and meetings and that Nimmo will be planning emergency preparedness training for all county offices. Savage asked Nimmo to explain the Emergency Office Committee meetings and Nimmo responded the Emergency Office Committee has been meeting and training will be set up on how to handle situations like disgruntled customers, severe weather and other type of disasters in the workplace. **Motion by Savage and second by Hopper that all offices in every building be offered emergency procedure training by the EMA Office and the Sheriff's Department. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Ambulance Billing Department and Annual Agreements Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the Ambulance office has collected a record amount of revenue for this past month. He stated that the committee discussed the need to have a policy that the ambulance district provide us their Agreement/Contract, budget, contact information, audit and proof of insurance. Savage stated that the ambulance districts need to understand the importance of getting their required documents in on time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Presentations Update/Approval:** Martin stated that the committee has finished hearing the insurance company presentations and will have a recommendation to the full board at the July meeting.
2. **Travel Voucher Ordinance Update/Approval:** Martin stated that the travel voucher needs to be revised to include a requirement that the office holder inform the County Clerk if the approved rates are exceeded so the voucher can be submitted for approval by roll call vote at a full County Board meeting. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to approve the revised Travel Voucher Form.** Discussion: Beeler stated that the auditor has recommended that receipts be attached to the voucher also. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 157).**
3. **Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates Update/Approval:** Martin stated that the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and June 2017 Montgomery County, IL rates are in everyone's

packet for review. **Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to approve of the Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, See Resolution Book 16, pages 158-179).**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice Chairman Young stated that Nimmo will be conducting an in service training for County Board Members after the full board meeting today, Tuesday, June 13th, 2017.

Vice Chairman Young stated that the board's Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship will be re-elected due to the passing of Chairman Hertel at a Special Re-Organization Meeting on July 11th, 2017 at 8:00 am, with the regular monthly County Board meeting held after that meeting adjourns at 8:30 am. He also stated that after the Board vote concerning the Real Estate issue with the Montgomery County Trustee and the Fenskes, he has received word that the Trustee will not waive their fee. Young stated he will call the County Trustee again and put pressure on them.

County Board District #2 Member Joe Gasparich read his resignation letter from the County Board, which requests that his resignation be effective immediately. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Hopper to accept Gasparich's resignation. Voice Vote: 17 members vote Yes. Robinson and Beck vote No, Roy Hertel absent, Gasparich abstained. Motion Carried. (For copy of resignation letter, see Resolution Book 16, page 180).**

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Motion by Beck and second by Hopper to re-appoint Teresa Thiessen as a trustee to the Three County Water District for a five year term. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Furness and second by Martin to appoint Mike Hoover to the Irving Cemetery Board. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Deabenderfer to re-appoint Deanne Jones to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board for a three year term. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Wendel and second by Beeler to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. **Voice Vote: In favor – 16 Against – 0, Absent – 2, Roy Hertel and Gasparich who left the meeting before the vote. Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board RE-ORGANIZATION Meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Bishop and second by Jones to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July, 11th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Roll call was taken - 17 members present, 2 members absent and 2 open seats.

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

Members Absent: Bill Bergen, Dillon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Judge Doug Jarman.

Appointments: County Board Members: District 2 - Sandy Johnson and District 6 - Mark Hughes

Chairman Young read a letter from Republican Central Committee Chairman Terry Richmond that recommended Sandy Johnson for District 2 and Mark Hughes for District 6. (For a copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 181). Motion by Graden and second by Miles to approve the appointment of Sandy Johnson to fill the vacancy in County Board District #2 (due to Joe Gasparich's resignation). All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jones and second by Bishop to approve the appointment of Mark Hughes to fill a vacancy in County Board District #6 (due to Roy Hertel's passing). All in favor, motion carried.

Judge Jarman administered the Official Oath to Sandy Johnson and Mark Hughes.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO INCLUDE NEWLY APPOINTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS:

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Glenn Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. – **19 members present, 2 members absent.** **Absent:** Bill Bergen, Dillon Clark.

State's Attorney Chris Matoush addressed the full board regarding his resignation and expressed his appreciation of working with the citizens of Montgomery County since he started in the State's Attorney's Office in 1999. Matoush stated that he was appointed as an associate judge in the Fourth Circuit effective August 1st, 2017. Matoush stated that a successor from the same political party will need to be appointed to fill his seat upon his appointment. Matoush also stated that since there are more than 28 months remaining in his term, his successor will serve until the next General Election to be held in November, 2018.

Motion by Martin and second by Moore to accept the letter of resignation from State's Attorney Matoush contingent upon his appointment to an Associate Judgeship on August 1st, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Democrat Central Committee Chairman and County Board member Jim Moore addressed the board and stated that the Montgomery County Democratic Party is recommending the appointment of Bryant Hitchings who has started employment in the State's Attorney's Office this week as an Assistant State's Attorney. Moore stated that Hitchings is from Waggoner, Illinois, and he has served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Coles County along with private law practice.

Motion by Moore and second by Deabenderfer to appoint Bryant Hitchings as the Montgomery County State's Attorney on August 1st, 2017 contingent upon the appointment of State's Attorney Chris Matoush to an Associate Judgeship. All in favor, motion carried.

Bryant Hitchings addressed the board and stated that he welcomes the opportunity to serve Montgomery County. **(For copies of appointment documents and Matoush's resignation letter, see Resolution Book 16, pages 182-188).**

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes were Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. None voted no. 19 Yes and 2 members absent (Bergen and Clark). Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Sneed and second by Hopper to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Jodi Perkins was present for questions.
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 - report was submitted. 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 Wendel and second by Savage to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. **All in favor, motion carried.**

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night to elect officers and review seven applications for the FY 2017 grant funding. Officers were elected at follows: President – Bruce Sanford, Vice President – Chrissy DeWerff, Secretary – Ed Schumacher and Treasurer - Brian Gaskin. Robinson reported that they awarded funding totaling \$574,926 of the potential \$640,500 to six of the seven applicants. She stated that FAYCO was awarded \$214,000, the Montgomery County Health Department was awarded \$251,500, the Continuing Recovery Center in Irving received \$27,310, the Unified Child Advocate Center received \$10,000 funding, the Autism Support Connection (TASC) was awarded \$8,000 and the Hillsboro School District was awarded \$64,116. Robinson reported that one application for the Nokomis Christian Mission/SAAD organization in the amount of \$150,000 was denied and the board encouraged them to apply again next year. She said that the applications will be filed in the County Clerk's Office for review. Board Member Jones asked about the Hillsboro School District funding and Robinson replied that it will be used for a social service worker position, and she said that the school district is aware that the funding level may not be available every year. Hopper stated that he was pleased to see the Unified Child Advocate Center receive some funding because they provide needed counseling services to child sexual abuse victims and those victims are currently taken to Jerseyville. Robinson said that they plan to open a local facility soon.

- **911 Board** – No report this month.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett stated that discussion took place about the State budget and the 911 funding. He said that the state passed legislation for a \$1.50 fee per land lines and cell phones to fund 911 so it is safe for another year.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that this update will be given during the Economic Development Committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they met and worked on the solar farm ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that the flag pole at the Taylor Springs facility was replaced at no charge and the parking lot was repaved there at a cost of \$4,999. He said that the Senior picnic was held on June 27th at the Lake and about 40 people attended, with the Hillsboro Sertoma Club grilling.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there will be no meeting held in June and a seminar is scheduled in Galena on July 24 – 25, 2017.
- **U of I** – Young stated that the U of I is running smoothly and their budget levy meeting is today at noon at the Hillsboro U of I Extension office.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they met but did not have a quorum. Jones stated that they have the WCDC website almost completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Other Business Update:** Young stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **Section 16-09116-00-RR Garold Trail Rail Road Crossing, Irving Township Bid Letting Results**
Approval: Miles stated that that the bid letting was held last week and Kinney Contractors was the low bidder at \$38,988.20. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the low bid from Kinney Contractors in the amount of \$38,988.20 to work on Section 16-09116-00-RR Garold Trail rail road crossing in Irving Township that will be reimbursed at 100%. All in favor, motion carried.** Bishop asked about which crossings were covered and which roads are reimbursed at a certain percentage. Greenwood stated that this project is 100% reimbursed because the State has funds for rail road crossings at this time.
2. **Section 14-04117-00-BR – SN: 068-3192 Bridge Replacement – North 6th Avenue over Coffeen Lake, Engineer Services Approval:** Miles reported that we were going to repair this bridge, but IDOT stated that we needed to replace the bridge. He said that Hurst-Rosche can prepare the engineering work for the bridge replacement on North 6th Avenue over the Coffeen Lake in the amount of \$60,000 and the work is scheduled for 2018. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve the Engineering Services with Hurst-Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$60,000 with the County share being \$6,000 for the North 6th Avenue bridge replacement over Coffeen Lake. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Agreement, see Resolution Book 16, pages 189-192).**
3. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood has been working with the townships, and they are putting together cost estimates to fix certain areas that were damaged during the project.
4. **CH 7 (Nokomis Rd.) / East 23rd Road Update:** Miles stated that the committee has decided to move forward with the project to extend the Nokomis Blacktop to Route 16 and that it will take quite a bit of time and money.
5. **Dedication of Abandoned I.C.R.R. property to IDOT Update:** Miles stated that the IDOT wants this property because IDOT doesn't want to replace the bridge and the committee is waiting for IDOT to appraise the property. Jones asked what IDOT's intentions are, and Engineer Greenwood said that IDOT will remove the bridge and fill in the void.

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:** Beeler stated that they are in the appraisal stage and that the report should be done in September.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated that this report tracks the coal expenses and revenues.
3. **FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update:** Beeler stated that they held budget hearings yesterday and the committee will be back next Monday to complete these hearings. Beeler stated that as it was presented, if approved the budget would be at a minimum of \$600,000 in the red without the health insurance costs that we know will go up.
4. **Tax Sale Parcels Update:** Beeler reported that Chairman Young spoke with a representative from County Trustee Meyer and Associates after last month's meeting and she stated that an amount was negotiated for the fee for Mr. and Mrs. Fenske to obtain the tax deed property. She said that Fenskes agreed and paid the amount for the parcel and were pleased with the outcome.
5. **Change August Finance Committee Meeting Update:** Beeler reported that the August Finance Committee meeting has been changed to Friday, August 4th at 9:30 am.
6. **Pay Invoice to FAYCO in the amount of \$24,000 Approval:** Beeler stated that this amount was in the budget and their fiscal year is different than ours. **Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to pay the Invoice to FAYCO in the amount of \$24,000. Voice Vote: 17 members in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett and Hopper abstained.
7. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Beck deferred to Clerk Leitheiser who stated that county voters should have received their new voter cards by now and she encouraged voters to check the contact information on their cards and to contact her office with any questions. Leitheiser reported that there were about 16,000 cards mailed out and about 1,000 voter cards have been returned so far.
2. **Ohlman – Old School Property Update:** Beck deferred to Graden who reported that Ohlman representatives Dennis Aumann and Jackie Rakers were present at today's meeting and he said there were five bidders interested in submitting a price for the tear down of the old school and removal of the old vehicles. Village President Jackie Rakers stated that they appreciate the board's work on this project.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that the committee is still reviewing the recycling study submitted by the U of I Extension Recycling Graduate Students and the presentation done by Jeremy Jones and West Central Development Council. Jones stated that the grants were filed last night and we should hopefully hear news soon. Graden reported that he will be going out with the recycling staff on their routes soon to see if the work can be streamlined.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that there are currently 13 dogs and 15 cats down at animal control in case anyone wants to adopt them.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there are no maintenance issues at this time.
2. **Jail Building Roof Estimates Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee opened one bid from Lipe Construction for the Roof replacement at the Jail building. The committee decided on the 279# shingle bid in the amount of \$74,950. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to recommend the bid from Lipe Construction in the amount of \$74,950 for a shingle roof at the Jail. Roll Call Vote: 19 Yes – 2 absent.** Voting yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden,

Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young.

3. **Other Business Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper reported that CTI is coming to the Hillsboro area over the next two years and said this is a great opportunity for high speed internet in our area. He said that the CEO Annual meeting will be held on August 15th, 2017 and will include a reception to welcome the CEO Class of 2018.
2. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:** Hopper reported that work continues with IllinoisSouth Tourism to create a logo and slogan for Montgomery County and that they should be finished by this fall.
3. **Planning Commission Update:** Hopper stated that the Planning Commission gave input on the revised Solar Farm Ordinance and the committee is working on the final draft at this time.
4. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Hopper stated that the next Mayor's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 6:00 pm talk about the Enterprise Zone re-application at the beginning of the year.
5. **West Central Development Update:** Hopper stated that they are working on their website at this time.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **AED Batteries/additional units Update:** Savage reported that safety grant funds will be used to order the three new AED units and batteries.
2. **EMA/911 Meetings/Responses Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo conducted an LEPC Meeting at St. Francis Hospital to plan for emergencies with hazardous materials in the County. Savage reported that Nimmo is working on the aftermath of a severe weather event that happened in Nokomis last night where straight line winds were reported at 11:00 pm. Savage said that Nimmo is working on a damage report for Nokomis. Savage also reported that a County Board In-service meeting was held on June 13th, 2017.
3. **LEPC Tabletop Exercise Update. Approval:** Savage reported that Greg Nimmo is leading and coordinating this exercise that is scheduled for October 2017.
4. **Approval of the five ambulance district contracts Approval:**
Motion by Jones and second by Wendel to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Hopper and second by Moore to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Graden and second by Furness to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Presentations Update:** Martin reported that the committee discussed the nine insurance providers who came and made presentations over the past three months and that he said they will entertain the three finalists' proposals at their next meeting. Martin said he has invited the three insurance company representatives to come back to the July 27th, 2017 meeting.
2. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin reported that the committee will start Highway Department union negotiations at their August committee meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Young stated that the Finance Committee meeting date is changed to Friday, 8-4-17 at 9:30 am and will be held in the County Board Room in the Historic Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Young stated he received a request for the re-appointment of Bill Fleming to the Litchfield Airport Authority for five years. **Motion by Sneed and second by Beck to re-appoint Bill Fleming to the Litchfield Airport Authority for five years. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor- 16, Against – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. **Approval to Pay all other Bills:** Motion by Hopper and second by Furness to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

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

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

Members Absent: Mark Hughes and Glenn Savage

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chuck Graden.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 19 Members- Yes, 0 Members- No, 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Re-Organization County Board Meeting:

Motion by Hopper and second by Graden to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Re-Organization Meeting held on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Beck to approve the Minutes of the Previous Regular County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** ---- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Jodi Perkins was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee 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 - **report** was submitted. Rick 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 Hopper and second by Bishop to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they discussed changing their fiscal year to coincide with the county’s fiscal year per the recommendation from the Auditor. Robinson also stated that they received another application for consideration and will advise next month.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported that the 911 Board Meeting was moved to August 15th, 2017.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that they have not met yet.
- **IL Association of County Officials** (Plunkett,Bergen) - Plunkett reported that some problems were solved at the State level to approve a budget.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they will be meeting on Thursday and that he will give his report during the Economic Development Committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they are finishing the solar farm/garden ordinance at this time.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that they met recently and he had nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that he attended a seminar in Galena recently and he reported on a session regarding an active shooter on the county buildings’ premises. Miles reported that the Speaker shared films about the subject and shared about the liability the county may have in this circumstance.
- **U of I** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that they will meet next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Emergency Office Coordinator for the County Board Update:** Young reported that County Board Member Tim Hopper will serve on the EOC (Emergency Office Coordination) Committee that meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the County Board Room.
2. **2020 Census LUCA Update:** Leitheiser stated that we received a LUCA packet for the 2020 Census and we need to get all Montgomery County, Illinois, population counted that we can. Leitheiser reported that some of our municipalities had issues receiving their packets and she is helping them upon request. Leitheiser also stated that our GIS mapping software will be a great tool to help review this information.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Sale of Used Highway Equipment Approval:** Miles reported that the committee received and opened three bids for the used pickup truck. He said that D C Waste & Recycling submitted the highest bid in the amount of \$5,501. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to sell the used pickup truck to the high bidder DC Waste & Recycling for \$5,501. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **Special Bridge Match Fund Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the \$97,000 balance in this fund from the sale of 118 acres to the State to build the prison back in 1978. Cody is going to remove \$30,000 from this account and place into the fund to spend on oil and chipping more roads in FY 2018.
3. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood has submitted the costs to repair 26 miles of county roads for approximately \$800,000, which is about \$30,600 per mile. He said that the Townships have also submitted their amounts, and it is now up to Dakota Access Pipeline to review this information.
4. **HSIP Program Funding Update:** Miles stated that this program is for guard rail repairs in the amount of \$801,000 and if requested, the county would have to come up with 10% of costs and engineering fees. Miles stated this is a federal project so we can use Federal Aid to match these funds and we have to use these funds by July 2020. Miles said we will bid these projects out through the IDOT bidding process.
5. **Highway Department Mechanic Salary for FY 2018 Update/Approval:** **Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to enter into executive session to discuss salaries. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:50 am.**
EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.
Motion to come out of executive session by Miles and second by Martin. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:05 am. Miles reported that the Road and Bridge Committee approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for an annual salary increase of \$4,160 and a county cell phone for the Highway Department Mechanic after discussion took place in executive session.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance Work at the Health Department Update:** Beeler stated that the Health Department is a separate entity of the county and something in writing will be drafted to show which duties the maintenance staff will perform at the Health Department Building.
2. **Pictometry Fly Over Proposal Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed the new flyover and the change finder function will be a good tool for the SOA Office and the Assessors. She said that the imagery will be delivered to the county in the fall of 2018. Beeler said the committee discussed and approved splitting up the invoice evenly over the three year period for an amount of \$37,561 for each year.
3. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler stated that the appraisal will be done by the end of September and that negotiations can then take place after we receive the appraisal.
4. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler reported that Clerk Leitheiser gave an update on the LUCA information needed to complete the 2020 census and stated that we want to use GIS data to supply this information.
5. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated that this report doesn't reflect the payment back to the General Fund which was made in July. She said that money was transferred in June to the General Fund and then transferred back in July.
6. **FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update:** Beeler reported that there is a new Expense and Revenue Budget summary dated on July 19th, 2017. She provided the following changes: the flyover expense will be moved to office 375 from the GIS Fund; the

Highway Department had a change; \$650,000 was added for employee insurance, which was a 10% budget increase from last year; and the ROE expenses were added in for a total General Fund expenditures of \$6,353,780. Beeler stated that the FY 2018 revenues projected are \$5,800,000. She said that FY 2018 expenses increased by \$172,223 and revenue decreased by \$292,998 as compared to the FY 2017 budget. She said that the total projected deficit for FY 2018 is \$464,396. Beeler stated that the Animal Control budget was moved out of the General Fund and the HWE committee also discussed moving the recycling program out of the General Fund. Beeler stated that the committee needs a special meeting to further discuss the budget issues. She reported there is \$750,000 already budgeted for FY 2018 from Coal Office 375. Beeler also stated that the committee scheduled a special meeting to discuss the FY 2018 budget which will be held on Monday, August 14th, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

7. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-24-480-005 in Grisham Township to Shayla Lamar Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-24-480-005 in Grisham Township to Shayla Lamar. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 194).
8. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-27-204-012 in Irving Township to Mark Fenske Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-27-204-012 in Irving Township to Mark Fenske. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 195).
9. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-455-005 in Irving Township to Carl E. Taylor, Timmy D. Taylor Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-455-005 in Irving Township to Carl E. Taylor, Timmy D. Taylor. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 196).
10. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-458-002 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-458-002 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 197).
11. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-485-004 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-485-004 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 198).
12. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-22-431-047 In Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-22-431-047 In Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 199).
13. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-27-203-002 in Nokomis Township to Jason K. Engelhart Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-27-203-002 in Nokomis

- Township to Jason K. Engelhart. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 200).
14. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-479-005 in North Litchfield Township to Thomas A. Vincent Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-479-005 in North Litchfield Township to Thomas A. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 201).
 15. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-001 in North Litchfield Township to George A. Small Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-001 in North Litchfield Township to George A. Small. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 202).
 16. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-004 in North Litchfield Township to Wanda Benton Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-004 in North Litchfield Township to Wanda Benton. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 203).
 17. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-33-337-019 in North Litchfield Township to Steve Dougherty Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-33-337-019 in North Litchfield Township to Steve Dougherty. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 204).
 18. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 15-04-176-013 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Coatney Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 15-04-176-013 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Coatney. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 205).
 19. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-02-476-021 in Hillsboro Township to Saul Quiroz Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-02-476-021 in Hillsboro Township to Saul Quiroz. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 206).
 20. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-12-111-006 in Hillsboro Township to Calvin Truman LLC Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-12-111-006 in Hillsboro Township to Calvin Truman LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 207).
 21. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-07-209-009 in East Fork Township to George L. Blankenship Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-07-209-009 in East Fork Township to George L. Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 208).
 22. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-35-155-006 in East Fork Township to Calvin Truman LLC Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-35-155-006 in East Fork

- Township to Calvin Truman LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 209).
23. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-22-379-015 in Grisham Township to Lynn Eyman Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-22-379-015 in Grisham Township to Lynn Eyman. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 210).
24. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 21-19-352-001, 002 East Fork Township to Lynn Eyman Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 21-19-352-001, 002 East Fork Township to Lynn Eyman. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 211).
25. **Village of Ohlman Old Bank Building Demolition Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed a policy and procedure for the cleanup of derelict properties within Municipal boundaries. She said that the Village of Ohlman needs to get an asbestos inspection before they can send out bids. Graden stated that Village President Jackie Rakers is working on the bids for the demolition. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden that the county will pay for the asbestos inspection of the Ohlman School project not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid out of Office 375 contingency fund. All in favor, motion carried.**
26. **708 Board Vouchers Approval:** Beeler reported that a meeting was held with members of the 708 Board, County Clerk Leitheiser, Evan Young and herself regarding a procedure for processing vouchers from the 708 board. She said that the auditor recommends that we make payments in two disbursements to larger awards. According to the state statute, the county is the governing body for the 708 board. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to pay the 708 Board Voucher to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. 17 Members Yes, 0 Members No, 2 members abstained: Hopper and Plunkett. 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to pay the 708 Board Voucher to Continuing Recovery Center in the amount of \$27,310. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to pay the 708 Board Voucher to Unified Child Advocacy Network in the amount of \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to pay the 708 Board Voucher to The Autism Support Connection in the amount of \$8,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to pay the 708 Board Voucher to the Montgomery County Health Department in the amount of \$62,875. Roll Call Vote:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 19 Members Yes, 0 Members No, 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to pay the 708 Board Voucher to the Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 in the amount of \$16,029. Voice Vote: 3 members Voted No- Deabenderfer, Graden and Bergen. All others present voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Deabenderfer cautioned members that he doesn't think that a school district should receive this grant which is for a position that may not be sustained, and said it is unconscionable to set up a position that isn't funded long term. Robinson stated that the 708 Board acknowledged this and Hillsboro School District was told not to expect this grant every year. She said that the 708 Board expects other school districts in the county to apply for this funding next year. Beeler stated that applicants for grant funded positions should be aware of this possibility, and Martin said that the possibility of a short term position is a decision for the school district and not this board.

27. KEB and FY 2016 Audit regarding "Cash Basis" of Auditing Update/Approval:

Beeler stated that KEB Representative Paul Osborne called her regarding an issue with the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office due to the audit using the "Cash Basis" version of accounting rather than "Accrual Basis." She said the county received a letter stating that the State of Illinois audit for 2016 was accepted with exceptions. Beeler reported that our fiscal year 2017 audit which currently uses the "Cash Basis" accounting could be rejected by the State of Illinois, and said that Osborne shared with her that the State Auditors Association is looking into this issue.

28. Sheriff's Office Voucher for Vehicle Maintenance Update/Approval:

Beeler reported that the committee discussed the \$7,500 invoice for the damaged Sheriff's vehicle. She also said the insurance check was deposited and credited back to the vehicle expense line item.

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

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

- 1. Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser stated that Petition packets for county offices for the March 20th, 2018, General Primary Election will be available for circulation on September 5th, 2017, and will need to be filed at the County Clerk's office between November 27th and December 4th, 2017.
- 2. EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that EPA Inspector Bill Gonet will be meeting with IL EPA on Monday, August 21st, 2017.
- 3. Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that Recycling Coordinator Bishop is working with Hillsboro Electric to get a quote for an exhaust fan for the work area at the Hillsboro Recycling facility. Beck reported that Bishop, Graden, Johnson and Miles will be attending an upcoming Nokomis City Council meeting to discuss the trash pickup at the recycling facility. Jones reported that his efforts continue in looking for grants for the recycling program.
- 4. Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that the new State's Attorney Bryant Hitchings will be reviewing the county animal control ordinance. Beck also stated Animal Control had advertised for a \$7,000 a year part time kennel cleaning position when the position became vacant; but after the ads ran, she was told not to hire anyone at this time. Moore asked if a salaried employee is receiving overtime and Beck replied affirmatively. Beeler said that overtime for this

salaries employee was paid from the Vanek Estate, not the general fund. Graden stated we need to hire a part time employee for Animal Control instead of paying overtime.

5. **FY 2018 Budgets Update:** Beck reported Animal Control was taken out of the general fund at the budget hearings and discussion took place to also take Recycling out of the general fund, and Beck said that the committee did not have a problem with recycling revenues and expenses being removed from the General Fund.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee listened to the presentation by Smart Watt, and this company offered to do a free feasibility study to see if we can save some money. Plunkett asked if there is a contract required for the feasibility study and Sneed responded that we will not sign anything unless we have them do the audit. Beeler asked if we have to bid for the service to complete the audit. Plunkett suggested having the State's Attorney review all the paperwork before anything is signed. Bishop stated that Ameren sponsors this program in the area and they have to agree to this for energy savings. Sneed stated that the committee realizes that this company is a performance contractor and they will tread lightly and proceed to get legal advice first and will only participate if it saves the county money. **Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve the feasibility study by Smart Watt which will be at no cost to the county. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **LED Lighting Replacement Program Update:** Sneed reported that A & D Electric representative David Ronen wants to submit a proposal for the LED Lighting Replacement Program. Sneed stated that he received a spreadsheet with the potential cost savings from Ronen and will receive more information soon.
3. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed stated that the cleaning issues at the Courthouse Complex are still ongoing and that he will call the owner of the cleaning service to discuss the issues. Sneed reported that the water bill at the Courthouse Complex doubled due to a boiler issue and that issue has since been remedied.
4. **AED Units and Batteries Update:** Sneed reported that three new AED units were ordered this week for the Highway Department, Recycling and Animal Control facilities. He stated that one replacement battery was ordered for the current units and the costs will be paid from the Safety Grant.
5. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Sneed reported that the contract was signed with Lipe Construction and the project should be completed by the end of this fiscal year.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Hopper reported that the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Commission members met for about two hours. He said that the county board members reviewed and discussed the draft of the

solar farm ordinance and now have only two issues pending. They are now under review at the State's Attorney's Office.

2. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper reported that the MCEDC will be meeting this Thursday.
 - **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** No report at this time.
 - **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the CEO annual dinner is August 15th, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Aumann Auctions in Nokomis and that two students have dropped out of the program due to class conflicts.
 - **Broadband/Fiber Project Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the City of Nokomis hit 20% signups for the fiber project and the build out will start in Nokomis this October and then come to Hillsboro.
 - **Business Retention Visits Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko will start doing business retention visits.
3. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:** Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval: Hopper reported that Belusko attended an IllinoisSouth Tourism Board Meeting and they continue to work on a logo and branding name for the county.
4. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper stated that they are still working on the cleanup efforts.
5. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Hopper reported that the next Mayor's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 6:00 pm here in the County Board Room. Information regarding the EMA, Law Enforcement, EZ and Census will be on the agenda.
6. **West Central Development Update:** Hopper reported that West Central Development is working on their web site. Jones stated that we are getting an updated grant list and other items to be posted on the WCDC's new website.
7. **Dereke Farm, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation Public Information Meeting Option Approval:** Hopper reported the county received notification of a proposed 1,920 unit hog farm to be constructed about two miles east of Farmersville. Citizen Phil Borgic was present and stated that Dereke Farms will be working with Borgic Farms and he gave a breakdown of the Public Hearing Process and Livestock and Pork Production. Hopper stated that the county has no zoning in place to stop this project and in past practice the County Board has requested the public hearing. **Motion by Hopper and second by Deabenderfer to notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture that the County Board is requesting a public hearing for the Dereke Farm, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation near Farmersville, pending review of the process by the State's Attorney's Office.** Hopper stated that this hearing or any County Board vote will not have any bearing on the decision by the Department of Agriculture. Deabenderfer stated that he feels we should request a hearing so that people can be heard and give them the opportunity to vent. Jones stated that he lives one mile east of the proposed facility and that the neighbors have concerns about it being so close to their homes. Bishop stated that it is not our job to set up a hearing and this is not our fight. Bishop thinks the citizens should request the hearing if it is to be held. Beck stated that we represent the citizens and Jones agreed, saying that we want to help the citizens to be heard. Plunkett stated that after the hearing is held, we will be asked to make a recommendation to deny or approve the facility; and the last time we had a similar request for a proposed hog confinement facility in rural

Walshville, we recommended not to approve it, but the Department of Agriculture approved it anyway. It was not built in rural Walshville. Voice Vote: 2 Members (Furness and Bishop) voted No. All others present voted yes. **Motion carried.** (For copy of application and proposal documents, see Resolution Book 16, pages 212-228).

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

E.M.A./AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Bill Bergen as follows:

1. **LEPC TTX 10/21/17 Update:** Bergen reported that Captain Nimmo will be conducting an exercise on October 21st, 2017, between 8:00 am and 12:30 pm at the Grand Magnusson Hotel.
2. **County Building In-service Trainings Update:** Bergen reported that the Historic Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to conduct an in- service safety training for employees housed in this building. Bergen reported that the Courthouse Complex will also be closed on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for an in-service safety training for employees there.
3. **EMA/911 Meetings/Responses/Training Update:** Bergen reported that Nimmo and county forces responded to the Nokomis Wind Storm incident on July 10th and he praised everyone for their work. Bergen stated that Nimmo will have the Emergency Operations Center open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday, August 21st, 2017, for the Solar Eclipse event.
4. **Ambulance Billing Report Update:** Bergen reported that Savage will be meeting with a City of Litchfield representative and KEB Auditor Representative Paul Osborne regarding the ambulance billing on August 11th at 1:30 pm at the EMA Office in Hillsboro.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. **Employee Health Insurance/Provider Presentations Approval:** Martin stated that the committee met and now recommends the approval of the Broker of Record for the County Employee Health Insurance. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to change our Agent/Broker of Record for the employee insurance to CIBC representative Tony Johnston.** Bergen stated that the health insurance costs were increased to the employees as a result of the county board's actions and not because of Scheller Insurance agent Shannon Hall. He said that in the Personnel Committee meeting he voted against changing the insurance agent to someone other than Shannon Hall. Bergen stated that Tony Johnston of CIBC did a great job in his presentation, but he wanted more time to compare the figures; however the committee voted to send this to the full board for a vote. Bergen stated that Scheller Insurance has done nothing wrong and he doesn't think we need to change insurance agents at this time. Bishop stated that we have a local company with Scheller and that CIBC is based in Champaign, and he said he doesn't want to kick Scheller Insurance to the curb. Martin responded that Hall's proposal in 2017 is \$1.2 million and Johnston's was \$972,000, and the county needs to save the money. Beeler stated that CIBC is also a local company because Nokomis insurance representative Jack Tosetti is affiliated with the company. Beeler stated that Martin is asking the board to vote on an agent today, and

the agent will then bring us a health insurance plan to approve. Clark stated that he wants to do what is best for the employees and asked which plan is better for the employees. Beeler stated that the employee premiums could potentially go down if we go to a higher deductible and we need to find some cost savings as the County is facing a \$400,000 plus deficit. She said that Johnston's proposal includes a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) which will help both the county and the employees. She said that the county buys a HRA so the employee will still get the \$1,500 deductible and the county will cover the cost of the higher deductible amount up to \$6,000. Furness stated that because Johnston is not the agent on record at this time, he can't get the insurance numbers to give us more accurate estimates. Deabenderfer stated that board actions last year with the insurance premiums hurt the employees and a change might be in order to help the employees. Graden asked if the coverage is identical and Young replied affirmatively. Bergen stated that Hall gave the estimates for the BCBS renewal information and he said there is no reason a change in agents should be made today. Hall stated that she could give Johnston the BCBS numbers today and said we have to look at the numbers to make a legitimate decision. Johnston stated that his numbers are not hard numbers because only one agent can be assigned to the insurance and he is not the present agent. Martin stated that the agent of record is the motion to be considered. Johnston said that even with not knowing the hard numbers to match the current costs, he shows that there would be a \$250,000 savings in premiums by going to a higher deductible plan with an HRA. Johnston also stated that today's discussion is about choosing the agent and who could bring a plan to the county which would lower the individual premiums and the county's cost. He said he could bring another insurance company to the table that Hall didn't bring, and he feels that could also be a savings to the county. Bergen stated that we are trying to make a judgement on assumptions and we have an agent already and have no complaints about her services. Miles asked if the committee recommends the change in agents and Martin replied affirmatively. Clark asked if we can see a side by side comparison of numbers of each plan and what it would save the county. Beeler stated that these companies have done what the Personnel committee has asked them to do by bringing their best proposal to them. She said we are under a time crunch and she doesn't think it is possible to wait for further proposals and still stay on schedule so the insurance can be implemented. Martin said that rates from a competitor would only be good for 60 days. Plunkett stated that he has sympathy for Hall and asked Johnston if he needs to be the agent of record. Johnston replied that this needs to be changed for 30 days in order for his company to obtain the numbers to give us a definite plan. Deabenderfer stated that we should go with the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and called for the question. **Roll call vote: Voting Yes were Beeler, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Wendel and Young. Voting No were Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Graden, Robinson and Sneed. Absent were Hughes and Savage. 12 Yes, 7 No and 2 absent. Motion carried.**

2. **ICRMT Sample Employee Manual Updates for Review Update:** Martin stated that ICRMT provided the county with some sample employee manual changes and he said he wants the State's Attorney's Office to review these sample recommendations and advise us where these should go in the Personnel Manual.

3. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin stated that the committee will start union negotiations with the Highway Department in August.
4. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Union Negotiations and Litigation Issues Update/Approval:** Held earlier in the meeting.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Young stated that County Board member Tim Hopper has volunteered to participate and attend the EOC monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Young stated that the Finance Committee has scheduled a special meeting to discuss the FY 2018 budget on Monday, August 14th, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Young stated that he received correspondence from the Three County Public Water District Board requesting that Paul Pershing be appointed to that Board. **Motion by Graden and second by Hopper to appoint Paul Pershing to the Three County Public Water District Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore; Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. **Voice Vote: In favor – 16, Against – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Furness and second by Hopper to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Evan Young at 8:30 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, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, 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 County Board Member Mike Plunkett.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young.

21 Members Yes, 0 Members No. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Furness and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Minutes of the previous county board meeting held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
- 2. Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons – report was submitted.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Health & TB Department Report** ---- Jodi Perkins was present for questions.
- 6. Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
- 7. Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici was present for questions.
- 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 - report not submitted, will be two reports next month.
Undersheriff Robbins was present.
- 12. SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
- 13. Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – Report was submitted.
- 14. V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 13 REPORTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wendel and second by Savage to approve the 13 reports that are available on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they plan to replace resigning board member Ed Shumacher with Dan Hough. Robinson said that Pam Lentz is the new 708 Board secretary since Shumacher formerly held that post, and Bruce Sanford is still the 708 Board Chairman. Robinson also reported that they voted to change their fiscal year to coincide with the county’s fiscal year, and she said that the Health Department has hired a Psychologist and Nurse. She also said that the S.A.A.D. group came again last night and informed members they found a place in Nokomis to rent. She said this group originally asked for \$150,000 in funding and later asked for \$65,000. Robinson said that the 708 board gave them partial funding of \$18,050 and also told them to get insurance and training in HIPPA laws in order to be funded for an additional three months.
- **CEFS** – Robinson reported that the CEFS LIHEAP program will start on October 1st with seniors and then will work with families with young children. She said that she has the CEFS annual report and invited members to view it. Awards were recently given to Patricia McHenry, Lyn Knopp, and Hearts United; and Jeremy Tuetken was awarded a \$2,300 scholarship.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported that the board met last night and passed a budget. He said that the Illinois State Police took over 911 funding for the state and collections are going well. Bergen also said that 911 equipment is getting old and will need to be replaced in the near future.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report this month.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett, Bergen nothing to report this month.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper said there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they have completed their work on the solar farm ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that they received a \$4,999 payment from CEFS for their part of the parking lot improvements.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they did not meet this month.
- **U of I** – Martin reported that they will be having a meeting tonight.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that Glenn Savage will give their report later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Resignation Letter from Tim Hopper Approval:** Hopper provided Chairman Young a letter of Resignation from the County Board as he represents County Board District #6. He thanked the board members for their support and well wishes and stated that it has been a privilege to serve the citizens of his district. **Motion by Bishop and second by Moore to accept the resignation of Tim Hopper. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of resignation letter, see Resolution Book 16, page 229.)**

2. Changes of Chairman and Vice Chairman for EMA and Economic Development

Committees Update: Chairman Young announced that due to Tim Hopper's resignation, Bill Bergen will now be the Chairman of the EMA/Ambulance Committee and Chuck Graden will be the Vice Chairman. Young also stated that Glenn Savage will now be the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Megan Beeler will be the Vice Chairman.

3. Other Business Update: None at this time.

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

- 1. Walshville Trail Bridge Alignment Options Approval:** Miles reported that the Committee discussed Walshville Trail Bridge Alignment Options and said that former County Board Chairman Hertel wanted the road straightened out for safety purposes. Miles explained that the engineering consultant told the committee that this additional work would cost an additional \$1 million to construct and that the current alignment isn't a safety problem. Miles reported that the committee agreed to change the radius of the curve at the bottom of the hill and make it a 55 mph curve. He said this change would add an additional \$150,000 to the estimated project cost of \$1.5 million with the county portion being 20% of the total project costs. Miles stated that the committee felt that the additional money could be used on other county roads and that it would take more time to apply for more money to straighten this road. Miles stated that we will not be doing the traffic study because it doesn't warrant the cost. **Motion by Miles and second by Bergen to recommend proceeding with option 3 to keep the Walshville Trail bridge in current alignment while changing the radius of the slope to 4:1 ratio and completing the ditch work.** Miles said this project will take place in 2021 and the bridge will be out of service for at least 6 months. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- 2. IDOT Audit Reports Approval:** The committee received and reviewed the IDOT Audit reports. **Motion by Miles and second by Hughes to approve and put these IDOT Audit reports on file in the County Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 3. PE Agreement w/McDonough-Whitlow, Section 17-00140-00-GR, Systematic Guardrail Improvement/Upgrade Approval:** Miles reported on the HSIP grant for the guardrail updates. He said the committee reviewed a PE Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow in the amount of \$89,000 which is 10% of the project and is an industry standard for construction costs and stated that the project cost is \$800,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Johnson to approve the PE Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow for the amount of \$89,000 to come from federal aid fund. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of agreement, see Resolution Book 16, pages 232-235).**
- 4. Resolution #2017-15: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1160 B-CA, N. 23rd Ave., Zanesville Road District, 50% Road District – 50% County Approval:** Miles said that the committee reviewed and approved the Resolution for a 78 inch arch on North 23rd Avenue. **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to approve Resolution #2017-15 to appropriate funds for 1160 B-CA, North 23rd Avenue in Zanesville Road District for a 50% Road District and 50% county portion with \$9,000 as the county portion. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler asked if it was a different culvert than one that was replaced a few years ago, and Engineer Greenwood stated that the road commissioner

requested this work on this bridge. (**For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 236-237**).

5. **2018 R&B Committee Dates Update:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed and approved the Road & Bridge Committee meeting dates for 2018.
6. **New Truck Advertisement Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed and approved Engineer Greenwood starting the process of bidding for a new dump truck which would not be needed until spring of 2018 so it would come out of next year's budget.
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Bishop stated that the Highway Department mowing crew has been doing a great job of mowing the ditches. Examples given were on Witt Road and Rocky Hollow Trail, and throughout the county.

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that SOA Ray Durston has scheduled a meeting with Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group to discuss the Power Plant assessment on Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.
2. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that SOA Durston reported that his staff has begun entering the Assessor changes, and he said that the Board of Review has received 10 complaints so far. She said that approximately 129 Certificates of Error have been processed for the 2016 tax bills, and they have received about 1100 exemption renewals for the 2017 tax year. She stated that Durston also reported that legislation was signed by the Governor recently that would increase the Senior Citizen Freeze income limit from \$55,000 to \$65,000 for 2018 in counties with a population of less than 3,000,000.
3. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Fund reports. She said some coal funds were transferred in June to the General Fund for operating expenses, and then they were transferred back on July 1st when the first real estate tax distribution was made.
4. **FY 2018 Budget Update/Approval:** Beeler reported that landfill host fee revenue will no longer be part of the General Fund revenue because they will now be a revenue source for the recycling program along with the sale of recycling materials. She said that Animal Control services were also moved out the General Fund and will now rely on their own generated revenues and expenses with the short fall coming from the Vanek Estate donation. Beeler also stated that the Highway equipment fund # 222 will be merged into the Highway fund #225. Beeler explained that the Employee Health Insurance expense amount in the budget will stay the same until the insurance renewal numbers come in. She stated that EMA office expenses will come from the Sheriff's Department and be set up in their own line item. Beeler reported that our Regional Office of Education serving five counties is working with the counties on a 5% decrease to their budget. Beeler said that the SOA Office lost a full time employee due to the severance package; and moving forward, they anticipate another employee retirement in 2019. That resulted in a request to hire a full time employee mid-next year to start training. She reported that the Finance Committee added a line for legal services in anticipation of three upcoming union contracts to be negotiated.

Beeler reported that the GIS Flyover was moved from the General Fund to the Coal Royalty Fund with the amount changed from \$60,000 to \$38,000. Beeler also stated that the County Coordinator's Office was denied a request to replace a part-time clerical employee, and they also recommended that the State's Attorney's office not hire another secretary. She said that the State's Attorney's Office will hire an Assistant State's Attorney to replace retiree Betsy Wilson, and Beeler stated that former State's Attorney Matoush had a problem not getting someone hired because the salary was allocated at \$33,000.

Beeler explained that the Sheriff's Office represents 35% of the budget and the committee has discussed this budget at length for months. She said the original amount to cut from the Sheriff's Department was \$300,000 but the committee decided to reduce the cut their budget to \$221,000 this year to give them more time to change the fiscal management of that office. Beeler stated that even with that cut we will still have an \$80,000 deficit and will not balance the budget this year. Beeler explained that \$221,000 is a 10% cut of the amount the Sheriff's office requested in this budget, and a meeting will be scheduled with the Sheriff's office representatives to adjust the individual fund lines within the Office 80 budget. She said the Veterans Assistance Commission is requesting a lower levy and are spending some of their reserves this year as they did last year. Beeler stated that we don't know what to expect for revenues for 911.

Beeler reported that the Coal Royalty Fund #375 will be budgeting \$150,000 for Building and Grounds to replace the roof at the jail and the Economic Development budget was decreased from \$500,000 to \$100,000 to allocate funds for a fiber project. Beeler stated that they are using the Economic Development Infrastructure fund to invest in projects to increase the economy in this county. Beeler reported that coal funds were also set aside for road improvements, but they will take \$30,000 out of the special road and bridge fund for next year. She said the GIS flyover is coming out of coal funds, which was only budgeted for contingencies. Beeler stated that the Recycling program can't run independently so the deficit will be funded by coal funds to keep the program running. Beeler stated that this draft budget is given today for a one month's review and a change sheet or a new budget will be given out at the October County Board meeting when the meeting will be recessed and a vote on the budget will take place at the November county board meeting.

Jones asked how the Sheriff's Department will operate on such minimal margins, and Beeler responded that they will have to change the way they operate and pull money from other revenue sources. Jones asked if we can supplement with coal funds to help the Sheriff's Department, and Beeler stated that we already have used coal funds for Sheriff's use. Jones stated that he feels that we should use coal money to supplement the Sheriff's Department until we see what happens with the coal mine. Beeler stated that there are several reasons to keep coal funds in reserve and not use it for operating expenses.

Bishop inquired about these reasons, and Beeler responded that one anticipated use will be for the IMRF fund when retirements of elected officials take place. Beeler also stated that the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) the county receives from the State has been cut once and will be cut again next year. She said our auditors have recommended that we have enough reserve funds for six months operation of the county

in case of an emergency. Beeler stated that we are spending down the reserves, with \$450,000 allocated to be spent next year. Bishop stated that we will hurt public safety when we have funds that can be allocated there. Beeler said she wants to work with the operating funds we have and encouraged everyone to come to next month's Finance committee meeting for further discussion.

Jones stated that the Sheriff's office deficit is about \$173,000 and jobs there will be cut. Beeler stated that it doesn't change the fact that the Sheriff's budget is the largest county expense at 35% of the total budget, and this is a 33% cut of the deficit, which is proportional. She said that if this office is not cut, then the entire general fund will be disproportionately cut.

Martin asked if the budget can be amended if the coal mine starts up again, and Beeler responded that she doesn't know if we can amend the budget because of a substantial increase in revenue. Beeler stated that we can't keep running on a deficit and that this decision is not a knee jerk reaction. She said things are bad and getting worse and a hard decision needs to be made.

Hughes asked if we can get the county revenues up and Beeler responded that every department came up with a lower revenue projection this year which totaled \$5.8 million, which is the same revenue as 2010. Beeler said the problem is made worse when expenses have gone up at the same time. Beeler also stated that we can't control insurance increases and salaries continue to increase. She said she will not presume how to operate, and the County Board only allocates the money and the county offices will have to decide how to operate.

Under Sheriff Robbins stated that Montgomery County citizens will be looking for a good decision and that the Sheriff's door is open for the County Board members to see how the Sheriff's Department operates. He asked for everyone to please be informed. Beeler stated that any decision will have consequences; so at the end of the day, we have to weigh the consequences of the situation we are in.

Graden stated that he doesn't want to cut public safety services; we need to maintain it and not cut it. Beeler asked what we are going to do if we don't make cuts, and Graden replied we should take the difference out of coal money. Beeler wants to know what to do when coal money is gone and stated that there is a balance of \$5.4 million in that fund at the present time and 10% of it is budgeted to be spent next year. She said that if you spend 10% each year out of coal money that is not being replenished, it will be gone quickly.

Jones asked if we can cut less out of the Sheriff's Office and take the difference out of coal funds for now. Miles stated that as revenues decrease, services will also have to decrease and the Sheriff's Department will also have to decrease their budget. Miles said we have relied on coal money, but other taxing bodies like school districts have had to make changes, and now this board will have to make changes also.

Sheriff's Captain/EMA Director /911 Director Greg Nimmo stated that when it comes to 911 communications and his 20 plus years of EMA services in the County, he feels that these cuts will be detrimental to public safety. Nimmo stated that there is too much stress at the current staffing levels for dispatching services and the drug task force may also need to be cut. Nimmo explained that the jail is currently short staffed and tele communicators are helping with detainees. Nimmo stated that he has three job titles and not everything is getting done even though he is putting his heart and soul in it to get

things done. Nimmo stated that cutting their budget this severely is setting up the department for failure and fatigue. If someone makes a huge mistake, the county will be sued. Under Sheriff Robbins reported an example of being short staffed from a few weeks ago when there was one deputy on duty and he was responding to an accident in Donnellson when a call came in to Sheriff's dispatch that there were 20 members of a motorcycle gang at a house in Irving, with law enforcement services needed as soon as possible. Nimmo stated that he has extreme passion for the Sheriff's office and it is there to protect county residents.

Beeler stated that she has reached out to mayors of Nokomis and Litchfield and told them that there may be changes and impacts to their communities if the county no longer does their dispatching services. Beeler stated the "locals are in charge" and that both mayors will get this information to their city councils.

Furness stated in response to Hughes' question a public safety sales tax could help bring in needed revenues and if the public knows that public safety services will be cut, then the public will hopefully see the need to implement a public safety sales tax for those services. Clark stated that if there is about six years of coal reserves left, then we could feasibly have six years to work on the deficit.

5. **FY 2018 Levy Review Approval:** Beeler stated the committee discussed and approved recommending an FY 2018 estimated Levy to the County Board. **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to recommend the estimated levy in the amount of \$6,464,189 for a 4.6121% increase.** Bishop stated that he opposes tax increases and that he ran his campaign for county board on this issue. Bishop reported that he discussed the need for property tax relief with several people at a recent Litchfield area event, and the consensus was with over \$5 million in the bank, we shouldn't raise property taxes and that we have taxed people out of this county. Bishop stated that when the coal mine was set up, it was to help bring relief to people with their property taxes. Beeler stated that this tax levy is also for other taxing units who levy along with the county's General fund (Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Ambulance Districts, Senior Services, Cooperative Extension Service) and that the county's portion is very small. **Roll Call Vote of 20 Members Present (Hopper resigned earlier in meeting): Yes Votes = 13, No Votes = 7. Voting Yes were Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Voting No were Beck, Bishop, Clark, Graden, Hughes, Jones and Robinson. Motion carried.** Beeler stated that since we are increasing the levy by less than 5% as compared to last year's extension, there will be no need for a Truth and Taxation Hearing. **(For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 238).**
6. **FY 2016 County Audit Approval:** Beeler reported that she received an email regarding a legislative change that could extend the cash basis of accounting and work with counties and municipalities to extend the time to transfer back over to the accrual basis of accounting. She said it is too difficult to make the change mid-year.

Deabenderfer asked if we can send a letter to our legislators that we stay on the "cash basis". **Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Plunkett that the County Board send a letter to the State Legislators that we stay on the cash basis of accounting. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. **Coroner's Travel Voucher Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee discussed the Travel Voucher submitted by the Coroner and per the County Board Travel Voucher ordinance, a roll call vote is needed to approve the expenses. She asked the Personnel Committee to address changing the county ordinance. **Motion by Beeler and second by Savage to approve the Coroner's Travel Voucher. Roll call vote of 20 members present: Yes votes = 20, No Votes = 0. Voting Yes were Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. None voted no. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Voucher and attachments, see Resolution Book 16, pages 239-242).**
8. **Village of Ohlman Old School Building Demolition Update:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed which fund would pay this expense, and she said a contract will be prepared for the Village of Ohlman to sign and then a Resolution will need to be approved at the next full board meeting to convey the property's deed to Ohlman. She said the Village of Ohlman is in the process of bidding the demolition services. Furness stated that we should wait until we know what the demolition amount will be before approving any money.
9. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 08-23-114-008 to Steve A. & Janice L. Locke in Nokomis Township Approval:** The committee reviewed the resolution to convey deed for parcel ID # 08-23-114-008. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve conveying the deed for parcel ID #08-23-114-008 to Steve A. & Janice L. Locke in Nokomis Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 243).**
10. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that candidate packets are now available in her office for the March 20th, 2018 General Primary Election.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that everything is going OK with EPA.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that there is an Electronics Recycling Drive scheduled for September 30th, 2017, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that Animal Control will host an open house on Saturday, September 30th, 2017, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. A rabies clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, October 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 by appointment.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Update:** Sneed commended Clerk Sandy Leitheiser's Office for gathering all the utility invoices together to submit to the consultant so they can complete their analysis for the utility usage reports which will hopefully save county funds.
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that everything seems to be working at this time and he has nothing else to report.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation County Board Recommendation Approval:** Savage read the state statute from the Illinois Department of Agriculture regarding the proposed Livestock facility, and he reported that a public hearing was held on August 24th, 2017. Savage stated that the Economic Development Committee voted 5 to 1 to recommend approval of the Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility to the Illinois Department of Agriculture because they meet the eight criteria cited in the statute. Jones stated that he represents the people of Farmersville who do not want this project, and he shared concerns about water and mine subsidence issues. Jones said he doesn't think that it meets the requirements, and he believes the county board members' job is to be the voice of the people they represent. Deabenderfer stated that he doesn't think we can control the land use since there is no zoning in our county and we have to go by the Department of Ag's eight criteria. Beeler stated that she also represents the people and in this case we can't just represent some of the people and not all of them. She said the total farmland assessment in our county makes up 25 % of the total county EAV. Beeler reported that this one project is projected to bring in about \$34,000 in property taxes annually when completed. Jones stated that he doesn't dispute the farm's importance but wants the concerns of 200 people addressed by the board. Johnson asked about the frequency the site will be monitored for assurance they are in compliance with Department of Agriculture standards. Chairman Young asked Dereke Farms, Inc. owner Dunkirk to respond, and he stated that someone will be at the facility to monitor it and they have alarm systems also. **Motion by Savage and second by Deabenderfer to recommend Dereke Farms, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility to the Department of Agriculture based on the eight criteria. ROLL CALL Vote: Yes Votes = 14, NO Votes = 6. Voting Yes = Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hughes, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Voting NO = Beck, Bergen, Graden, Johnson, Jones and Robinson. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 230-231).**
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage stated that the Planning Commission helped with the final draft of the Solar Energy Ordinance and that it is being reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office.
3. **MCEDC Update:** Savage asked Belusko to report, and she stated that she continues to work with IllinoisSouth and is adding pictures to the web site to highlight the County. Belusko also reported that the CEO Class is touring local businesses. She stated that the City of Nokomis has reached their goal of 20 percent sign ups with CTI fiber to home technology and that it will be scheduled for the build-out after Hillsboro. Belusko stated that she is working on getting facts and figures showing the positive economic development impact fiber technology brings rural communities, and she plans to schedule a meeting with Highland representatives soon.
4. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Savage reported that they were shut down for three weeks to dig a larger hole at the facility and they have now resumed work.
5. **Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Savage reported that the committee reviewed a memo from the Governor's Office regarding the Illinois Bicentennial.

6. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Savage reported the last mayors' meeting was held on September 6th, 2017, at 6:00 pm and was very well attended. Good information was shared regarding emergency management, law enforcement, the upcoming census, fiber internet and the enterprise zone. Chairman Young stated that the next mayor's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018.
7. **West Central Development Update:** Savage reported that he attended a West Central Development Committee meeting recently and informed members that county board member Richard Wendel is now the Chairman of their board. Jones reported that they had a meeting with Republic regarding grant funding for recycling and the potential for additional grant money for the Job Center in Litchfield.
8. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

E.M.A Report: Glenn Savage, Chairman - Given by Bill Bergen as follows:

1. **LEPC TTX on 10/21/17 Update:** Bergen reported this exercise will be held at the Grand Magnuson Hotel from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. He said that registration is at 7:30 am and invitations will be going out next week. He said that MABAS & ILEAS Assets will also be present to show our communities to what is available if needed.
2. **County building In-service Training Update:** Bergen stated this training was held at the Historic Courthouse on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm; and the building was closed for two hours during the training which was well received. The committee discussed that there are no cameras in the county board room or the front customer counter of the County Clerk's Office, which are needs for security purposes. Bergen said this same training for Courthouse Complex employees is scheduled for September 27th, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and then Health Department, Highway, Animal Control and Recycling training dates will be scheduled.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Ambulance Contracts for the Five Districts Update:** Chairman Bergen had nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Martin reported that Tony Johnston with CIBC gave an update to the committee regarding the transfer of the Broker of Record for county employee health insurance and said there is a projected 12.83% increase for the current health insurance plan with BCBS at this time.
2. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with Highway Department Union Local 1084 to start union negotiations. That the second meeting that was scheduled for Monday, September 18th, 2017 needs to be rescheduled.
3. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation Issues Update/Approval:** Not needed at this time.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Young was asked when Member Hopper will be replaced, and he said he plans to appoint a new member to County Board District #6's seat at next month's meeting.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The special Personnel Committee meeting and Rules of Order Committee meeting needs to be rescheduled.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Young stated that Daniel Tester needs to be re-appointed by the County Board for a three year term to the Mutual Drainage District #1 of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. **Motion by Graden and second by Furness to re-appoint Daniel Tester for a three year term to the Mutual Drainage District #1 of the townships of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman Young stated that Terry Toberman needs to be re-appointed as a trustee for a three year term to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. **Motion by Robinson and second by Moore to re-appoint Terry Toberman for a three year term to the Coffeen Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Young called on citizen Bill Schroeder who stated that he commends Finance Committee Chairperson Beeler for her work on the budget and said that he is for public safety but at some point we need to cut services. Schroeder stated that the county can't keep spending money from the coal funds.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Martin and second by Bishop to pay any invoices for Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – 18; Against – 0, Absent – none (Hopper resigned earlier in the meeting), Abstain – 2 (Moore and Beck). Motion carried.
- 2. Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Bishop and second by Beck to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Roll call was taken - 19 members present, 1 member absent, one vacant seat due to the resignation of Tim Hopper last month.

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandy Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Bill Bergen

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board Member Earlene Robinson.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Johnson to approve the mileage and per diem. Roll Call Vote: Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young.

19 members Yes, 0 members, No, 1 member absent. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Wendel and second by Deabenderfer to approve the minutes of the previous county board meeting held on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report ---** Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
- 2. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk’s Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Health & TB Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 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 - report not submitted. 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 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Savage and second by Hughes to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated they did not have a quorum at their meeting last night, and she said Raymond resident Dan Hough was present for his appointment to the 708 Board.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported they are looking for someone to serve on the board as the “client sector” representative and she asked members to refer any potential candidates to her. Robinson also reported Litchfield Meals On Wheels is having a fundraiser at the Litchfield Community Center soon, and she stated she would like donations from county board members to put together a lottery ticket themed basket for a raffle to be held at this fundraiser.
- **911 Board** – Chairman Young reported they did not meet.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated they will meet a week from today.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett stated there is nothing to report.
- **MCEDC** – Chairman Young stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Planning Commission** – Chairman Young stated the State’s Attorney is working on researching fees and fines for the solar ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported the board voted to pay for a new floor in the men’s restroom and director Lyn Fugate was called by a county board representative to explain the Senior Citizen fund is administered as a separate entity and is not part of the General fund. Deabenderfer suggested the board needs to provide education on the levy fund structure.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated there is nothing new to report.
- **U of I** – U of I representative Amanda Cole reported everyone should have an annual report, and they are losing some employees in the Extension Office due to retirement and people going to the public sector.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated they will have a meeting next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Robert Mulch appointment to replace Tim Hopper Update/Approval:** Motion by Furness and second by Hughes to appoint Dr. Robert Mulch to the vacancy in County Board District #6, All in favor, motion carried. Mulch was not in attendance at the meeting, and Young said he will be given the Official Oath of office at a later date. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 244-245).
2. **Rules of Order Update/Approval:** Chairman Young reported the committee had one meeting and revisions will be sent to the State’s Attorney for review. The committee will meet again to discuss them.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

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

1. **FY 2018 Tandem Dump Truck Bid Results Approval:** Miles reported Decatur Mack bid on all four specs for a 2018 Tandem dump truck; and the committee is recommending bid #4 with alternate #1, which is for a stainless steel bed. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to accept and recommend bid #4 with alternate #1 with the stainless steel bed in the amount of \$153,119 from Decatur Mack.** Furness asked if other companies bid on this equipment and Greenwood stated no others bid on the truck, but two different

companies bid on the bed. Johnson asked if we have to take the truck to Decatur for maintenance. Miles replied we will not because we have our own maintenance person at the highway department to work on trucks. Miles also reported they will be selling one of the older tandem trucks in 2018. **Roll Call Vote:** Voting Yes - Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. **19 members – Yes, 0 members-No, 2 members absent (Bergen and Mulch). Motion Carried.**

2. **NuStar Pipeline Update:** Miles reported Engineer Greenwood has been working with the representatives from NuStar on the permits and bonds for an eight inch ammonia line that affects four county roads including the North Road.
3. **Highway Department Building Maintenance Update:** Miles stated the committee discussed highway department buildings and will work with the Building and Grounds Committee to get an idea of estimated cost for repairs.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

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

1. **708 Board Vouchers Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the S.A.A.D. group is requesting \$18,050.00, which needs to be approved by the full board as a separate expense. Robinson gave an overview of the services offered by S.A.A.D. **Motion by Beeler, second by Sneed to pay the voucher to the S.A.A.D. group. Roll Call Vote:** Voting Yes - Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Absent were Bergen and Mulch. **17 members - Yes, 0 members – No, 2 absent (Bergen and Mulch), 2 not in attendance during vote (Martin and Miles). Motion Carried.**
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update/Approval:** Beeler stated progress is being made with this project and assessment. Consultant Stuard will be here next month with more information about this issue.
3. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Beeler stated a copy of the report is in everyone's packet for review. She noted there were 136 certificates of errors and 27 complaints.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated the report was in the county board members' packets and asked if members had questions, and none had any.
5. **FY 2018 Budget Update/Approval:** Beeler stated there was a good discussion about the FY 2018 Budget and she asked board members to review their copy for the next 30 days. She said there were some adjustments in the Sheriff and 911 budgets. The animal control pet population control revenues and expenses will need to be put in a separate fund according to a new state statute taking effect on January 1st, 2018. Beeler noted that coal money will need to be transferred to cover the \$117,000 deficit in the general fund.
6. **Adopt the Aggregate Levy Update/Approval:** Beeler asked Mike Plunkett to explain the aggregate levy or the sum of all the taxing districts. Plunkett stated the county general fund portion adds up along with other funds to total to the aggregate levy, and if we cut the aggregate levy all the taxing districts would get a cut in funding. He said there are a number of line items like the U of I Extension, Senior Citizens, Veterans Assistance Commission and all five ambulance districts that make up the aggregate tax levy along with the general fund. Plunkett explained in 1992 the voters reduced the percentage of the county general fund maximum allowable tax levy rate. He said the county has no control on the property assessed value; however, we do have control over the amount of money we ask for. He said we usually ask for about 5% more than what the amount

extended in property taxes for the prior year.

Plunkett stated we are not growing our tax base by 5% per year, so our taxes are not going down; and he noted in northern Illinois the tax base goes up considerably each year, and that is why they don't mind increasing tax levies. He said it all depends on the estimated assessed value of property, and we have to ask for the dollars and not the rate.

Beeler stated that we have several districts not asking for their maximum allowable levy, such as the U of I Extension and several ambulance districts.

Beeler stated that we will do a 30 day review for this aggregate levy and will adopt this when we adopt the budget next month since we are recessing this meeting until the November meeting.

7. **Health Department Maximum Levy Rate Update/Approval:** Beeler reported in May, 2016, the board voted to combine the TB Office with the Health Department while passing a resolution that allowed the Health Department to add .05% to their levy. However, there was not a roll call vote and the resolution needs clarified so a housekeeping roll call vote needed to take place. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution Increasing the Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Rate for the Montgomery County Health Department in Montgomery County, IL. Roll call vote: 19 members -Yes, 0 members -No, 2 members absent.** Members voting yes were Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Members absent: Bergen and Mulch. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 246).**

8. **Village of Ohlman Old School Building Demolition Update/Approval:** Beeler stated there have been a lot of discussions in the HWE and Finance Committees over the past few years regarding this derelict property that has been a major safety concern. She reported that Village President Jackie Rakers and village trustees have been working to secure bids for the demolition and cleanup of the property. She said the Village of Ohlman recently received a low bid of \$20,865 to demo the old school building. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve an amount not to exceed \$20,865 from fund 375 toward that demolition.** Hughes asked how much money the Village of Ohlman has put into this cleanup project, and President Rakers replied they paid for all the legal fees and the bid publications. Beeler stated that funds for any of the vehicles and materials that can be salvaged by the village will be reimbursed to the county to offset these demolition costs.

Former County Board member Joe Gasparich was in the audience and stated that the county started this project five years ago. He said the Village of Ohlman has done all the leg work to get this structure down, but they do not have any money to pay for the demolition. Gasparich added that years ago an approval was given by the past County Board Chairman to help Ohlman tear down this property due to the safety concerns.

Gasparich also stated that the HWE committee was handling this issue with a couple of different State's Attorneys, so things got a little off track.

Beeler stated that the Finance Committee has to approve all expenses of coal money, so this request will need county board approval. Deabenderfer stated that we have no choice but to honor this request because promises were made. He said that in the future members should not make promises. Plunkett responded the Finance Committee agreed that a better process needs to be in place to handle these issues.

Roll call vote: 19 Members-Yes, 0 Members -No, 2 members absent. Members voting yes were Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. Members absent: Bergen and Mulch. **All in favor, motion carried.**

1. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID #09-05-231-015 to the Village of Ohlman In Audubon Township Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID #09-05-231-015 to the Village of Ohlman in Audubon Township for \$365. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 16, page 247).
2. **Resolution to Re-Convey Parcel ID# 20-24-476-004 in Grisham Township to Hiram L. Renfro Update/Approval,** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Re-Convey Parcel ID #20-24-476-004 in Grisham Township to Hiram L. Renfro. Voice Vote- Deabenderfer voted no, all others aye, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 248).
3. **Resolution to Re-Convey Parcel ID# 20-24-487-010 in Grisham Township to Hiram Renfro Update/Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Re-convey Parcel ID #20-24-487-010 in Grisham Township to Hiram Renfro. Voice Vote- Deabenderfer voted no, all others aye, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 249).
4. **Resolution to Re-Convey Parcel ID# 20-24-486-005 in Donnellson to Hiram Renfro Update/Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to Re-convey Parcel ID #20-24-486-005 in Grisham Township to Hiram Renfro. Voice Vote- Deabenderfer voted no, all others aye, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 250).
5. **Resolution to Re-Convey Parcel ID# 21-19-306-008 in Donnellson to Hiram & Rose Renfro Update/Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Re-convey Parcel ID #21-19-306-008 in Donnellson to Hiram and Rose Renfro. Voice Vote- Deabenderfer voted no, all others aye, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 16, page 251).
6. **Roll Call Vote for Veterans Assistance Commission Lodging Vouchers Update/Approval:** Beeler informed members of vouchers submitted by the VAC this month that have lodging costs that exceed the county ordinance allowed limits. She stated any time a travel, lodging or meal voucher exceeds the amount stated on the ordinance, it has to be approved by a roll call vote. **Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Lodging Voucher for the Veterans Assistance Commission.** **Roll call vote:** Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 19 members- Yes, 0 members- No, 2 members absent. **All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

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

1. **Elections Update/Approval:** Beck deferred to Clerk Leitheiser, who stated election preparation is going very well. Leitheiser thanked Raymond and Nokomis City Clerks for their help in registering students. She said Illinois law now allows 17 year old

students to vote in the March 20th, 2018, General Primary Election if they will turn 18 years old on or before the November 6th, 2018, General Election.

2. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported the Electronics Recycling drive produced 18,700 pounds worth of material, which was about 2,400 pounds more than the last drive. Beck also reported the baler is running again, and she thanked Young and Furness for their help in removing the cylinders and getting them repaired. Jones reported he has received a few promising phone calls regarding the recycling grant, so he remains hopeful for grant funding.
3. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update/Approval:** Beck reported a rabies/microchip clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st, 2017, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the facility. She said there are currently 14 dogs and 8 cats there. Beck also thanked Graden and Animal control officer Daniels for their participation on a WSMI radio talk show regarding the rabies clinic and other animal control services.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

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

1. **Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Update/Approval:** Sneed reported Smart Watt Incorporated has been in contact with him and they will walk through county buildings together on Wednesday, October 18th, to assess energy costs. Sneed said he is hopeful this effort results in more savings on our county energy usage.
2. **LED Lighting Replacement Program Update/Approval:** Sneed stated there is nothing to report at this time.
3. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported cleaning services at the Courthouse Complex have improved. Maintenance Department representative Brown reported the maintenance garage across from the jail was recently painted and a small water heater in the ROE office will need replaced. He also stated Neuhaus had to replace a part on a unit at the jail, and the fire escape on the Historic Courthouse needs signage warning the public not to use it. Sneed stated the Courthouse complex units are being programmed by Johnson Controls to run at higher or lower temperatures only needed during working hours to decrease county costs.
4. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update/Approval:** Sneed reported he hasn't spoken with contractor Tim Lipe about this project and will touch base with him on his schedule this work.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Sneed reported they are evaluating maintenance staff duties for county health and highway department buildings.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage reported the draft of the solar ordinance is pending States Attorney's approval.
2. **MCEDC Update:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Savage reported the RLF payments are on time and are being tracked.

- **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Savage reported a CEO Breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, October 27th, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge.
 - **Broadband/Fiber Project Update/Approval:** Savage deferred to MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko, who reported CTI has had a little delay in starting the fiber project, and they are running about a month behind schedule at this time.
3. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:**
- **Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval:** Savage deferred to Belusko who reported the branding committee wanted a logo showing the entire county and it got so big it can't be utilized. Now they want to make it simpler with a tag line. Belusko stated the *Enjoy Illinois* website is being updated with sites from Montgomery County, and they want unique pictures of our county.
4. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Savage stated cleanup worktime was extended due to more debris being found than was initially thought, such as deeper concrete footings.
5. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Savage deferred to Coordinator Chris Daniels, who reported she attended the fall Enterprise Zone conference and will have more updates to report at next month's meeting. Chairman Young stated the next Mayor's meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in February, 2018.
6. **Other Business Update:** none.

E.M.A REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Chuck Graden as follows:

1. **LEPC TTX on 10/21/17 Update:** Graden reported Captain Gregg Nimmo has scheduled a Tornado Table Top exercise at the Grand Magnuson Hotel on Saturday, October 21st, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. **County Building In-service Training (Disgruntled Person/Active Shooter) Update:** Graden reported the training went well at the Courthouse Complex. Similar trainings will be scheduled at the Health Department, Highway Department, Recycling Center and Animal Control facility.
5. **EOC Grant Award Update/Approval:** Graden reported the EMA Department was awarded an EOC grant of \$16,223 for communication, computer and electronic equipment recently.
7. **Energy Transfer donation \$20,000 for First Responders Update/Approval:** Graden stated the EMA Office was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Energy Transfer for First Responders, and they are looking into possibly purchasing a drone using those funds.
6. **Safety Grant Equipment Update/Approval:** Graden reported Coordinator Daniels worked with Nimmo to purchase some safety supplies for the rescue team employees and volunteers; hard hats, safety glasses and vests were purchased.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

Ambulance Contracts for the Five Districts Update/Approval: Graden stated the EMA Office will be checking with the Illinois State Archives Office to see how far back they can purge or transfer old ambulance records. Graden also said the Ambulance Contract language will be revised before next year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Air Med Care Network Mark Burris Update/Approval:** Martin stated that the committee reviewed and discussed the brochure from Air Med Care Network, which is an option for employees to subscribe to for patient air transport service. The committee doesn't want to do the payroll deductions for employees.
2. **Employee Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Martin deferred to CIBC representative Tony Johnston, who reported that the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal will be a 13.2% increase, which would be an \$88,000 increase to the County and employee cost increase of \$37,000 per year. Johnston stated that he checked with Aetna and Health Link Insurance companies and they would not bid on our group. He said he received a few options for an HRA from Health Alliance for a PPO/POS with a \$7,150 deductible/max out of pocket, with the County funding starting at \$1,500, which would lower the county fixed costs by over \$150,000. Johnston stated that he calculated the HRA liability at 25% utilization for an amount of \$96,050 with the county projected cost savings at \$50,000 and the employee cost savings at about \$20,000. He said the employee max out of pocket would be a 50%/50% split after the \$1500 deductible up to \$7,150 for a single plan and \$14,300 for a family plan. Johnston stated the BCBS plan had a cost share of an 80%/20% split after the \$1,500 deductible for a single plan and \$4,500 for a family plan. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to approve the Health Alliance PPO/POS Plan Option with an HRA \$7,150 max out of pocket for a single and \$14,300 for family. The split between the \$1,500 for single and \$4,500 for family will be 50%/50% to the max out of pocket of \$7,150 for single and \$14,300 for family.** Martin deferred to Johnston, who addressed the board with the proposal from Health Alliance with 2 plan options, a PPO and a POS. (See Resolution Book 16, pages 252-253). Johnston said employees will have a choice between a PPO which is a regional network of medical providers and a POS which has a smaller regional network of providers. Johnston said there were three objectives for the proposal: 1) Save the county money, 2) Make the insurance as good as or better than BCBS, and 3) Make the insurance cheaper for employees. Johnston said he feels this plan accomplishes these goals.

Plunkett asked about the HRA component at 25% utilization and asked for monthly reports so that we can track the utilization. Johnston replied affirmatively that reports can be provided.

Bishop stated that Health Alliance doesn't pay claims as well as BCBS and asked about the use of local pharmacies. Bishop said Health Alliance has a bad history of requiring mail order prescriptions. Johnston said the pharmacy network will not be restricted with this Health Alliance plan.

Clark asked about the employee coverage and Johnston stated that there is the same co-pay. Clark asked about the time it will take for the employee reimbursement and who would pay the hospital during the HRA usage. Johnston stated that they will provide checks weekly and hospitals usually bill monthly so the checks will be timely received.

Jones asked about an employee wellness program and if it is available to the employees. Johnston stated there is a helpline that employees can call and talk to them regarding mental health etc., and employees will get a free health, mammogram and colonoscopy screenings if they qualify.

Sneed asked what this plan's costs will look like in 2019. Johnston stated that medical expenses typically go up 8% to 12% each year, but if the county employee group stays healthy, we could anticipate a 5% increase. Beeler asked for input from Health Department director Hugh Satterlee about the possibility of savings. Satterlee said he hates to see anything without fixed costs, and the county's fully self-insured health insurance plan caused his department to lose about \$400,000 of their bank account. He said he hopes this one won't be like that. Satterlee said he doesn't see a problem with the services and fees the employees are getting with this plan; he just doesn't want to see a large risk for the county. **Roll call vote: 19 members- Yes, 0 members- No, 2 members absent.** Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel and Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update/Approval:**

- **Local 1048 – Highway Department** – Martin reported the committee met with members of Local 1048 from the Highway Department and exchanged proposals. A tentative agreement was met on a few issues; however, insurance and wages were not agreed upon, so the next step will be to set up a mediation meeting.
- **Local 773 – Jailers & Dispatchers** – Representatives Troutt and Simpson have been contacted to set up meeting dates to start negotiations.
- **Local 773 – Recycling Center: Wage Opener** – Representative Troutt has been contacted to set up a meeting date.
- **FOP** – Martin stated that the committee reviewed a letter from Mark Russillo regarding a request to bargain over the decision and impact of the enactment of 50 ILCS 727/1025 regarding drug and alcohol testing after certain officer involved shootings. He said the Sheriff and Under Sheriff will check the current contract language and advise the committee.

4. **Amended County Travel Ordinance and Guidelines Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the policy for the meal allowance and decided to change it to \$28 per day. **Motion by Martin and second by Beeler to approve the amended County Travel Ordinance and Guidelines to allow up to \$28 per day for meals. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 254-255).**

5. **Flu Shots for Employees and Board Members at the October Board Meeting Update/Approval:** Martin stated the Health Department will conduct flu shots for county employees at the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, October 10th, and at the New Courthouse on Wednesday October 11th, 2017.

6. **2018 Holiday Schedule review and approval at September Committee Meeting Update/Approval:** Martin stated the committee reviewed the 2018 Holiday Schedule and approved recommending it to the full board. **Motion by Jones and second by Graden to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule to the full board. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 258).**

7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Committee Assignments Update: Chairman Young stated due to the new board membership, he is revising many County Board committee and liaison assignments and read the listing of new committee and liaison members. **(See Resolution Book 16, pages 259-260).**

SCHEDULE CHANGES: none.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Robinson and second by Jones to appoint Dan Hough to the 708 Board effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bishop and second by Furness to appoint Todd Bergman to the Three County Water District effective immediately to complete Teresa Thiessen's term which expires 5/5/22. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder stated our sales tax is higher in our county than Edwardsville, and said property taxes are high here also. He asked if the county still gets real estate taxes if a business is closing and the building structure is still there. Beeler replied if the building structure is still there, the assessment of the building will continue so the real estate taxes will also continue.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore:** Motion by Wendel and second by Plunkett to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Books & Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 17, Against – 0, Absent –2 Abstain – 2 (Moore and Beck), Motion carried.
2. **Approval of all other Bills:** Motion by Miles and second by Hughes to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

RECESS: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to RECESS the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:46 am. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

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

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandy Johnson, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Robert Mulch, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Jeremy Jones and Bob Sneed

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mark Hughes.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel and Young. Two absent, Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Hughes and second by Robinson to approve the Minutes of the previous County Board Meeting held Tuesday, October 10th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report ----** Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
- 2. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk’s Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser stated her office will soon offer a new service called Property Fraud Alert which will allow customers to sign up to be notified by email or phone when a land record is recorded in their name.
- 5. Health & TB Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 6. Highway Department Report ---** Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
- 7. Probation Office Report ----** Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
- 8. Public Defender’s Report ----** Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
- 9. Recycling Report ----** Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
- 10. ROE - Monthly and Quarterly Reports –** Julie Wollerman – reports were submitted.
- 11. Sheriff’s Report ----** Jim Vazzi - report not submitted. Under Sheriff Robbins was present and reported there are 20 detainees in jail at this time and eight of them are females.
- 12. SOA Report ----** Ray Durston was present for questions.
- 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 Martin and second by Miles to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated the current officers were re-elected for the new fiscal year and there will not be a meeting in December. She said they approved the dates to meet quarterly next year and the applications will be reviewed in January 2018 with the deadline set for March 31st, 2017. Robinson reported there will most likely be three new applicants for 708 funds and also stated the January meeting will be held at the Health Department. She reported the S.A.A.D. group from Nokomis will have an open house on Dec. 9th, 2017.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported a Meals on Wheels fundraiser will be held this Saturday at the Litchfield Community Center. She said C.E.F.S. offers many various programs and she will be highlighting a program each month. This month, Robinson shared information regarding the services of the Litchfield Head Start program.
- **911 Board** – Bergen reported the last meeting was cancelled, and they will re-schedule it after the county budget is passed.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated there is nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett and Bergen reported there is an annual meeting scheduled for November 30th, 2017.
- **MCEDC** – Mulch reported there will be a county wide community foundation formed soon so our organizations can fundraise for Economic Development purposes.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated there is nothing to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported the annual Senior Citizens Christmas party is scheduled for December 9th, 2017, at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church. He stated the new parking lot at the Senior Citizens Center in Taylor Springs provides the CEFS vans better parking.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated a seminar was held on Saturday, October 28th, 2017, in Springfield; and discussions were held on recent Supreme Court decisions.
- **U of I** – Martin stated there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated the West Central Development Council website is having issues that are being addressed at this time. He said that WCDC is currently working on CDAP grants for Taylor Springs and Schram City. Wendel also reported the policy board met on November 8th to resolve a personnel issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Young as follows:

1. **Committee Meeting Dates and Times for 2018 Approval:** Young stated the committees reviewed their meeting dates and times which are now ready for approval. **Motion by Furness and second by Johnson to approve the full board and committee meeting dates and times for 2018. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 261).**
2. **County Board Rules of Order Update:** Young reported he will set up another meeting to further review the County Board Rules of Order.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Young stated there is no other business at this time.

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

1. **IDOT Reduction in FY 2018 Program Update:** Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood shared a memo with the committee regarding the IDOT Reduction in the FY 2018 Statewide Funding Program. Miles reported our funding was cut in half, and this cut will also affect the township funding since IDOT has decided to take \$50 million of the \$303 million allotted for local agencies. He said seven programs will be cut, and the impact to Montgomery County will be a \$71,282 cut this next fiscal year and 14 townships will lose \$86,325 from their township funds. Greenwood stated this is about a 27% cut to materials for our in-house chip seal program which will affect about 8 miles of county roadways that will not be improved next year due to this cut by the state.
2. **Resolution #2018-01, 2018 MFT Resolution Approval:** Miles presented the Resolution for approval. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve Resolution #2018-01, 2018 MFT Resolution in the amount of \$982,000. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 262).**
3. **BLR 09220 – Agreement for County Engineer’s Salary Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed and approved the recommendation for the County Engineer’s Salary Agreement with IDOT. Miles stated that if the State of Illinois eliminates this reimbursement program, the Engineer’s salary will revert back. Beeler reported this salary funding comes from motor fuel funds, not the general fund, which is helpful. **Motion by Miles and second by Bergen to approve signing the County Engineer’s Salary Agreement with IDOT. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 263).**
4. **Resolution #2018-02, BLR 09221 – Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer’s Salary Approval:** Miles reported the committee discussed IDOT’s recommendation of the Engineer’s Salary for Montgomery County in the amount of \$105,700. Greenwood’s current salary is \$85,500, and the committee discussed setting it at \$100,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve Resolution #2018-02, BLR 09221 appropriating funds for the payment of the County Highway Engineer’s Salary in the amount of \$100,500. ROLL CALL**

VOTE: 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 264-266).**

5. **Estimate of Cost to Repair Black Diamond Trail Update:** Miles reported the committee reviewed cost estimates to repair 6.7 miles of the Black Diamond Trail from Illinois Route 48 to Morrisonville Avenue in the amount of \$239,643. Miles stated the committee discussed and recommended allocating some coal funds for this project.
6. **CH 7 (Nokomis Road Extension) Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Approval:** Miles reported this preliminary agreement is with Hurst-Rosche, Inc of Hillsboro in the amount of \$97,773.11 for engineering work to be completed on County Highway #7 (the Nokomis Road Extension). He stated Hurst-Rosche has already done some preliminary work on this project and said after the project is complete, the City of Nokomis will maintain that section of the road. **Motion by Miles and second by Beeler to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Hurst-Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$97,773.11 for engineering services on County Highway #7, (Nokomis Road extension).** **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent: Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, See Resolution Book 16, pages 267-274).**
7. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Miles stated there is no other business at this time.

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

1. **Health Department 2016 Maximum Levy Rate Update:** Beeler reported there is a question about the maximum levy rate for the Health Department's 2016 tax levy extension. She stated that the State's Attorney's Office is looking into this matter and will advise the committee about how to proceed.
2. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler stated the next negotiation meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8th, 2017. She also informed members Dynegy has recently merged with Vistra Energy and the Dynegy attorney told our appraiser this merger should not affect the current negotiations regarding the power plant assessment.
3. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler reported GIS Technician Cassidy Weller has resigned recently, and SOA Durston will be advertising for her replacement. Durston will be covering the mapping needs during this transition.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler referred members to the report, and stated there will be another property tax distribution from the Treasurer's office this week, which will transfer \$25,000 in funds back to the General Fund. Deabenderfer asked who approves the spending in the Coal fund (375), and Beeler replied all requests for coal funds must come to the Finance Committee for approval.
5. **Village of Ohlman Old School Building Demolition Update:** Beeler reported the building has been demolished and the invoice has been vouchered.
6. **CEFS Senior Trips Update:** Beeler reported the committee will address the request from CEFS transportation director Susan Love for additional funding recently requested

for Senior Trips from 2016 and 2017. Beeler will call Love and explain this funding was removed from the budget a few years ago.

7. **708 Board Quarterly Payments Approval:** Beeler reported the following funds will come from the 708 Board 2016 tax levy:
- Montgomery County Health Department - \$62,875.00
 - Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 - \$16,029.00
 - FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. - \$53,500.00

Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the quarterly payment to the Montgomery County Health Department in the amount of \$62,875.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the quarterly payment to the Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 in the amount of \$16,029.00. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the quarterly payment to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500.00. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 17 Yes, 1 No, 1 abstention and 2 Absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Graden voted No. Plunkett abstained. Jones and Sneed are absent. **Motion carried.**

8. **Travel Vouchers for the Sheriff's Department Update:** Beeler reported a memo will go out to all the offices regarding the need to attach conference, meal and lodging documentation to travel vouchers.
9. **FY 2018 Budget Changes and Recommendations Approval:** Beeler went through the Revenue and Expense reports page by page and referred to each of the highlighted changes that have taken place in the County Budget since last month's County Board meeting. She stated the General Fund Revenue is \$5,832,483 and expenses are \$5,713,109 for a difference of \$119,374 in the black. Beeler stated \$100,000 of that balance includes a transfer of coal funds, and if we don't need to transfer coal funds, we will be \$19,374 in the black. **(For copy of revised budget, see Resolution Book 16, pages 275-308).**
10. **Adopt the Aggregate Levy Approval:** **Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to recommend the adoption of the Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$6,487,888 at 4.9999% for FY 2018. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 17 Yes, 2 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two voting No were Bishop and Clark. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 309).**
11. **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Approval:** Clark stated he has been noticing how other counties have fewer board members, and he thinks we should cut the amount of county board members down to two members per district instead of the current three members per district. Beeler replied she and Plunkett researched that option, and the results were no savings because fewer members would do the same amount of work and attend more meetings. She also stated that many rural districts could lose representation because district lines are drawn based on population. Clark stated he thinks this will save some money in the long run. Beeler stated County Board re-districting can only be done after the 2020 census. **Motion by Beeler, second by Moore to Approve the Fiscal Year**

2018 Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – 19, Nays – 0 and absent 2. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried.**

12. FY 2018 Budget Appropriation, Levies and Resolutions Approval: The following Resolutions were read by State’s Attorney Bryant Hitchings and approved:

Resolution #17-08: Motion by Beeler and second by Hughes to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$ 21,050,285.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-09: Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to approve the Resolution to pass the General Corporate Fund levy for the current taxable year in the amount of \$898,949.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-10: Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to pass the County Health Department levy in the amount of \$516,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-11: Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to approve the Resolution to pass the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund levy in the amount of \$1,291,789.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-12: Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the Resolution to pass the Social Security Fund levy in the amount of \$803,775.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-13: Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to pass the levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums in the amount of \$535,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-14: Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to pass Community Mental Health Board Tax levy in the amount of \$644,500.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-15: Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Fund levy in the amount of \$430,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution: #17-16: Motion by Beeler and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to pass the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund levy in the amount of \$215,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-17: Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to pass the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund levy in the amount of \$215,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-18: Motion by Beeler and second by Bergen 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 #17-19: 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 \$93,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-20: 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 \$230,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-21: Motion by Beeler and second by Hughes 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 #17-22: Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area in the amount of \$72,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-23: Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the County Extension Service in the amount of \$154,925.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-24: Motion by Beeler and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Senior Citizen Social Services in the amount of \$111,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-25: Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance in the amount of \$41,950.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-26: Motion by Beeler and second by Mulch to approve the Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments in the amount of \$62,519.00, Probation Officer in the amount of \$65,887.00, and the Assistant Probation Officers in the amount of \$188,920.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #17-27: Motion by Beeler and second by Furness 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 Levy Resolutions, see Resolution Book 16, pages 310-330).

1. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beeler stated the committee will discuss IMRF pension obligations next month.

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

8. **Property Casualty Insurance Renewal Presentation Approval:** Beck deferred to Illinois County Risk Management Trust Insurance Representative Tom Franzen, who shared the property casualty and workers compensation renewal costs for FY 2018. Franzen stated the workers compensation premium will decrease from \$65,036 to \$63,288 and reported the IMPG safety grant for 2018 will be \$6,474 and property casualty premiums decreased from \$244,672 to \$240,871 for 2018. Plunkett asked if the ICRMT fund balances are in good shape and Franzen stated they are stable and costs are trending down. Franzen stated he had inquiries about the possibility of earthquakes in our area and said he can provide more earthquake insurance coverage if requested. Beeler asked why the building coverage cost is less, and Franzen said all county buildings are appraised at a total of \$23,576,493 which is evaluated every five years by ICRMT. He said the next building appraisal will be completed in three years. Furness asked about flood insurance and Franzen stated we have up to \$5 million in flood coverage that can't be removed because of our location in flood plains. Franzen said personal property coverage is based on replacement cost except for construction and inland marine equipment. Young asked if leased and rented equipment is covered and Franzen replied affirmatively, and he said their company must be informed if we are leasing anything. Bishop asked about cyber liability needs, and Franzen reported cyber security exposure should be examined. He informed members of IPMG support and pre-loss training

services. **Motion by Beck and second by Beeler to approve the ICRMT Property Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance for a total premium of \$304,159 for FY 2018. ROLL CALL VOTE:** 19 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent. Voting Yes: Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Wendel, Young. Two members absent- Jones and Sneed. **Motion carried. (For copy of ICRMT Renewal Overview, see Resolution Book 16, pages 331-334).**

1. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser stated election preparation is going well and candidate petitions for county offices will be filed between November 27th and December 4th, 2017, at the County Clerk's office.
2. **Ohlman – Old School Property Update:** Graden stated that Ohlman Old school has been demolished and thanked everyone involved for helping resolve this issue.
3. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beck reported there is no other business.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Chuck Graden as follows:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Graden reported the committee approved the purchase of a 2.5 gallon hot water for the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, and the walls of the jail have been painted. Graden stated the cleaning services at the Courthouse Complex have improved.
2. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Graden stated the jail roof is not currently leaking and the committee selected roof shingles with a 30 year warranty that are similar in color to those there already.
3. **Other Business Update:** Graden said there is no other business at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

1. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Savage stated the committee reviewed and discussed a summary of the maintenance that has been performed on the Green Diamond Bike Trail and will discuss this further with representatives of the Village of Waggoner. Beeler asked funds from the tourism revenue can be used on this need because it brings people here from other areas. Savage stated he asked Engineer Greenwood to take a look at the trail and bridges to see if work needs to be done. **(For copy of Bike Trail Maintenance History, see Resolution Book 16, page 335).**
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage stated the State's Attorney has reviewed the ordinance and it is ready to present to the full board for a 30 day review. Savage said the committee discussed the need to have an office administer the application process, and Savage will speak with Supervisor of Assessments Durston about this task.
3. **Planning Commission Update:** Savage said there is no update at this time.
4. **MCEDC Update:**
 - **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** Savage said the client is current with payments and communication has taken place with the bank regarding the pending sale of the business and the county will be paid off when the sale closes in December.
 - **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Savage stated the CEO Program is moving along well.

- Broadband/Fiber Project Update/Approval: Savage stated CTI is looking for an office in Hillsboro, and the first 300,000 feet of casing will be ordered.
- 5. IllinoisSouth Tourism Update: Savage deferred to MCEDC representative Valerie Belusko, who stated she doesn't have an update at this time.
- 6. Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update: Savage stated crews continue working on the clean up efforts at the Eagle Zinc Site.
- 7. Enterprise Zone Update: Savage deferred to Coordinator Chris Daniels, who gave an update on the Fall Enterprise Zone Conference and stated she will contact Consultant Craig Coil to start the new application in February, 2018.
- 8. West Central Development Update: Savage stated there was a special meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, in Carlinville to discuss a personnel issue, which has been addressed and management adjustments will be made.
- 9. Other Business Update: Savage reported Belusko will work on a support letter for the Dynegy Power plant legislation.

E.M.A Report: - Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen as follows:

1. LEPC TTX 10/21/17: Bergen reported there were 93 participants who attended the LEPC training at the Magnuson Hotel at the Carlinville exit on October 21st, 2017. Graden stated he attended the meeting and reported it was very good.
2. IPWMAN – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network: Bergen stated this is a great program for local governments that offers disaster assistance of five days of road equipment and crews to help clean up debris for an annual fee of \$100 per year. He said EMA Director Nimmo is encouraging participation, and Donnellson, Hillsboro, Litchfield, Panama and Montgomery County are enrolled to date.
3. EOC Grant: Bergen reported EMA recently received a grant to upgrade some technology in the EMA Office.
4. Dakota Access Pipeline Energy Transfer Grant: Bergen reported we received a \$20,000 grant awarded by Dakota Access to the county recently, and first responders are planning to purchase a drone with the funds.
5. EOC Committee: Bergen reported supplies for Emergency Buckets were purchased, and buckets have been provided for each county office.
6. Other Business Update/Approval: Bergen reported there is no other business.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. Ambulance Billing Office Update: Bergen stated ambulance billing staff started the process of inventorying all the old ambulance billing records and are working with the State Archives for proper disposal procedures. He reported that letters were recently sent out to all the EMS districts to see if they want to keep their old files or have the county dispose of them.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. Employee Health, Vision, Dental, Life Insurance Approval: Martin reported the committee reviewed the proposed dental, vision and life insurance as presented by Tony Johnston of CIBC. He stated that the renewal with the present carrier (Guardian) is going to increase by 19%, so Johnston found a similar plan with lower premiums from Lincoln Financial Group. This new plan costs 10% less than the current premiums employees are paying. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to approve the**

proposal from CIBC for the employee dental, vision and life insurance with Lincoln Financial Group. All in favor, motion carried. Martin reported Treasurer payroll employee Liz Holcomb informed him there are 23 employees who participate in the current Flex spending plan from TASC that offers pre-tax payroll deductions for medical and dependent care expenses. He stated the proposal from CIBC is for a new company called BPC to be the third party administrator at a cost of \$3.90 per month per employee, which would be a savings of \$1.74 per month per employee. **Motion by Martin and second by Beeler to approve the change from TASC to BPC as the third party administrator for the flex spending account. All in favor, motion carried.** Martin also reported that the committee reviewed a proposal from BPC to serve as the COBRA program administrator at \$.85 per eligible employee per month. We currently have one employee on the COBRA program. **Motion by Martin and second by Johnson to recommend BPC as the COBRA program administrator at \$.85 per participant per month. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:

- a. Local 1048 – Martin reported the Highway Department Mediation was held last night. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th, at 6:00 pm in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse.
- b. Local 773 – Jailers & Dispatchers – Waiting for dates to re-schedule.
- c. Local 773 – Recycling Center: Wage Opener – Martin reported business agent Bill Troutt has emailed a proposed wage increase, and the committee agreed to send a counter offer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Young expressed his sympathy to member Glenn Bishop for the recent passing of his father, Walter “Chick” Bishop.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder voiced his concern regarding the lack of communication between the County Board and the Deer Run Coal Mine officials and stated he feels the coal mine doesn’t care about the environmental impact of the combustion fire under ground. He thinks they are more concerned instead with their equipment that is still under ground and their insurance coverage. Schroeder would like to know what is going on with the fires, and Chairman Young pledged to provide an update in this matter.

PAY BILLS:

1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore: Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Books & Moore. Voice Vote: 18 members in favor, Moore abstained, 2 members absent (Jones and Sneed). Motion carried.

2. Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to ADJOURN the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board Minutes
For Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

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

Members Present: Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Robert Mulch, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Megan Beeler

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Robinson.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem. Roll Call Vote: 20 Yes and 1 absent. Voting Yes were: Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Mulch, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. Absent was Megan Beeler, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Hughes and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Minutes of the previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November, 14th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
2. **Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons --- report was submitted.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
6. **Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood --- report was submitted.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
8. **Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
9. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
10. **ROE - Monthly Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
11. **Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi - report was submitted.
12. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions.
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 Miles and second by Johnson to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated there was no meeting.
- **CEFS Board** – Robinson reported she did not attend the meeting and shared information regarding the Literacy Program.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported there was no meeting.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated there was nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett and Bergen reported they did not attend the meeting held on November 30th, 2017.
- **MCEDC** – Mulch reported the MCEDC board voted to form a Montgomery County Economic Development Foundation which will involve prominent community members including bankers, lawyers and funeral directors.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated there is no meeting scheduled for December.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported 132 people attended the annual Christmas dinner last Saturday at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated there is nothing new to report.
- **U of I** – Beck reported there is nothing new to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated the holiday dinner was held on November 16th, 2018 and included a short meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Young reported a response for citizen Bill Schroeder regarding his concerns about the coal mine fires. Young stated the hot spots have been sealed off and they do not expect any subsidence in those areas. He said he is still researching this issue and will report more information as it becomes available.
2. **Rules of Order Update:** Chairman Young reported the Rules of Order Committee met and made a few changes to the Rules of Order. Young stated the revised Rules of Order will now be available for a 30 day review, and members will be asked to vote on them next month.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Gene Miles:

1. **Walshville Bridge Update:** Miles reported a citizen addressed the committee and reported there is a post in disrepair on the northwest side of the Walshville Bridge just outside of Hillsboro. Miles said that engineer Cody Greenwood sent staff there to make the necessary repairs.
2. **Minor Subdivision Update:** Miles reported the committee discussed a concern from a Nokomis councilman regarding the Englewood minor subdivision in Nokomis. He said the councilman was concerned the property owners didn't get a county structural permit. Miles stated he will talk with the councilman regarding the situation.
3. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported we are still waiting on the offer from Dakota Access Pipeline for the damages on County roads and the townships are waiting on their checks.
4. **County Right of Way in North Litchfield Township Update:** Miles stated Engineer Greenwood is checking on an inquiry from a landowner in North Litchfield Township

who is interested in purchasing a county right of way parcel located by the state bridge on Old Route 66.

5. **Highway Department Lettings for 2018 Update:** Miles stated the MFT rock lettings will be held in January, which will be one day before the Road & Bridge committee meeting. He said the tabulations will be ready for committee review and approval.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Finance Committee Vice Chairman Mike Plunkett:

1. **Health Department Maximum Levy Rate Update:** Plunkett reported that Finance Committee Chairperson Beeler checked with the State's Attorney and learned there are issues with language in the May, 2016, resolutions for the Health Department and TB Department which will make it difficult to recoup the \$42,000 not collected last year. Plunkett also stated checks and balances will be put in place in the future to make sure this issue doesn't arise again.
2. **Computer Malware Update:** Plunkett reported the county was attacked by a computer virus on November 14th, 2017, and our old anti-virus software did not protect our system. He stated we have spent \$100,000 so far to remedy this issue because the county hired and paid an attorney specializing in cybersecurity a retainer fee of \$20,000 and paid a retainer fee of \$80,000 to Navigant (a software forensic company) to help fix the problem. Plunkett added we are taking steps to better protect our system and have changed to new anti-virus software. He reported five computer servers were searched by Navigant to see if any important information was breached and so far it doesn't appear any personnel information or data was taken from our system.

Furness stated most of the expense for the cybersecurity issue was taken from last year's budget from the coal contingency and roof funds.

Plunkett stated during the first two weeks we were down, Information Systems Director Curt Watkins worked about 72 hours extra and his assistant Mat Marietta worked an additional 61 hours. He also stated that EMA Coordinator Nimmo also worked about 32 hours extra, so the committee approved a stipend for the additional work they performed since they are salaried employees. He said their hourly rate was multiplied by the additional hours worked and it totaled to under \$5,000 for all three employees' extra compensation.

Mulch asked whether the old anti-virus company will be liable for this issue, and Chairman Young responded that IS Director Watkins will contact them to see if they will cover any of this loss.

Plunkett introduced county liability insurance representative Tom Franzen, who stated county employees and leadership did a great job during the two week time period to get the cybersecurity issue resolved.

Leitheiser thanked the Health Department for the use of their laptop computers to keep the county operational.

Deabenderfer asked if this could happen again, and Plunkett stated we are taking measures to help better protect us and we are educating employees not to open suspicious emails.

Franzen stated this was a simple social bait issue and said there is additional insurance coverage available, but we need the professional law firms and Navigant to help us keep this from happening again.

Bishop asked about the status of employee, court and financial information that may have been compromised; and Young stated Navigant reported they checked to see what was sent in and out of five county servers and so far, their information shows no data was breached. Chairman Young replied our computer firewall will be stricter in the future.

Martin stated this virus was designed to attack the administrator's rights, and we are getting virus hits from places like Russia and China.

Sneed asked if Zobrio would be contacted, and Leitheiser stated her understanding from the IS staff is that Voter Data software and Zobrio financial software were not impacted.

Jones relayed information about the Illinois State Police and their nightly backup systems, and Plunkett replied the county does daily backups also.

3. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Plunkett stated a meeting was held last Friday with Dynegy Officials, and a tentative four year agreement was reached on their property tax assessment. He said the Dynegy attorney will draft the agreement and give it to our State's Attorney for review before it is brought before the full board for approval.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Plunkett reported some money was borrowed from the coal fund to the general fund but was transferred back to the coal fund.
5. **CEFS Senior Trips Update:** Plunkett reported Beeler spoke with Transportation Director Susan Love regarding extra senior trips taken during 2016 and 2017 and told her there is no money in the budget to help pay for these additional expenses. CEFS will start changing a small fee to the seniors for the bus trips to help cover these costs.
6. **Pre-Approved Vendor List Update:** Plunkett reported the committee make some changes and add the new Health Insurance providers to the Pre-approved vendor list next month.
7. **County Cash Basis Audit and Circuit Clerk Audit Guidelines Update:** Plunkett reported the County audit will be on the cash basis of accounting for 2017, and we received a new set of audit guidelines for the Circuit Clerk's Office which were given to Circuit Clerk Lemons.
8. **IMRF Liabilities Update:** Plunkett reported Beeler will schedule a meeting in which the IMRF Representative will inform the board about the IMRF liabilities so we can be prepared for future retirements. Plunkett added it is difficult for them to make the predictions, but we need to know what the liabilities are so we can be prepared.
9. **Public Comments Update:** None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairwoman Connie Beck:

1. **Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser reported the candidate filing period ended last week, and we are waiting for certification from the State Board of Elections to proceed.
2. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported the price of cardboard has dropped to \$115 per ton, and the Litchfield City Council voted to pay the monthly dumpster fee of \$73 per month. Beck added every municipality is now paying for their trash removal at the drop off areas.

3. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported the committee discussed revising the municipality contracts and implementing a fee of \$1.00 per capita for animal control services based on the certified 2010 census. She stated the prisoner population will not be included for the City of Hillsboro. Beck advised the board members to review the draft on their desks and to get back with any input. She said this draft will also be given to the State's Attorney's Office for review. Beck stated the County will also pay our per capita portion for the unincorporated area population since animal control is no longer in the General fund.

Moore asked if the municipalities have seen this contract yet, and Beck replied the State's Attorney will look at it first.

Chairman Young stated when we looked at the way to charge municipalities this method appeared to be the best way to recoup expenses for the program.

Bishop asked how this will affect municipalities with their own animal control services, and Beck replied no municipality has its own animal control warden in the county.

Furness stated using this method to help fund the animal control program is a step in the right direction.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Bob Sneed:

1. **Smart Watt Energy Audit - Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Update:** Sneed stated we are waiting on the energy audit from Smart Watt, and he expects activity after the first of the year.
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported there are no maintenance issues to report at this time. He said we received a State of Illinois Bicentennial flag which will be flown at a later date.
3. **LED Lighting Preplacement Program Update:** Sneed reported we were contacted by A & D Electric regarding a lower price for LED lighting.
4. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Sneed reported the jail roof is not leaking at this time and the start date for replacement is pending.
5. **Other Business Update:** Sneed stated the Highway Department's main building roof will need to be either repaired or replaced this spring and engineer Greenwood will get some cost estimates together to present to the committee. He said that window and carpentry work will also be involved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given By Committee Chairman Glenn Savage:

1. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update:** Savage stated he is working on this topic.
2. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Savage reported the committee is working on the Solar Energy Ordinance, and it is not ready for approval yet.
3. **MCEDC Update:** Belusko reported the one RLF loan was paid in full when the business was sold recently, and there were three new inquiries this past year.
4. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:** Belusko reported she met with a few individuals last week to discuss the best ways to promote tourism in Montgomery County.
5. **Planning Commission Update:** Savage reported the December meeting was cancelled and they will set dates for four meetings next year.
6. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Savage reported they have found some underground

tunnels needing to be remediated at the Eagle Zinc site.

7. **Support Letter for America's Central Port Update:** Savage asked board members to review the sample support letter regarding the American Central Port in Granite City before voting on sending the letter next month.
8. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Coordinator Daniels reported the next Mayor's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st, 2018, and discussion will take place on the timeframe to work on the new Enterprise Zone for 2018.
9. **West Central Development Update:** Savage reported the county will work with West Central Development Council to provide community block grants and is hoping for better communication and services in the future.
10. **Other Business Update:** Savage asked Bishop to report on a Night of Networking meeting he attended in Litchfield. Bishop stated Jim Hewitt of AllScripts gave a presentation regarding his business and the 150 high paying jobs it provides. During the presentation Hewitt stated the employees don't live locally; and he cited issues with the schools, high property taxes and the lack of proper housing, and he said these employees are choosing to move to the Edwardsville area. Savage stated we need to try and address these issues and said Hewitt will be invited to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting next month.

E.M.A and AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen:

1. **EMA/911 Meetings/Responses/Trainings Update:** Bergen reported a successful Active Shooter Training was held on November 8th at Hillsboro Area Hospital with over 100 employees in attendance. Bergen stated EMA Coordinator Nimmo is working to transfer the 911 service from Consolidated to INDigital. Bergen also reported Nimmo and the committee are working on an emergency operations plan which will include cyber-attacks so we are better prepared in the future.
2. **Ambulance Contracts for the Five Districts Update:** Bergen stated we received letters back from four of the five ambulance districts and those ambulance districts do not want their old records back. He said the Illinois State Archives office representative will come down to review all the old records and let us know how far back we need to keep them.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Employee Health, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance Update:** Martin stated he had nothing to report and referred members to the minutes for more information.
2. **Union Negotiations for Highway Department and Recycling Department Approval:** Martin stated the committee has come to an agreement with Local 1048 representing the Highway Department employees. He reported the following provisions in this new contract:
 - a) Unused sick days will be paid at \$20 per day for a maximum of \$2,000 if an employee leaves county employment.
 - b) The County will pay an additional \$.13 per hour making it \$5.95 per hour for employee health insurance costs and the hourly cap for insurance costs will be moved up to \$6.50 for the life of the contract and increases will remain at the 50/50 split between the county and union employees, with the insurance deductible remaining at \$150 per year.

c) The clothing allowance will go from \$250 to \$300 per year for the Maintainers and the Clerical staff will receive six shirts per year instead of five.

d) The hourly wage will increase \$.25 per hour for each year of the five year contract.

Motion by Martin and second by Furness to approve the contract with Local 1048 representing the Highway Department employees. Deabenderfer asked about the current salary of a union highway department employee and Young replied it is \$25.15 per hour. Hughes asked how this salary compares with surrounding counties and Martin replied they are paid well and higher than some other counties. **Motion carried.**

Martin stated the committee has come to an agreement with Local 773 representing the Recycling Center employees Wage Opener and reported the committee discussed and approved the wage opener counter offer of \$.30 per hour increase for Local 773 representing the Recycling Center employees. The committee also approved giving them the same hourly increase which will be approved for the non-union employees for FY 2019. **Motion by Martin and second by Robinson to approve a \$.30 per hour increase for FY 2018 and the same hourly increase the non-union employees will get for FY 2019 for the employees in Local 773 representing the Recycling Department starting December 1st, 2017.** Deabenderfer asked what the Recycling Center employees' hourly salary is and Young replied they currently earn \$14.73 per hour and it will go up to \$15.03 per hour. **Voice Vote: Glenn Bishop abstained and all other board members voted yes. Motion carried.**

Martin reported the committee has scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, January 11th, 2018, with Local 773 representing the Jailers and Dispatchers to negotiate proposals.

3. **Identity Protection Policy from IPMG Update:** Martin reported this sample ordinance will be reviewed by the State's Attorney before the committee takes action.
4. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Young reported the Farm Bureau has invited County Board Members to a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018, at 7:00 am before the County Board meeting.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Furness and second by Jones to re-appoint Larry Ziegler to the Zanesville #3 County Zone #15 Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Jones to re-appoint Randal Riemann to the Pitman-Zanesville #2 County Zone #33 Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Schroeder thanked everyone for their service to the county this year and wished everyone a blessed Christmas.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore:** Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Book & Moore. **Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Absent – 1 (Beeler), Abstain – 1 (Moore). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Beck and second by Bishop to pay all other approved bills. All in favor,**

motion carried.

Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.