



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD
BOARD MEETING Minutes**

DATE: June 9th, 2025 TIME: 6:00pm

Montgomery County New Court House, PBC Room

Members present: Dan Hough, Tricia Maulding, Ethan Murzynski and Lori Hopwood,

Absent: Terri Miller, Cory Bilyeu and Jen Carron

1. Call to Order TIME: at 6:00pm

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call for guest: Kelly Jefferson & Joielle Brown from NAMI

4. Public Commits – NAMI presented there quarterly report and updated the board on current activities that are available in our county. Various meetings are being held, Peer to Peer Class, Family to Family Class and Pawsitivity Counts is going great at the school. The kids love the therapy with the dogs. Dan thanked the ladies for taking the time to report to the board and they are doing a good job.

5. Approve Minutes: from May 2025 Meeting we could not approve the meeting notes. Jen was not present and she prepared them last month.

6. Committee Reports:

Reviewed Financial reports as of April 30, 2025 the 708 fund balance is \$465,170.76. Revenues are \$9,164 Expenses are \$421,702. The 3rd payment will be mailed out tomorrow 6/10/2025 the total payout is \$199,985.00. We are in good shape for paying out applications this year. The treasurer will be doing a distribution soon. Also there will be \$32,000 from the DECO grant reimbursed in the account this month. The state has finally paid for this service that was paid out of last year budget.

7. NIU Study update – received letter from NIU and they are canceling the survey and will be refunding payment. Dan said he doesn't think we need a survey at this time.

8. New Business –

Motorola Rave Alert Add on – easy to use solution for sending mass notifications or targeted messages to our community. This cloud-based customizable platform supports both emergency communications and everyday operational messages. Dan handed out information for a request from the 911 Board for funding a add on Rave Alert with their current Motorola system. The request is for \$26,500 for a 5 year subscription.

Ethan made a motion to pledge \$13,250 of the cost for the Rave Alert Add on for Montgomery County. 2nd by Lori. All in favor.

Second request that came in was for a Fotokite Tethered Drone System – Doug White from Montgomery County Search and Rescue Volunteers. This drone would be very helpful in many mental health crisis situations. Help find a missing person, someone having a mental manic episode just to name a few.

Lori made a motion to approve \$24,500 for the cost of the Fotokite Tethered Drone System. 2nd by Tricia. All in favor

Next Meeting; July 14th, 2025 @ 6:00pm Adjournment TIME: 7:30 Ethan Motion to adjourn by 2nd by Lori. All in favor: PASSED @ 7:30pm

Request for Funding: Fotokite Tethered Drone System for Public Safety and Search & Rescue Operations

To: Montgomery County 708 Board

From: Doug White

Agency: Montgomery County Search and Rescue Volunteers

Date: 05/30/2025

Subject: Funding Request for Acquisition of Fotokite Tethered Drone System

We are writing to formally request funding in the amount of **\$49,000** to acquire a **Fotokite Sigma tethered drone system** to support our emergency response, search and rescue, and public safety surveillance operations.

Purpose and Justification

Our agency is increasingly responding to high-risk incidents involving missing persons—many of whom are elderly individuals with Alzheimer's, children and adults with autism, or individuals under the influence of drugs. These populations are particularly vulnerable and often disoriented, making rapid location and rescue essential to avoid injury or death. We have the verbal support of Montgomery County Sheriff Tyson Holshouser, Hillsboro Police Chief Randy Leetham, Fillmore Fire Chief Darin Beckman, Nokomis Fire Chief Mike Smalley and the Montgomery County Haz-Mat Team. The current Drone is out of service to limited parts supply from China. We are under a financial time clock as the price is going to increase in July by \$12,300.

The Fotokite drone offers a unique solution for such cases:

- **Rapid Deployment:** Can be launched within seconds without the need for remote piloting, which is critical when time is of the essence.
- **Extended Aerial Visibility:** Provides continuous aerial overwatch for hours at a time without battery changes or FAA restrictions on tethered flights.
- **Tethered Safety:** Eliminates the risks associated with free-flying drones, reducing airspace conflict and operator error.

Additionally, the system will support **law enforcement surveillance** during narcotics investigations. The persistent overhead view provided by the Fotokite system enhances officer safety and situational awareness during the monitoring of known drug activity locations. This minimizes the need for risky in-person surveillance or the use of manned aircraft.

Budget

The total cost of the Fotokite system, including thermal and optical imaging capabilities, rugged storage, and training, is **\$49,000**.

We believe this investment will significantly enhance our capability to protect our community's most vulnerable residents while supporting law enforcement and first responder safety.

Conclusion

In light of the increasing complexity and frequency of incidents involving missing persons and illicit drug activity, the acquisition of the Fotokite tethered drone system represents a critical enhancement to our response toolbox. We respectfully request consideration for full funding to secure this technology for our jurisdiction.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

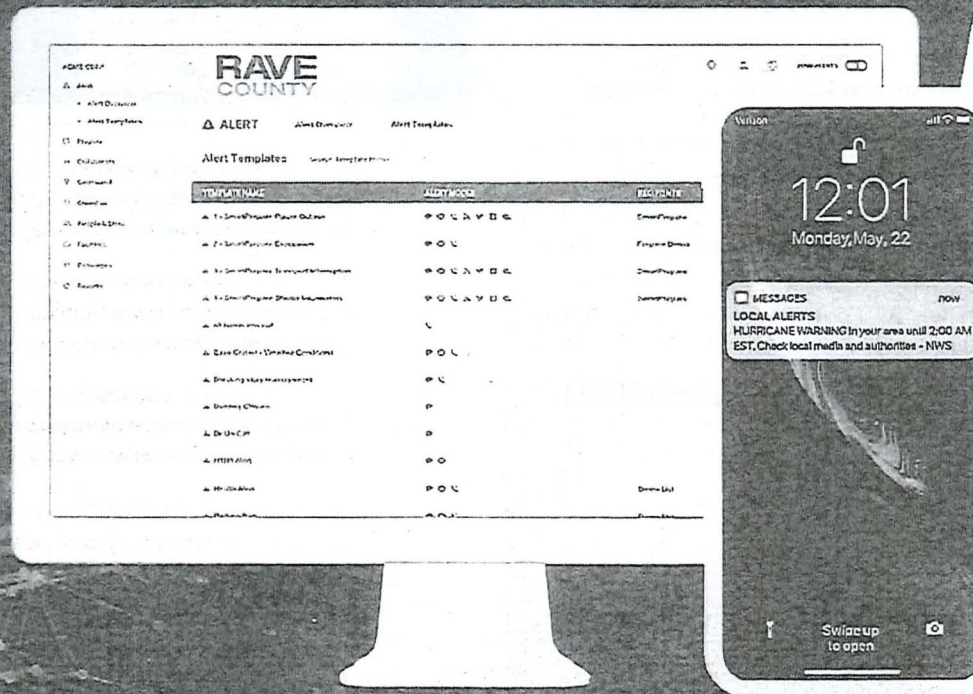
Respectfully,

Doug White

Montgomery CO SAR Volunteers

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- 2 Quick and Reliable Messaging
- 3 Enhanced Internal Response Coordination

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QUOTE-3104270

Billing Address:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911
140 N MAIN STREET
HILLSBORO, IL 62049
US

Shipping Address:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911
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HILLSBORO, IL 62049
US

Quote Date:04/24/2025

Expiration Date:06/23/2025

Quote Created By:

Taylor Morris
Taylor.Morris@
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End Customer:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 911

Payment Terms:30 NET

Summary:

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Line #	Item Number	Description	Qty	Term	Sale Price
	Rave Alert				
1	ISV00S04287A	RAVE SET UP FEE	1		\$1,000.00
2	ISV00S04288A	RAVE ONE TIME ONLINE TRAINING	1		\$1,200.00
3	SSV00S04303A	SOFTWARE,RAVE ALERT EXTERNAL SUBSCRIPTION	1	5 YEAR	\$24,300.00

Grand Total

\$26,500.00(USD)

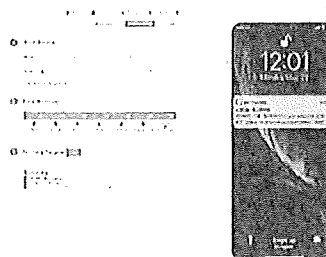


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Rave Alert Solution Description

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Rave Alert offers the following benefits:

Strong Engagement with your Population

Easily defined parameters for message groups make it easy to stay connected to your target audiences – whether with important everyday alerts or critical information in the case of an emergency. Rave Alert has a simple opt-in feature for temporary or long-term membership, helping to ensure that people get the alerts they need. Multilingual capabilities let people receive messages in a language they understand.

Quick and Reliable Messaging

Whether for a planned event or an unforeseen emergency, Rave Alert offers your administrators an intuitive interface and customizable templates that guarantee immediate and accurate messaging to the appropriate users. Instant notifications via all channels – text, voice, and email – helps to expand your reach for mass notifications.

Enhanced Internal Coordination



Montgomery 708 Report for Quarter 2

NAMI SWI has recently found that Haley Wargo will no longer be able to fulfill her role as Outreach Specialist. She will continue to volunteer when she is able to especially with our Ending the Silence programming. We will begin the process for find her replacement. In her place Heather Kapp (Madison & St Clair Counties Outreach Specialist) and Tricia Hogan (Youth and Young Adults Coordinator) have been working in the area to promote NAMI and work on building relationships in the community.

NAMI SWI has a new Executive Director Joielle Brown (jbrown@namiswi.org). Kelly Jefferson has retired but remains as a consultant to the director and a Family Support and Education Coordinator.

Activities: Attending various meetings and events around the area to promote the organization. Meetings attended regularly include M/M ROSC regular and planning meetings, Resource Meeting at the Carlinville Hospital, Community Wellness Board meetings. Pawsitivity Counts, therapy dogs involved with mental health education to the freshmen at Litchfield High School. We have worked with The Next Network to have several of their staff trained to be facilitators in Peer-to-Peer Recovery Education.

Family to Family an 8 – week educational program for friends and families of loved ones with mental illness recently graduated 4 persons from the program.

Family Support Group have begun and run on the fourth Wednesday of every month, location is at The Next Network, Edwards Street location in Litchfield. Attendance has been consistently 4-5 attendees.

Budget spent	Q1	Q2
Salary	\$5,000	\$7000
Literature/Printing	\$300	\$300
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000
<u>Trainings</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total Spent	\$7,800	\$10,300

Respectfully Submitted,

Joielle Brown & Kelly Jefferson
Current and Former Executive Directors



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June 4, 2025

MCCMH Board

Attn: Mike Plunkett, County Administrator/Coordinator

#1 Court House Square, Room 202

Hillsboro, IL 62049

Dear Mr. Plunkett;

We write today to advise Montgomery County and the MCCMH Board that the Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) will be withdrawing from/cancelling the engagement for community survey and strategic plan development projects that were executed on 09/11/2023. We have given this decision much thought, but after gaining additional background from the County, we understand that there have been multiple changes related to the MCCMH Board and the team originally designated to work on the project. Over the course of the past several months, these changes have created an unfortunate situation that has hampered progress on these two projects.

The circumstances were unexpected and to a large degree, unavoidable for the MCCMH team. However, this has created difficult gaps in receiving the input necessary to advance the scope of services we proposed. These circumstances are understandable given the dynamics the organization has been navigating. The end result is that the gaps in input have prevented our researchers from moving the project forward to establish a solid launch point and workplan.

We realize that this has been a time of uncertainty and recognize that organizational circumstances can change. As a result, we believe that the prudent approach at this time is to withdraw from the engagement. We are returning the funds forwarded to us along with this letter of termination. We have requested that a refund check in the amount of \$14,250 be issued to you at this address (please see details below). We wish to thank the Board and staff for their outreach to us. As we extend our thanks, we want the County and the MCCMH Board to also be aware that we are working through changes here as well. As part of the changing environment at the university, CGS will unfortunately be discontinuing its survey research work in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2025. Should there be other services that might be of help in the future, please don't hesitate to reach out to us again.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Kuhn" with a stylized "mks" or similar mark below it.

Dr. Gregory Kuhn

Director

Center for Governmental Studies

Northern Illinois University

REFUND:

From invoice CGS003297, payment received 10/26/2023, \$6000.00

From invoice CGS003298, payment received 10/26/2023, \$8250.00

Montgomery County

Balance Sheet
As of 4/30/2025


		Current Period Balance
Cash & Investments		
General Fund	100	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	537,952.18
Cash in Bank - HNB PR100	101030	0.01
Total General Fund		537,952.19
MAINTENANCE IMPREST	106	
CASH MAINTENANCE IMPREST	101106	500.00
Total MAINTENANCE IMPREST		500.00
EMA IMPREST	107	
CASH IN BANK-EMA IMPREST	101107	500.00
Total EMA IMPREST		500.00
County Board Trustee	127	
Cash in Bank - HFCB #127	101052	95,066.16
Total County Board Trustee		95,066.16
Trustee Payment Account	132	
Cash in Bank - HFCB #132	101053	5,407.00
Total Trustee Payment Account		5,407.00
Public Health	200	
CD - HNB	100014	813,112.07
CD-HNB Over 90	100015	1,000,000.00
CD - LBT	100017	500,000.00
C/D LNB	100021	100,000.00
CD-PFM	100041	1,527,005.26
Cash in Bank - HFCB #200	101054	1,052,279.40
Total Public Health		4,992,396.73
Community Mental Health Fund	203	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	465,170.76
Total Community Mental Health Fund		465,170.76
IMRF	210	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	1,858,655.65
Total IMRF		1,858,655.65
Social Security	215	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	1,316,224.07
Total Social Security		1,316,224.07
County Highway	225	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	462,547.48
Total County Highway		462,547.48
County Motor Fuel	230	
Cash In Bank - HFCB #230	101056	1,058,920.87
Total County Motor Fuel		1,058,920.87
County Aid To Bridges	235	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	1,595,758.01
Total County Aid To Bridges		1,595,758.01
Township Motor Fuel	240	
Cash in Bank - HFCB #240	101057	2,786,630.49
Total Township Motor Fuel		2,786,630.49
Federal Aid Matching	245	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	1,500,818.30
Total Federal Aid Matching		1,500,818.30
Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act	246	
Cash In Bank - HFCB	101014	26,113.54

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Montgomery County
- Treasurer's Report of Revenues 2025 -
From 4/1/2025 Through 4/30/2025
(In Whole Numbers)

		Revenue Budgeted	Revenue for the Month	Revenue for the Year	Revenue Remaining
AAAL Options Counseling	460201	28,128	0	9,376	(18,752)
HRIF/Healthworks	460204	0	1,797	7,188	7,188
Emergency Senior Service	460206	105,000	0	14,493	(90,507)
NEHA-FDA Grant	460210	0	27,111	27,111	27,111
Suicide Prevention First Responders	460212	100,951	5,186	21,150	(79,801)
CLEAR-win	460214	262,000	45,572	45,572	(216,428)
Healthworks	460215	21,565	0	0	(21,565)
Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response	460266	140,000	0	35,000	(105,000)
Tick Surveillance	460267	4,125	0	0	(4,125)
Transfer In	480009	0	232,320	350,264	350,264
708 Board Funding (#203)	480708	185,000	0	92,500	(92,500)
Total Public Health		5,916,300	610,920	2,281,012	(3,635,288)
Community Mental Health Fund	203				
Property Tax - Current Year	410011	945,410	0	0	(945,410)
Mobile Home Privilege Tax	410020	500	0	0	(500)
Interest	420005	24,000	0	0	(24,000)
Grant	450010	40,000	0	0	(40,000)
Total Community Mental Health Fund		1,009,910	0	0	(1,009,910)
Total Public Health		6,926,210	610,920	2,281,012	(4,645,198)
Community Mental Health Fund	203				
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Interest	420005	0	1,291	9,164	9,164
Total Community Mental Health Fund		0	1,291	9,164	9,164
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IMRF	210				
IMRF	210				
Personal Property Replacement Tax	410005	50,000	4,217	23,510	(26,490)
Property Tax - Current Year	410011	618,100	0	0	(618,100)
Mobile Home Privilege Tax	410020	750	0	0	(750)
Interest	420005	66,000	5,158	28,319	(37,681)
IMRF Transfer In	450210	44,531	0	2,200	(42,331)
Total IMRF		779,381	9,375	54,029	(725,352)
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Social Security	215				
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Personal Property Replacement Tax	410005	50,000	2,972	16,567	(33,433)
Property Tax - Current Year	410011	625,200	0	0	(625,200)
State Stipend	410014	750	0	0	(750)
Mobile Home Privilege Tax	410020	42,000	0	0	(42,000)

Montgomery County
- Treasurer's Report of Expenses 2025 -
From 4/1/2025 Through 4/30/2025
(In Whole Numbers)

		Expense Budgeted	Expense for the Month	Expense for the Year	Expense Remaining
	Community Mental Health Fund	203			
	Computer Services	520055	6,000	0	6,000
	Grant	520079	40,000	0	40,000
	Printing	520264	3,500	0	3,500
	Office Supplies	530001	4,000	0	3,994
	Subscription Service	530027	11,000	0	8,000
	Area Development	530028	30,000	0	30,000
	Tech Services	530031	1,056	0	1,056
	Contractual	530221	939,000	0	417,640
	Office Equipment	560240	2,500	0	2,500
	Total Community Mental Health Fund		1,037,056	0	421,702
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	IMRF	210			
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	Other Expense	540012	0	5,655	5,655
	Pension1-Employer	540016	521,407	46,005	253,091
	Pension2-Employer	540018	96,000	7,893	39,119
	ECO Employer	540082	600	46	190
	ROE (Post-merger)	540085	2,492	0	2,492
	Total IMRF		620,499	59,599	300,546
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	Social Security	215			
	Social Security	215			
	Employer Share - Social Security	540032	625,200	50,830	255,557
	ROE Post-merger	540043	2,671	0	2,671
	Total Social Security		627,871	50,830	258,228
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	County Highway	225			
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	Salary - Administrator	510001	127,447	9,249	46,243
	Salary - Full Time	510002	373,152	28,344	139,428
	Salary - Part Time	510003	0	0	2,332
	Salary-Secretary 2	510020	44,928	3,456	17,280
	Salary-Secretary 1	510021	48,548	3,734	18,672
	Salary-Shop Foreman	510026	59,702	4,592	22,962
	Salary-Assistant County Engineer	510027	79,346	6,104	30,518
	Overtime	510073	15,000	269	1,177
	Holiday Pay	510077	2,000	0	1,091
	Maintenance Building	520003	300,000	1,144	24,011
	Maintenance - Service Contracts	520008	2,000	73	1,712

Mental Health 3rd Installment

Invoice #	Name	Description	Due Date	Payment
2025-22	Crossover Ministries	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	25,000.00
2025-23	Fayco Enterprises, Inc.	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	45,000.00
2025-24	Hillsboro School District Unit Office	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	16,875.00
2025-25	Litchfield School District #12	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	13,965.00
2025-26	Locust Street Resource Center	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	20,610.00
2025-27	Montgomery County Health Dept.	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	46,250.00
2025-28	NAMI Southwestern Illinois	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	10,500.00
2025-29	Next Network	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	9,050.00
2025-30	Panhandle School District #2	MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS - Contractual Services	6/10/2025	12,735.00
Report Total				199,985.00