

Montgomery County Board Minutes For Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson at 5:30 PM.

Roll call was taken – 13 members present, 1 member absent.

Members Present: Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Doug Donaldson, Keith Hancock, Mark Hughes, Jeremy Jones, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie, Chad Ruppert, Patty Whitworth, Evan Young

Member Absent: Bill Bergen

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board Member Russ Beason.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Claims for mileage and per diem were read by County Clerk Leitheiser. **Motion by Hughes and second by Whitworth to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Whitworth and second by Ritchie to approve the minutes of the previous regular county board meeting held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024; the special meeting held on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024; and the reorganizational meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** – April Pier, present for questions
2. **Circuit Clerk’s Report** – Daniel Robbins, report submitted, present for questions
3. **Coroner’s Report** – Randy Leetham, report submitted, present for questions
4. **County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** – Sandy Leitheiser, report submitted, present for questions
5. **Enterprise Zone Report** – Mike Plunkett, report submitted, present for questions
6. **EMA Report** – Dan Hough, report submitted
7. **EPA Report** – Dan Hough, report not submitted
8. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee, report submitted
9. **Highway Department Report** – Cody Greenwood, report submitted, present for questions
10. **Maintenance Superintendent Report** – Phil Ernst, report submitted
11. **Probation Office Report** – Banee Ulrici, report submitted
12. **Public Defender’s Report** – Erin Mattson, report submitted
13. **ROE – Monthly, Quarterly & Annual Reports** – Julie Wollerman, report submitted
14. **Sheriff’s Report** – Tyson Holshouser, report submitted, present for questions
15. **SOA Report** – Kendra Niehaus, report submitted, present for questions
16. **State’s Attorney Report** – Andrew Affrunti, report submitted
17. **Treasurer’s Report** – Nikki Lohman, report submitted, present for questions
18. **VAC Report** – Cassandra Hampton, report submitted

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Hughes and second by Beck to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Murzynski had nothing new to report.
- **CEFS Board** — Beason had nothing new to report.
- **ETSB / 911 Board** – Bergen was not present.
- **Health Department** — Whitworth reported a special meeting is set for December 11th, 2024.
- **IL Association of County Officials** — Bergen was not present.
- **MCEDC** — Hughes reported a meeting is planned in January.
- **Planning Commission** — Ritchie had nothing new to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** — Chairman Donaldson reported he will fill the liaison vacancy soon.
- **UCCI** – Ruppert reported new board member training is planned for January.
- **U of I** – Beck reported a meeting is set for December 19th.
- **WCDC** – Jones reported the committee is meeting its goals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Donna Yeske** said she is disappointed after listening to the audio recording of the December 5th Finance & Budget Committee meeting. She reminded the board all elected officials work for the people, and said other assessors in the state have told her the timberland reclassification law is far from black-and-white. She requested the County Board give the Supervisor of Assessments a 30-day notice to remove her from office, and also said it is time for some new County Board members.
- **Jesse Boehler** said the County Board behaves differently when people are in the room. He said the Supervisor of Assessments unfairly retaliates against taxpayers and filed her certification late but refused a deadline extension for a taxpayer. He also asked the County Board to give the Supervisor of Assessments a 30-day notice to remove her from office to make the job an elected position.
- **Brandi Lentz** said the Supervisor of Assessments filed her certification of education on October 24th, 2024, which was 17 months late, but denied Tim Loveless an exception to a deadline despite the fact his office had a fire. She also asked why Montgomery County requires additional burdens like recording leases. She said Sangamon County accepts recorded leases throughout the year, and Christian County has a March 15th deadline but accepts applications up to the day before the tax sale. She also referenced inconsistencies in statements made on the number of reclassified woodland parcels and has found no examples of parcels which had been previously reclassified by township assessors. She said it was troubling to hear the special meeting crowd referred to as a mob and asked the County Board to begin the process of making the Supervisor of Assessments position an elected one.
- **Bill Schroeder** addressed the board on the Deer Run Mine permit revision application, and said he believes the permit will expand the coal refuse site because the mine anticipates selling coal to City Water Light and Power (CWLP) in Springfield and accepting combustion waste from the public utility. He asked board members to attend any public hearings on the application and to defend the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson:

- 1. Information Systems Report Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson said IS Director Curt Watkins reported his department has been working on end-of-year projects and requesting quotes for tech items to be supplied by the new court grant. Donaldson said Watkins reported the Cress Hill camera project is almost complete and his department is integrating the 911 server into the county system. Future work for the IS Department includes multi-factor authentication implementation, security video storage, and a phone system upgrade. In response to a question, he said his department could train offices to post items on the county website, such as committee agendas and minutes.
- 2. EMA Report Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson reported Dan Hough said his department recently purchased 14 new AEDs through ARPA funding, and he brought one to display. He said employee training will be scheduled after January 1st, 2025. He also mentioned a National Weather Service storm spotter class has been scheduled for March 18th at the Lincoln Land Community College Litchfield campus, and EMA Director Hough said he has had positive conversations with Vistra Energy about returning a weather radio to their tower site.
- 3. Ad Hoc Committee to Address SB3455 Wooded Acreage Assessments Update/Approval:** Donaldson said a committee of county board members and the public will be appointed to a Wooded Acreage Assessments Ad Hoc Committee to work on statutory changes to present to state legislators. He said he has spoken to potential committee members and all expressed a willingness to serve. He anticipates the committee will begin meeting in January.
- 4. Vistra & UKA Donations Update/Approval:** Donaldson said the county received a \$5,000 donation from Vistra Energy to offset the county portion of weather sirens planned near Coffeen Lake. Vistra also intends to donate to the proposed Coffeen Veterans Memorial. He said UKA will be making a \$3,000 donation to the Panhandle Food Pantry, a \$1,000 donation to the Farmersville Illuminatus Motorcycle Club, and a \$300 donation to Panhandle Project Third Day for their Farmersville Polar Express Day.

DEVELOPMENT & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Chad Ruppert:

- 1. Small Biz Grant Application Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the committee heard presentations from Heather Greenwood of Raise the Bar Recovery & Wellness, Dalton Downs of Downs Plumbing, Caleb Osborne of Manifesto Wine Bar, Abby Barcum of State Street Event Center, Jamee and Jennifer Dunn of Dunns n' Roses, and Alan Reynolds of R Custom Cuts. He stated after the December awards were made, over \$94,000 in grant funds remains available. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Beason to award Small Biz Grants of \$10,000 to Raise the Bar Recovery & Wellness; \$5,000 to Downs Plumbing; \$7,500 to Manifesto Wine Bar; \$10,000 to State Street Event Center; \$7,500 to Dunns n' Roses; and \$5,000 to R Custom Cuts. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 2. County Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Update/Approval:** Ruppert said Matt Blankenship of Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) distributed information on PLAs to the committee and was supported by local union representative Dale Stewart. He said the committee will continue to research and consult with the State's Attorney before proceeding.

3. **Animal Control Update/Approval:** Ruppert said Animal Control Warden April Pier informed the committee she learned prices for veterinary services are increasing at local veterinary offices, and is reviewing costs for county Animal Control services. She will continue to research potential fee changes for adoptions and cremation. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Hughes to increase the cost of one-year rabies tags to \$15 and the cost of three-year rabies tags to \$30 effective January 1st, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Plains Solar Update/Approval:** Ruppert stated the Public Hearing will resume at 6 p.m. Monday, December 16th, 2024 in the County Board Room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.
5. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:** Ruppert said monthly reports have been approved through October and payment is pending submission of Business Enterprise Program (BEP) lien waivers.
6. **Other Business:** Ruppert said County Clerk Leitheiser informed the committee about potential new TIF districts coming to Litchfield, Hillsboro, and Nokomis. She also reported Hillsboro Energy's significant permit revision applications were recently provided to the County Clerk's office and the County Board Chairman's office.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Mark Hughes:

1. **Historic Courthouse Room Bid Opening Update/Approval:** Hughes stated the committee opened two bids, one for \$116,931 and the other for \$179,880. **Motion by Hughes and second by Beck to award the low bid of \$116,931 to Central Roofing of Mattoon for Historic Courthouse roof project. All in favor, motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 62-63).**
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Hughes reported Maintenance Director Phil Ernst provided a detailed monthly report.
3. **Montgomery County Treasurer's Office Carpet Update/Approval:** Hughes reported the committee discussed using allocated ARPA funds to replace carpet in the Treasurer's office and break room, but he is unhappy with the bid. He said the committee also discussed the cleaning contract for the Courthouse Complex.
4. **Green Diamond Bike Trail Update/Approval:** Hughes said the State's Attorney is preparing Quit Claim deeds to provide the property and approximately \$22,000 in maintenance funds to the Village of Waggoner.
5. **Courthouse Complex HVAC Update/Approval:** Hughes reported the committee heard from TMI Service Administrator Tim Weisner, who described the process of repairing the Courthouse Complex's HVAC system and replacing it. Currently, the county has two new compressors provided under warranty. Installing them will cost over \$20,000 and the system needs to be running to diagnose the cause of the system failure. That diagnosis may or may not lead to the need to replace the system. Hughes said he has ordered a chiller to cut down on the 5-6-month lead time, but the order can be cancelled. An advertisement for installing the specified chiller has been placed. Hughes asked members if they had objections to this process and heard none.
6. **Property Transfer for Health Department Solar Panels Update/Approval:** Hughes said the survey for property needed by the Montgomery County Health Department for solar panels has been completed. **Motion by Hughes and second by Beason to transfer**

property to the Montgomery County Health Department for solar panels. All in favor, motion carried.

ROADS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Ethan Murzynski:

1. **UKA Virden Wind Road Use Agreement Update/Approval:** Murzynski reported Engineer Greenwood received a draft of the Traffic Impact Analysis and shared a map with the committee. He said the haul route is from Interstate 55 to Route 48 and up Black Diamond Trail and utilizes 13 miles of county highway, plus township roads in Harvel and Bois D'Arc. Greenwood said he will continue to review the Traffic Impact Analysis and consult with an outside attorney on drafting a Road Use Agreement.
2. **Heavy Equipment Shed Bid Package 1 Letting Results Update/Approval:** Murzynski reported three bids were opened ranging from \$1,281,900 to the low bid of \$787,700 from Stutz Excavating in Alton, which is higher than the allotted ARPA funds for the project. Engineer Greenwood explained the 72x184 Heavy Equipment Shed has been awarded \$670,000 in ARPA funds. He said a bid package for \$505,921 for the building shell has already been awarded to Stutz Excavating leaving \$164,079 in ARPA funds. An additional \$300,000 has been appropriated in Highway Funds in the FY 2025 budget, leaving a shortfall of \$323,621 to complete the project. Murzynski said the committee discussed eliminating some concrete and site work from the bid. In answer to a question from Chairman Donaldson, Greenwood said he would put off purchasing a new tandem truck he had anticipated purchasing in FY 2025 from \$500,000 in appropriated Coal Funds. Questions were raised from Board Members Young, Hughes, Daniels, and Jones about the cost of the building and opportunities to trim the cost, such as eliminating the concrete apron and some of the concrete floor. Board member Ritchie said the floor design needs to be 80,000-pound, and Engineer Greenwood said plans call for six-inch reinforced concrete. Greenwood said many of the ARPA awards to non-county projects contained a match component and the Montgomery County Highway Department is meeting its match to the \$670,000 ARPA award. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Ruppert to award the low qualified bid of \$787,700 to Stutz Excavating of Alton. All in favor, motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth. Voting no: Young. **Motion carried 12-1.**
3. **2025-2026 Bulk Fuel Purchasing Letting Results Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee opened one bid at the committee meeting and a second bid post-marked eight days before the deadline arrived later that day. After consultation with the State's Attorney, the low bid was submitted by M&M Service Company. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Jones to award the low bulk fuel two-year bid to M&M Service Company of Carlinville. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Section 17-05121-00-BR Fillmore Township – Wonder Trail Bridge Replacement Construction Engineering Agreement Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee reviewed and discussed an IDOT engineering agreement with WHKS & Co. of Springfield for \$149,296 for replacement of a bridge on Wonder Trail, 1.8 miles northeast of VanBurensburg. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to approve Section 17-05121-00-BR Fillmore Township Wonder Trail Bridge Replacement Construction Engineering Agreement with WHKS & Co. of Springfield for \$149,296. ROLL CALL VOTE** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 64-73).**

5. **Section 17-09117-00-BR Irving Township – N. 17th Ave. Bridge Replacement Letting Results Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee reviewed and discussed the three submitted bids last month and recommended awarding the low bid. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Hughes to award the low bid for Section 17-09117-00-BR Irving Township North 17th Avenue bridge replacement to Stutz Excavating of Alton for \$287,693. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Resolution 2024-13, 2025 County MFT Resolution Update/Approval:** Murzynski said this year's annual resolution appropriates \$1.2 million in County Motor Fuel Tax, which is the same amount as last year. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Beck to approve of the 2025 County Motor Fuel Tax Resolution 2024-13 for \$1.2 million. ROLL CALL VOTE** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 74).**

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Andy Ritchie:

1. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Supervisor of Assessments Kendra Niehaus reported her office has been reverting parcels she had reclassified this year due to the 2007 woodland reclassification statute. He stated she said she looks forward to working with the County Board and the proposed Ad Hoc Committee to suggest legislative changes, include suggesting a new separate preferential classification for rural timberland.
2. **Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the October coal royalty payment was \$147,889.57 and the Coal Fund has earned \$403,508.84 in interest this year.
3. **Assessment Issue Request/Tim Loveless Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Macoupin County resident Tim Loveless told the board he has rental houses in Litchfield but due to a fire in his office on September 19th, 2023, he missed the January 31st, 2024 deadline to record leases for Homestead Exemptions. He presented written requests to the committee to 1) make an exception to the deadline based on the hardship his business endured, and 2) do away with the requirement of recording leases. Ritchie said a motion to direct the Supervisor of Assessments to grant Tim Loveless an exception to the January 31st, 2024, deadline to record leases died in committee for lack of second. Vice Chairwoman Whitworth said the committee motion died because the committee felt the County Board cannot direct the Supervisor of Assessments to take action. Chairman Donaldson said a motion to direct the Supervisor of Assessments to take action would be letting her know the board feels she should make an exception; however, she is not legally bound to do so. **Motion by Young and second by Hughes to DIRECT the Supervisor of Assessments to grant Tim Loveless an exception to the January 31st, 2024, deadline to record leases. Subsidiary motion by Ruppert and second by Jones to amend the motion to RECOMMEND the Supervisor of Assessments grant Tim Loveless and exception to the January 31st, 2024, deadline to record leases. All in favor, amendment carried. Amended motion carried 12-1 (Corso voted against).**
4. **Fee Schedule Resolution 2024-47 Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported County Clerk Leitheiser said the resolution to require state agencies to pay the same recording fees as the local level customers recommended by the committee last month has since been approved by the State's Attorney and been legally posted. Ritchie stated upon County

Board approval, it will take effect January 1st, 2025. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Daniels to approve the County Clerk/Recorder Fee Schedule Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 75-76).**

5. **Decennial Reports Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported the committee reviewed a list of Decennial Reports submitted to the County Board by local units of government and also reviewed a list of those local units of government who have not yet submitted Decennial Reports. He said County Board Administration plans to post all reports on the Montgomery County website. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Daniels to acknowledge receipt of local government Decennial Reports. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **PTAX 451 Reimbursement Form Update/Approval:** Ritchie said filing the form is required for State of Illinois salary reimbursement for the Supervisor of Assessments. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Corso to approve filing the PTAX 451 Reimbursement Form. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 77).**
7. **IRS Mileage Rate Effective Jan. 1 Update/Approval:** As of the County Board meeting, the IRS has not yet announced the new mileage rate.
8. **Pre-Approved Vendor List Update/Approval:** Ritchie stated County Clerk Leitheiser presented the committee with changes required by the new health insurance carrier. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Jones to add Blue Cross Blue Shield and Dearborn Life Insurance to the Pre-Approved Vendor List and to remove Metropolitan Life. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **ARPA Ordinance 2024-48 for MCHD Phone Upgrade Update/Approval:** Committee Chairman Ritchie said an ordinance needs to be passed for the previously approved Health Department telephone upgrade. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Murzynski to approve an ordinance to expend ARPA funds not to exceed \$48,000 for a telephone system upgrade at the Montgomery County Health Department. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 78).**
10. **MTA Agreement Update/Approval:** Ritchie said two intergovernmental agreements have been returned to provide township assessor services. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Daniels to approve a contract with the Butler Grove/Irving/Rountree Multi-Township Assessment District for \$7,000 for assessor services. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 79-80). Motion by Ritchie and second by Corso to approve a contract with South Litchfield Township for \$12,000 for assessor services. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 81-82).**
11. **Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Vehicle Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Sheriff Holshouser asked for and received committee consent to advertise for the purchase of two new squad vehicles in the FY 2025 budget.
12. **Assured Partners Compensation and Fee Disclosure Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Treasurer Lohman distributed a Compensation and Fee Disclosure document to the committee provided by Assured Partners regarding commissions earned with the new health insurance plan. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to allow Montgomery County Treasurer Nikki Lohman to sign the Assured Partners Compensation and Fee Disclosure. All in favor, motion carried.**

Committee Chairman Ritchie asked Treasurer Lohman to close his committee report with remarks on the budget and tax levy process. She said Montgomery County's general fund expenses over the last five years have gone from \$6.5 million in 2021 up to \$11.9 million in 2024, and back down to a predicted \$8.5 million in 2025. Coal spending has

increased proportionately but ARPA money took on a large portion of tangible item spending over the last two years. Lohman stated if the interest rates continue, the county can add this additional interest from coal funds to the general fund each year and directly save the taxpayers money. The Treasurer said the levy for this year allowed \$1,276,304 to be collected at the statutory rate, but the County Board voted to lower the general fund line to \$904,415.00 and add the interest from the coal account to keep the burden off the taxpayers. Lohman said the Montgomery County Board is ultimately in control of the budget and department head spending. Lohman asked those with questions or concerns to contact her office. Clarifying the EAV versus the levy versus the budget, she stated the EAV is a measure of property value for tax purposes and determined by the local assessors based on market value and other value criteria. Lohman stated in Illinois, the EAV is 33 1/3rd of market value, but farmland is valued differently. The Illinois Department of Revenue adjusts local assessments by utilizing a multiplier if the sales ratio of a county is not equalized at 33 1/3%. Lohman stated the levy is the amount of money a taxing district is asking for, and whether it's the county, school, or any other local government, the levy represents the request the local government is making to property owners to fund the services it provides. She emphasized the total levy is not directly the amount taxpayers pay, and used simple math examples to clarify her point. She said the budget determines the financial plan, which then determines the levy (the amount needed for services), and the county also takes into consideration anticipated revenues. Lohman stated the tax rate can only increase if it's statutorily allowed or if the EAV allows for it, and a tax levy increase more than 5% triggers a Truth in Taxation hearing.

RULES OF ORDER AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Connie Beck:

1. **Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations Update/Approval:** Beck said the committee reviewed the Montgomery County Rules of the County Board document page by page and made several small clarifications. Committee Chairwoman Beck said there is still work to do on the document, and she plans to schedule another Ad Hoc Committee meeting in the near future.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:

Motion by Daniels and second by Young to approve the six committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS made by Chairman Donaldson:

1. The monthly meeting with Bushue HR will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, in the County Board Room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.
2. The Supervisor of Assessments has scheduled a County Farmland Assessment Review Committee meeting for Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Jones and second by Young to re-appoint Gregory Weitekamp to a three-year term on the Pitman-Zanesville #2 County Zone #33, Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Jones to re-Appoint Melvin Wempen to a three-year term on the Zanesville #3, County Zone #15, Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Ruppert to re-Appoint David Beal and Michael Smalley to three-year terms on the ETSB Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Whitworth to appoint Lori Hopwood to Community Mental Health (708) Board to fill the vacancy created by Dan Hough's resignation. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Young and second by Beck to reappoint Richard Lyons, Kris Reynolds, and Eric Helgen to the County Farmland Assessment Review Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:

Motion by Beason and second by Whitworth to pay all approved bills and payroll. All in favor; motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Murzynski and second by Ritchie to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.