

**Montgomery County Board Minutes
For Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 5:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken – 12 members present, 1 member absent.

Members Present: Russell Beason (arrived at 5:19 p.m.), Connie Beck, Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Doug Donaldson, Keith Hancock, Mark Hughes, Jeremy Jones, Ethan Murzynski, Chad Ruppert, Patty Whitworth, Evan Young

Members Absent: Bill Bergen

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Donaldson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE/APPROVAL:

Motion by Donaldson and second by Murzynski to purchase the property at 127 N. Main Street in Hillsboro for \$210,000. Vice Chair Whitworth asked about the status of the building's inspection, and if that discussion should be conducted in closed session. **Motion withdrawn.** **Motion by Hughes and second by Whitworth to enter into closed session at 5:04 p.m. for real estate purposes. All in favor, motion carried.** **Motion by Young and second by Murzynski to return to open session at 5:17 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.** **Motion by Donaldson and second by Whitworth to purchase the property at 127 N. Main Street in Hillsboro at the agreed upon price for use by Drug/Recovery Court, 708 Board, and other court-related needs, authorizing the County Board Chairman as signatory for closing.** **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ruppert, Whitworth, Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Daniels to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.