

Montgomery County Board Minutes **For Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 – 5:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau in Hillsboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson at 5:30 PM.

Roll call was taken – 14 members present, 0 members absent.

Members Present: Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Doug Donaldson, Keith Hancock, Mark Hughes, Jeremy Jones, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie (virtually by Google Meet), Chad Ruppert, Patty Whitworth, Evan Young

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by board member Keith Hancock.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Claims for mileage and per diem were read by County Clerk Leitheiser.

Motion by Hughes and second by Jones to approve the mileage and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, 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 Beck and second by Corso to approve the minutes of the previous regular County Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Animal Control Report** – No report.
2. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Daniel Robbins was present for questions, and he added AV upgrades paid for by an addition to the court grant will begin on June 2nd, 2025. He also noted an anticipated change to a new e-citation system which will benefit law enforcement and local ordinance violation entry.
3. **Coroner's Report** – Randy Leetham was not present.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **Enterprise Zone Report** – Mike Plunkett was present for questions.
6. **EMA & EPA Reports** – Dan Hough was present for questions and said he will complete EMA training next week in Rochelle, Illinois.
7. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
8. **Highway Department Report** – Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
9. **Maintenance Superintendent Report** – Phil Ernst was not present.
10. **Probation Office Report** – Bancee Ulrici was not present.
11. **Public Defender's Report** – Erin Mattson was not present.
12. **ROE – Monthly, Quarterly & Annual Reports** – Julie Wollerman was not present.
13. **Sheriff's Report** – Tyson Holshouser was present for questions.
14. **SOA Report** – Kendra Niehaus was not present.
15. **State's Attorney Report** – Andrew Affrunti was present for questions and reported his new assistant, Brian Shaw, has begun work and comes to the office with 16-17 years of successful prosecution experience.
16. **Treasurer's Report** – Nikki Lohman was present for questions and added she attended a recent ICRMT Human Resources training. She stated tax bills will be mailed by the end of this week.

17. **VAC Report** – Cassandra Hampton was not present.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **CEFS Board** — Beason had nothing to report.
- **708 Board** – Murzynski had nothing to report.
- **ETSB / 911 Board** – Bergen had nothing to report.
- **Health Department** — Whitworth had nothing to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** — Hancock had nothing to report.
- **MCEDC** — Hughes reported the next meeting is set for May 15th, 2025.
- **Planning Commission** — Ritchie had nothing to report.
 - **Senior Citizens Board** — Daniels reported after four weeks of line dancing classes attended by 15-20 each week, the board would like to hire the instructor and host monthly line dance classes.
- **UCCI** – Corso had nothing to report.
- **U of I** – Ruppert reported a meeting is scheduled for the following month.
- **WCDC** – Jones reported the next meeting is set for May 15th, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Citizen John Scott thanked those board members who attended the recent IDNR public hearing on the Deer Run Mine coal impoundment structure. He expressed frustration the IEPA does not participate in the IDNR permitting process. He questioned IDNR's oversight. If their permit process is up-to-date, why has no permit application ever been rejected by IDNR, and if there could be local oversight or a local permitting process for coal mines.
2. Citizen Bill Schroeder thanked the board for the Resolution they are considering in opposition to the pending Deer Run Mine permit 424 revision and noted it represents the first time the County Board has stood up for citizens in opposition to the coal mine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson:

1. **North Litchfield Township DevNet Access Update/Approval:** State's Attorney Affrunti explained an intergovernmental agreement he prepared to allow the North Litchfield Township assessor to directly input into the county's DevNet property tax software. He said language in the agreement addresses concerns expressed by the county Information Services department. **Motion by Hughes and second by Murzynski to approve an intergovernmental agreement with North Litchfield Township for field access to DevNet. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **EMA Report Update/Approval:** EPA/EMA Director Hough reported completing a lot of training, including training three volunteers who were trained on EOCs. Hough stated he would like to use community service workers through Montgomery County Probation along with City-Wide Clean-Up funds to abate an issue at a residence on Highland Avenue in Hillsboro scheduled to be deeded to the county trustee through a tax deed.
3. **West Central Development Council/Job Center Board/CEO Board Update/Approval:** Donaldson noted the council met on April 17th, 2025, and discussed

relocating the Jacksonville office to another Morgan County location, a current program underway with Dometic in Litchfield, and falling Montgomery County unemployment numbers.

4. **Ad Hoc Committee to Address SB3455 Wooded Acreage Assessments Update/Approval:** Committee Chairman Beason stated due to the inoperable Historic Courthouse elevator, the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, April 30th, 2025. He reported the committee spent much of the meeting discussing the notification plan for woodland reclassification for 2026 payable 2027 at the end of the two-year pause. He said the committee also discussed when notification letters should go out, to whom, from whom, and if notification should also include an educational meeting. Beason reported the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse Annex.
5. **Nextlink Communication Update/Approval:** Donaldson said the committee reviewed answers to questions posed by MCEDC Executive Director William Montgomery. Nextlink is negotiating for a tower location in Donnellson.
6. **Interstate Interdiction Intergovernmental Agreement with Monroe County Update/Approval:** Donaldson said Sheriff Holshouser asked the County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement to allow Monroe County to supply resources to work in Montgomery County. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Ruppert to adopt an Intergovernmental Agreement with Monroe County for Interstate Interdiction. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 178-179).**
7. **Termination of MCSO Employee Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson reported a correctional officer at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has been terminated, and an investigation by the Illinois State Police is ongoing.
8. **Resolution 2025-08 in Opposition to Deer Run Mine Permit No. 424 Revision No. 1 Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson read the resolution in opposition. **Motion by Young and second by Murzynski to adopt the Resolution in Opposition to Deer Run Mine Permit No. 424 Revision No. 1. 13 members in favor, 1 member (Jones) abstained, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 180).** Audience members applauded its approval.
9. **National Correctional Officers Week (May 4-10) Resolution 2025-09 Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson read the resolution honoring Correctional Officers. **Motion by Jones and second by Daniels to adopt the Resolution in Support of National Correctional Officers Week. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 181).** Audience members applauded its approval.
10. **Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation Update/Approval:** County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett read the proclamation in support of National Mental Health Awareness Month. **Motion by Young and second by Daniels to adopt the Proclamation in Support of Mental Health Awareness Month. All in favor, motion carried.** Audience members applauded its approval. **(For copy, see Resolution Book 22, page 182).**

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

1. **Health Insurance Update/Approval:** Tony Johnston of Assured Partners was in attendance and reported the county group health insurance is running smoothly, and he

anticipates the renewal rate will be at the 8% cap. He said year-to-date the county has paid \$500,833 in premiums, but Blue Cross Blue Shield has paid out \$745,402 in claims, which could cause a concern when renewing county group health insurance in 2026.

2. **Animal Control Update/Approval:** Ruppert reported there were four applicants for the vacant Animal Control Warden position, and the committee recommended hiring Tricia Papin. He introduced her and reported due to the heavy work load, she began work on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025. Young questioned why the previous Animal Control Warden was removed by the Animal Control Administrator and not by a vote from the board. State's Attorney Affrunti replied while the board's Rules of Order require board approval for hiring a department head, they do not require board approval for terminating a department head. Chairman Donaldson said this need can be addressed in the future in the Rules of Order by the Rules Committee. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Daniels to hire Tricia Papin as Animal Control Warden beginning May 6, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Tourism Grant Update/Approval:** The committee scored the 14 applications for a total of \$5,000 in Tourism Grants. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Whitworth to award Tourism Grants based on scoring: \$575 for Historic Red Rooster 2nd Anniversary; \$350 for DAR Trivia Night Scholarship Fundraiser; \$450 for Hell's Burrow Haunted Attraction; \$350 for Coffeen Fall Fest; \$575 for Montgomery County Fair; \$350 for Litchfield Festival of Trees; \$340 for Old Settlers Car Show; \$350 for Old Settlers Concerts; \$175 for Cardboard Boat Regatta; \$175 for Historical Society Summer Solstice Celebration; \$160 for Looking for Lincoln Welcome; \$450 for Litchfield Pickers Market; \$450 for Old Settlers Celebration; and \$250 for Imagine Hillsboro Markets. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Montgomery Springs Solar Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the committee reviewed four conditions for siting approval for Montgomery Springs Solar on Route 127 just south of the former VFW hall. Project Developer Sido Shira was present at the meeting to answer questions. Ruppert said panels in the proposed project are a little tight compared to other solar arrays, Shira assured the committee the ground cover management plan will take into account the anticipated amount of shade due to panel location. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Beason to approve the siting permit for Montgomery Springs Solar subject to the following four conditions: 1) Montgomery Springs Solar, LLC, shall provide detailed construction drawings for review by the relevant authorities no less than two months prior to the commencement of construction of the solar project; 2) Montgomery Springs Solar, LLC, shall provide the name and contact information of the designated construction liaison once the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) team or construction team has been on-boarded by the developer; 3) Montgomery Springs Solar, LLC, shall provide the name and contact information of the contracted Operations and Maintenance (O&M) company once that company has been contracted by the developer; and 4) Access to the facility off S IL Route 127, will be developed in accordance with IDOT standards and will be designed and maintained to minimize impact to adjacent properties. Montgomery Springs Solar, LLC, will coordinate with IDOT as needed; typical approvals or coordination for use of state roads include permits for over-size or over-weight vehicles, permits for any work on**

constructing/modifying entrances/exits, or permits for any use causing damage to the state roads being used. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Litchfield Solar Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the developer has provided much of the additionally requested information after the April 28th, 2025, public hearing, and the committee will deliberate on siting approval for the proposed project on Old Route 66 south of Litchfield next month.
6. **CF IL Solar Agreement with Hurst-Rosche Update/Approval:** Ruppert said a public hearing for the project on Mine Avenue north of Farmersville has been set for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 22nd, 2025. **Motion by Rupert and second by Murzynski to approve an agreement with Hurst-Rosche for independent review of the CF IL Solar project for an amount not to exceed \$3,500. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, Page 183).**
7. **Employee Handbook Update/Approval:** Ruppert reviewed changes in the Employee Handbook developed in cooperation with Bushue HR. He asked the board to review the proposed handbook and be ready to act at the June meeting.
8. **Historic Courthouse Notary Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the committee reviewed the spreadsheet of offices in the Historic Courthouse requiring notarized documents. He stated each office should have a notary because documents needing notarized at the building should be able to be notarized in the building, but stated this request is not mandatory. Whitworth said the county should pay for all insurance, bond, and other legal costs for any county staff who are notaries. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Beck to request at least one person in the County Clerk's office, at least one person in the Treasurer's office, and at least one person in the Supervisor of Assessments' office is a notary. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Montgomery First Local Labor Initiative Ordinance Update/Approval:** Ruppert asked County Board Administrator Plunkett to explain a proposed Montgomery First Local Labor Initiative Ordinance. Plunkett stated the goal of this initiative ordinance is to: 1) include standard "responsible bidder" language requiring all bidders to comply with state law, provide certificates of insurance, comply with prevailing wage, participate in an apprenticeship program, provide certified payrolls; 2) establish a "Montgomery First" Local Business Adjustment to allow county businesses to reduce bids by up to 5% but not more than \$20,000; and 3) allow the county to consider, at its discretion, attaching a Project Labor Agreement to any public works or construction contract over \$100,000. Ruppert said the committee will review the ordinance for a month and allow time for the State's Attorney to also review and comment.
10. **EMA/EPA Office Deputy Director Update/Approval:** Ruppert said EMA/EPA Director Dan Hough explained the need for an office assistant and provided a tentative job description. He said the EPA delegation agreement requires him to inspect the landfill weekly as well as respond to numerous open dumping complaints which result in a substantial time out of the office. He said some of the costs for this employee can be recovered through the EMA and EPA grants. Ruppert stated the committee voted to add an EMA/EPA employee for up to 30 hours per week at the county's starting hourly rate of \$16.00 an hour unless otherwise recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. He reported the Finance & Budget Committee agreed with Hough's recommendation to set the starting salary at \$19/hour. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Murzynski to**

add an EMA/EPA Deputy Director for up to 30 hours per week at up to \$19/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

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

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Hughes said rain water is running over the porch roof on the south side of the Historic Courthouse after roof replacement, and the contractor will be returning to remedy it soon. He reported the Maintenance department responded to 67 work orders over the past month, and the elevator at the Historic Courthouse returned to operation on Monday afternoon, May 12th, 2025.
2. **Emergency Historic Courthouse Repairs Update/Approval:** Hughes said an invoice has been presented for completed emergency repair work at the Historic Courthouse. **Motion by Hughes and second by Beason to pay the \$63,000 invoice from RL Contractors for emergency work at the Historic Courthouse from the \$300,000 building maintenance budget from Office 375. ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth (Young had left the meeting). **All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Generator Pad Bids Update/Approval:** Hughes said the committee will consider awarding the low bid when the DCEO grant agreement paying for the new generator is signed.
4. **Courthouse Complex Chiller Update/Approval:** Hughes stated the new chiller for the Montgomery County Court Complex arrived on Monday, May 5th, 2025, to be installed by Friday, May 9th, 2025, and is working fine on manual mode. The contractor is scheduled to return to address control issues.
5. **DC Waste & Recycling Baler Lease Update/Approval:** Hughes said according to the State's Attorney, the county can sell the baler to DC Waste for \$1 at the end of the current lease term. DC Waste owner Bryan Deming indicated by email he would agree to those terms. **Motion by Hughes and second by Jones to amend the lease agreement with DC Waste & Recycling by adding a \$1 buy-out option at the end lease agreement. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 184-188).**
6. **New Hire for Cleaning Position Update/Approval:** Hughes reported both Maintenance Director Phil Ernst and Circuit Clerk Dan Robbins believe five hours per day is the appropriate amount of time needed to clean the Montgomery County Court Complex.

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

1. **UKA Virden Wind Road Use Agreement Update/Approval:** Murzynski said while the tentative Road Use Agreement (RUA) was 95% complete as of Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, attorneys for UKA recently notified the county work on the agreement has been "paused."
2. **Resolution 2025-3 appropriating funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Grove Branch Trail, Walshville Township Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee reviewed the agreement and discussed the location on Grove Branch Trail. The project cost estimate is \$6,000 with the county responsible for 50%. **Motion by Murzynski and**

second by Whitworth to approve Resolution 2025-3 appropriating \$3,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for a 50/50 culvert replacement on Grove Branch Trail in Walshville Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 189-190).

3. **Resolution 2025-4 appropriating funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Dutchmans Avenue, Walshville Township Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee reviewed the agreement and discussed the location on Dutchmans Avenue. The project cost estimate is \$6,000 with the county responsible for 50%. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Corso to approve Resolution 2025-4 appropriating \$3,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for a 50/50 culvert replacement on Dutchmans Avenue in Walshville Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 191-192).**
4. **Resolution 2025-5 appropriating funds for 100% county culvert replacement on Ohlman Road Update/Approval:** Murzynski reported the committee reviewed the agreement and discussed the location on Ohlman Road. The project cost estimate is \$38,000 with the county responsible for 100%. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Bergen to approve Resolution 2025-5 appropriating \$38,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for a culvert replacement on Ohlman Road in Audubon Township. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 193-194).**
5. **Resolution 2025-6 appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary for 2025 Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported hearing from IDOT since the committee meeting and asked the County Board to anticipate taking action at the June meeting.
6. **New Equipment Shed Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the floor of the new building was poured on Monday, May 5th, 2025; storm sewer work is complete; the contractor is working on the parking lot area, and the building package should arrive from the vendor FBI, who is based in Indiana, in the next two weeks.

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

1. **Animal Control Funding Request Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported Development & Personnel Committee Chairman Ruppert made a written request for \$7,500 from ARPA interest to pay for a new lawnmower, a cremains processor, ventilation fans, and a tranquilizer gun safe. The fans have been provided. The committee voted to allow Animal Control to make the necessary purchases and will transfer the funds at the end of the fiscal year.
2. **Audit Report Update/Approval:** Treasurer Nikki Lohman introduced Robin Klingler from Auditor Scheffel Boyle's Alton office. Klingler said the county earned a clean opinion on financial statements and a clean opinion on federal expenditures. She reported three compliance findings and one significant deficiency on internal control; the significant deficiency is due to the county relying on auditors to prepare financial reports. Klingler noted a FY2024 deficit of \$639,690 across all funds, but pointed out the county spent \$1.9 million in ARPA grant funds during the fiscal year. Regarding the county's current financial condition, she noted the recommendation is for 180 days of operation to be kept in reserve, and the county has 465 days of operation in reserves. Ritchie thanked

the auditor and Treasurer Lohman. The board will be asked to take action on the audit report at the June meeting.

3. **ARPA Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Treasurer Lohman provided an ARPA spreadsheet to the committee, and noted all of the \$5.5 million in ARPA funding has been expended except for four items, all of which are under contract.
4. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Supervisor of Assessments Kendra Niehaus reported the Board of Review will open for the 2025 year on June 2nd, 2025, and the county earned a state multiplier of 1.0000 for the 2024 (payable 2025) tax year. Ritchie stated her office budgeted \$15,000 for a required GIS software switch to ArcPro, but the actual cost will be \$7,848.54 over the budget. The committee discussed taking the cost overrun from the budgeted \$100,000 coal contingency, but ultimately decided to terms provided by Bruce Harris & Associates to pay for the cost overrun next fiscal year. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the ArcGIS Pro Parcel Fabric Conversion contract with Bruce Harris & Associates of Batavia for \$22,848.54. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Ritchie said although the March coal royalty payment was received late and therefore not on the report, it was in excess of \$180,000. He stated total coal reserves are \$10.3 million.
6. **County Solar Project Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the committee reviewed solar proposals for county buildings garnered by Maintenance Director Phil Ernst in February, 2024. Committee member Evan Young has solicited another proposal, which is not complete yet. He said the committee will continue to analyze the costs and benefits before making a recommendation.
7. **Electric Bids Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported three brokers submitted five proposals, the least expensive of which ranged from a 27.1% increase to a 42.9% increase. After discussion, the committee is recommending the least expensive rate of 0.08792 for one year, up from this year's rate of 0.06918. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Hughes to approve a 12-month contract with Direct Energy through Your Choice Energy. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 195-202).**
8. **Non-Union & Part-Time Salary FY2026 Salary Increases Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the committee reviewed a spreadsheet prepared by Treasurer Lohman comparing FY26 collective bargaining wage increases of 6%, 4%, and 85 cents per hour. The committee discussed percentage raises versus set-amount raises, and ultimately asked Lohman to add 5%, \$1 and \$1.15 to the spreadsheet for review and a recommendation next month.
9. **IPRF Work Comp Refund Update/Approval:** Ritchie stated after reclassification work by Treasurer's office employee Trish Roemelin, the county earned a workers' compensation refund of \$9,124.
10. **IMRF Invoice Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported due to the state mandated higher increase in Sheriff's salary and his subsequent retirement, IMRF has imposed a \$96,281.66 penalty on the county. He said payments will be deferred over the next three years.
11. **Bellwether Letter of Agreement for FY2026 Budget Update/Approval:** Ritchie stated the committee reviewed and discussed the proposed agreement with Bellwether for FY2026 budget preparation for the same terms as the past two years: \$12,000 payable in

two installments. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Jones to approve of the Letter of Agreement with Bellwether for FY2026 budget services for \$12,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 203-205).**

12. **Pre-Paid Vendor List Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the committee reviewed the Pre-Paid Vendor List, with emphasis on special funds on the list highlighted by County Clerk Leitheiser. The committee discussed whether funds not originating from specific vendors should be included on the list and ultimately determined the list is more accurately a part of a process than a list of vendors. He said the committee discussed various ideas such as developing a Pre-Approved Payment List with regular reviews and returning to the practice of committee review of pre-approved payments. The committee hopes to make a recommendation next month.

13. **Travel Ordinance 2025-10 Update/Approval:** Ritchie said after the proposed travel ordinance was rejected by the full board last month, the committee discussed returning the suggested language requiring “prior written approval” to the ordinance. The committee discussed adding the “prior written approval” language only for out-of-state travel. Chairman Donaldson read the proposed new language from the travel ordinance, and Young said he is still opposed to the updated ordinance because the new language should apply to all travel, not just out-of-state travel. Bergen also questioned why the language could not refer to both in-state and out-of-state travel. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to adopt amended Travel Ordinance 2025-10 requiring prior written approval for reimbursement for out-of-state overnight travel, meals and lodging. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Whitworth. Voting no: Bergen, Hancock, Ruppert, Young. Motion carried 10-4. (For copy, see Resolution Book 22, pages 206-207).**

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:

Motion by Hughes and second by Jones to approve the committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Gary Hulbert as Trustee to the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District Update/Approval: **Motion by Donaldson and second by Ruppert to appoint Gary Hulbert as Trustee to the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District to a three-year term beginning May 1, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL: Motion by Daniels and second by Murzynski to pay all approved bills and payroll. All in favor, motion carried. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Corso, Daniels, Donaldson, Hancock, Hughes, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth (Young had left the meeting). All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Murzynski and second by Hancock to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.