

**Montgomery County Board Joint
Development & Personnel Committee
Finance & Budget Committee Special Meeting Minutes
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049**

2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Russ Beason (virtually), Dr. Patty Whitworth, Connie Beck, Chad Ruppert

Members Absent: Chris Daniels, Jeremy Jones, Roy Schieferdecker, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Treasurer Nikki Lohman, Animal Control Warden Tricia Papin, Engineer Cody Greenwood, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser, EMA/EPA/911 Director Dan Hough, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, several county employees

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ruppert.

1. Public Comments: None

2. FY2027 Employee Health Insurance Proposals Update/Approval:

- Tony Johnston of Gallagher told committee members the county's Blue Cross loss ratio for the past 12 months was 123.6% with claims exceeding \$1 million from 12 large claimants. He presented a renewal with a 21.5% with the bundle discount, or a two-tier BCO option with two different deductibles at a 15.74% increase with the bundle discount. He said United Health Care had declined to quote.
- Kevin Kern of Hope Trust described the local government self-insured pool that has averaged single-digit percentage increases throughout its history, including 7.3% this year. Brent Williams described four offered plans, one of which provides zero out-of-pocket costs in the Preferred network. The Hope Trust plans also offer an employee incentive to use other available group plans. Hope Trust Representative Jake Janssen described Preferred and Standard networks.
- After both presentations, Committee Chair Ruppert set another joint Development & Personnel Committee and Finance & Budget Committee meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, to discuss and decide.

3. Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

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Finance & Budget Committee Special Meeting Minutes
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7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Roy Schieferdecker, Russ Beason, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Connie Beck, Chad Ruppert

Members Absent: Jeremy Jones, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Treasurer Nikki Lohman and Chief Deputy Trish Roemelin, EMA/EPA/911 Director Dan Hough, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser and Undersheriff Jeff Roach, Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee and CFO Jodi Perkins

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ruppert.

1. Public Comments: None

2. FY2027 Employee Health Insurance Proposals Update/Approval: The committee reviewed new proposals from Blue Cross Blue Shield reducing rate increases to 17.9% for renewal or 12.37% for new options, as well as written “closing arguments” from Hope Trust. The committee also reviewed a spreadsheet drafted by Hugh Satterlee showing that, with a 20% increase in cost to benefit participants and a \$285,000 shift in expenses to Tort Funds, the net Hope Trust premium increase is 10.11%. Committee Chair Ruppert led a detailed discussion of advantages and disadvantages to both switching to Hope Trust and remaining with Blue Cross Blue Shield. **Motion by Corso and second by Beason to accept proposal from Hope Trust. (Amended motion by Whitworth and second by Beck to offer Hope 1500, Hope 4000 QHDHP, Hope Trad Saver 2500, and HRP Plans with 20% participant cost increase. All in favor, motion carried.) All in favor, motion carried.**

3. Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Beason and second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Hughes, Chairman

1. Maintenance Vehicle Bid Opening Update/Approval: One bid has been received; more are anticipated.
2. Maintenance Report Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
3. Cress Hill Tower Replacement Update/Approval: The committee will discuss any updates.
4. Historic Courthouse South Porch Lighting Update/Approval: Committee Chair Hughes reported he is pleased with the painting job Cinric did on the current light fixtures, so replacement can be taken off the agenda.
5. 127 N. Main Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss building status.
6. Other Business: Seth Yount will present a grant application to clean up the County Farm Cemetery.

Roads and Bridges Committee: Ethan Murzynski, Chairman

1. Other Business: Committee Chair Murzynski reported Red Bridge is now open, and the committee will discuss Engineer salary recommendations from the state. Members also discussed the recent closure of Honey Bend Avenue Bridge.

Finance and Budget Committee: Connie Beck, Chairwoman

1. SOA Office Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
2. Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
3. FY2027 Budget Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss any needed revisions.
4. FY2027 Tax Levy Update/Approval: The committee will discuss and recommend final action.
5. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval: The committee will review and make recommendations.
6. Trustee Sale Property Transfers Update/Approval: More transfers generated by the Trustee Sale are anticipated.
7. Other Business: Sheriff Holshouser anticipates amended FY2027 budget requests to replace vehicles recently totaled in deer accidents.

Motion to adjourn by Hughes and second by Murzynski. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

**Montgomery County Board
Development & Personnel Committee
Hearing Minutes**

County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Square, Hillsboro, IL 62049

6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Jeremy Jones, Roy Schieferdecker, Chad Ruppert

Members Absent: Russ Beason, Doug Donaldson

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, and Luis Gonzalez, Ernest Calderon, and Natalie Holden representing the applicant, land owner Karl Krumsiek

1. Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ruppert.
2. Identification of Application and Project Overview: Committee Chair Chad Ruppert said the purpose of the hearing was to discuss an application by ESA to construct, operate, and maintain a 2-megawatt alternating current (MW-AC) / 3-megawatt direct current (MW-DC) community solar energy facility (the "Project") in unincorporated Montgomery County, Illinois. The Project will be a ground-mounted, tracking solar array located on no greater than 15 acres of a 27.42-acre parcel along E Clark St, west of Yaeger Lake Trail (APN 10-34-100-019). The Applicant has entered into a lease agreement with the property owner, Karl Krumsiek, for the portion of the parcel needed for the proposed facility.
3. Hearing Rules and Procedures Update/Approval: Ruppert reviewed the rules and procedures for the hearing as printed on the hearing agenda, noting the hearing was being recorded.
4. Presentation by Applicant: The presentation was led by ESA Project Development Manager Luis Gonzalez, Communication Manager Ernest Calderon, and Attorney Natalie Holden. Calderon said ESA is a Central Florida company operating primarily small scale utility solar, battery storage, and roof-mounted commercial. Gonzalez, an industrial engineer with a utility work history, said the project is 2MW AC (3MW DC) on 15 acres north and south of Clark Street east of Litchfield. He said after a 6-9-month construction timeline, the project will generate enough power for 400-450 homes. He described how the project meets state and county ordinance standards, and described the 20-foot wide extra buffer to be installed by agreement with the City of Litchfield. Attorney Holden said she was brought on to assist with the settlement with the city that compensates both the city and the developer of the neighboring subdivision.
5. Questions for Applicant: Committee members asked questions regarding the location of inverters, the St. Francis Hospital helipad, panel sources, panel composition, the interconnect agreement, road use agreements, distance between panel rows, and maintenance of the vegetative buffer. In response to a committee question Gonzalez said ESA intends to permit and then sell the project. In addition to questions from the Committee, questions were asked from North Litchfield Township Highway Commissioner Dan Peters regarding EAV and decommissioning, from Jim Odle of the Christian Church of Litchfield regarding weather incidents and panel components, and from North Litchfield Township Assessor Tom Baker regarding whether project insurance covers damage on neighboring properties.
6. Public Comment: North Litchfield Township Highway Commissioner Dan Peters expressed opposition to the project, indicating the land could better be used as single-family residence building sites. Litchfield Planning and Zoning Commission member Judy Dalhaus said her committee is discussing a proposed Solar Ordinance for the City of Litchfield.

Montgomery County Board
Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 24, 2026

Members Present: Connie Beck, Mark Hughes, Ethan Murzynski, Chad Ruppert, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, EMA/EPA/911 Director Dan Hough, MCEDC Executive Director Kaitlyn Fath, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Engineer Cody Greenwood, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Chairman Donaldson.

Public Comments: None

Coordinating Committee: Doug Donaldson, Board Chairman

1. Information Systems Report Update/Approval: Due to ongoing projects, IS Director Curt Watkins was unavailable.
2. EMA/EPA Report Update/Approval: Director Hough reported a busy month of training, including a class he instructed at HSHS St. Francis in Litchfield. He is planning further classes for the first quarter of 2027. Hough reported the Hazmat team was deployed twice in Macoupin County during the past month, the landfill is considering a vertical expansion, and IESMA has requested a mutual aid intergovernmental service agreement.
3. Planning Commission Appointments Update/Approval: The committee reviewed five commissioners to be appointed in December. Two commissioner positions remain available.
4. Zoning Consideration Update/Approval: Chairman Donaldson said the County Board needs to begin serious conversations about zoning. He has reached out to an Illinois Farm Bureau representative who is willing to address the board on the issue.
5. Other Business: County Board Admin reminded the committee the Montgomery County Health Department will be administering flu shots before the Oct. 13 meeting, and the new Hazmat Truck will be on site for inspection.

Development & Personnel Committee: Chad Ruppert, Chairman

1. Animal Control Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
2. MCEDC Update/Approval: Kaitlyn Fath will present a monthly report.
3. BEAD Update/Approval: County Board Admin reported federal funding has been approved.
4. Wind & Solar Ordinance Update/Approval: The committee will review pending more information from Attorney Keyt.
5. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval: The committee will review grant status.
6. Union Negotiation Update/Approval: Committee Chair Ruppert said he has reviewed the union proposal.
7. Pattern Energy Update/Approval: A new land agent list has been filed in the County Clerk's Office.
8. 2027 County Holiday Schedule Update/Approval: The committee will review and make a recommendation.
9. Other Business: The committee will also hear a presentation from Geronimo regarding a potential 194MW solar project. Committee Chair Ruppert reminded members that the Elm Lawn Solar hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1, and the joint D&P/F&B Committee selected Hope Trust for employee health insurance on Sept. 23.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Hughes, Chairman

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Roads and Bridges Committee: Ethan Murzynski, Chairman

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Finance and Budget Committee: Connie Beck, Chairwoman

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7. Other Business: Sheriff Holshouser anticipates amended FY2027 budget requests to replace vehicles recently totaled in deer accidents.

Motion to adjourn by Hughes and second by Murzynski. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board
Development & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
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5:00 p.m. Monday, October 5, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Jeremy Jones, Roy Schieferdecker, Russ Beason, Chad Ruppert

Members Absent: Doug Donaldson

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Animal Control Warden Tricia Papin, MCEDC Executive Director Kaitlyn Fath, Luis Gonzalez and Justin Vanderbroeck of ESA

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ruppert

1. Public Comments: None
2. Geronimo Power Donnellson Solar Project Update/Approval: Lead Project Developer Leanne Russell Fate gave an initial overview of a potential 195MW utility scale solar project that would straddle the Bond and Montgomery County line near Donnellson. She anticipates a 3000-acre footprint with a permit application submitted late summer or early fall 2027.
3. Animal Control Update/Approval: Warden Tricia Papin reported nine dogs and 15 kittens at the facility, with six kittens scheduled for rescue later in the week. The department responded to 42 calls in the past month and has three events scheduled for October.
4. MCEDC Update/Approval: Executive Director Kaitlyn Fath shared a report that included 23 meetings during the past month, as well as updates on her program of work including housing, community and business education, cellular service, CEO, and COAD.
5. BEAD Update/Approval: The county was notified that federal BEAD funding has been approved and the committee reviewed maps of addresses that will be served. Interactive maps are available at <https://www.illinoisbead.org/#/>.
6. Wind & Solar Ordinance Update/Approval: The committee reviewed pending ordinances, as well as "Visual Impact Assessment" studies now required by Ohio legislation. The committee requested County Board Admin to forward the Ohio legislation to Attorney Andrew Keyt for possible inclusion in Montgomery County ordinances.
7. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval: County Board Admin reported the final Round 1 report was submitted on Monday, Oct. 5, as well as the quarterly Round 2 report. County Board Admin has also submitted additional information required for Round 3, and that grant agreement remains pending. The County will seek input from the Governor's office.
8. Union Negotiation Update/Approval: Committee Chair Ruppert reported meeting with Local 1084 and special meetings for negotiations will be scheduled soon.
9. Pattern Energy Update/Approval: The committee reviewed a new land agent list with two new names filed in the County Clerk's office.

10. 2027 County Holiday Schedule Update/Approval: The committee reviewed a tentative holiday schedule for 2027 that proposes the same number of holidays (14) as 2026. Two holidays have been eliminated: Election Day and a second Christmas holiday since Christmas falls on a weekend. Subsequently, two holidays have been added: Juneteenth and New Year's Eve since New Year's Day falls on a weekend. **Motion by Jones and second by Daniels to recommend the 2027 County Holiday Schedule. All in favor, motion carried.**
11. Hope Trust Update/Approval: The committee reviewed a Joint Self-Insurance Risk Pool Participation Agreement to join Hope Trust for employee health insurance. **Motion by Daniels and second by Schieferdecker to recommend approval of the JSIRP Participation Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**
12. Elm Lawn Solar Update/Approval: ESA owner Justin Vanderbroeck and Project Developer Luis Gonazalez reviewed answers to questions remaining from the October 1 public hearing regarding buffer replacement and insurance. The committee also discussed six conditions for siting approval: 1) The developer 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) The developer 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 onboarded by the developer; 3) The developer 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; 4) Access to the facility will be designed and maintained to minimize impact on adjacent properties. The developer will provide a copy of the Shared Road Use Agreement with the North Litchfield Township Road District prior to the commencement of construction of the solar project; 5) The Developer shall maintain commercial general liability insurance coverage for the Solar Facility, with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, throughout construction and operation. Within thirty (30) days of a written request from the County, the Developer shall provide the County with a current certificate of insurance, or a copy of the applicable policy declarations, evidencing such coverage; and 6) The Developer shall maintain the vegetative buffer shown on Preliminary Site Plan Sheet L101 throughout operation of the Solar Facility. Dead plant material shall be removed and replaced no later than the close of the first full planting season following its identification. **Motion by Jones and second by Daniels to recommend approval of the Elm Lawn Solar siting permit with six attached conditions. All in favor, motion carried.**

13. Other Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Jones and second by Beason. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jones and second by Corso. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse

#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Members Present: Connie Beck, Cody Gudgel, Keith Hancock, Roy Schieferdecker, Russ Beason, Mark Hughes, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, MCEDC Executive Director Kaitlyn Fath, Seth Yount

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Hughes

1. Public Comments: None
2. Maintenance Vehicle Bid Opening Update/Approval: The committee opened and reviewed two sealed bids for new maintenance vehicles, one for a 2026 Chevy Silverado crew cab for \$49,777 plus \$550 for a spray-in bed liner from Steve Schmitt of Litchfield, and the other for a 2027 Ford F-150 extended cab for \$45,309 from Vogler Motor Company in Carbondale. After discussing certain contingencies in the Vogler bid, the committee opted for the local bid and asked Maintenance Director Phil Ernst to trade the current 2008 Ford truck. **Motion by Beason and second by Beck to recommend accepting the bid of \$49,777 plus \$550 for a spray-in bed liner less trade-in from Steve Schmitt of Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. County Farm Cemetery Clean-Up Update/Approval: Seth Yount presented IDNR forms for "Permission to Clean and Preserve a Historic Illinois Cemetery" to grant him permission to volunteer to clean up the County Farm Cemetery as well as Blooming Grove Cemetery on Butler Avenue. Not only does he operate Yount Lawn & Landscaping, but Yount is also certified by the state in tombstone restoration. Chairman Donaldson recommended first checking with the State's Attorney regarding Blooming Grove. **Motion by Beck and second by Scheiferdecker to recommend approval of "Permission to Clean and Preserve a Historic Illinois Cemetery" for Seth Yount to clean up the County Farm Cemetery. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. Maintenance Report Update/Approval: Maintenance Director Phil Ernst reviewed the 67 items on his report, including completing 44 work orders last month. He noted boiler installation continues on schedule at the Historic Courthouse, and the Animal Control new incinerator should arrive within two weeks.
5. Cress Hill Tower Replacement Update/Approval: No update
6. 127 N. Main Update/Approval: No update
7. Other Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Beason and second by Hancock. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Beason and second by Gudgel. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

Montgomery County Board
Roads & Bridges Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, Montgomery County Highway Department
11159 IL Route 185, Hillsboro, IL 62049

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Evan Young, Keith Hancock, Ethan Murzynski, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: Cody Gudgel

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Engineer Cody Greenwood

1. Public Comment: None
2. Resolution 2026-10 appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary for FY27 Update/Approval: Engineer Cody Greenwood presented a request from the Illinois Association of County Engineers asking the state to increase the County Engineers Salary Program 8.5% for 2027, 5.5% to catch up with inflation since 2012 plus a 3% raise. The Illinois Department of Transportation, however, increased the minimum recommended salaries by 3.5%. Greenwood provided salary ranges for posted job openings in the private sector, salaries for similarly qualified state employees, and salaries for neighboring county engineers. He requested the committee consider a 10% salary increase of \$151,300 which would place his salary 8% above the state required minimum of \$140,100. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Hancock to enter closed session at 8:44 a.m. to discuss personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Corso and second by Whitworth to return to open session at 8:51 a.m. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Hancock and second by Whitworth to recommend a FY2027 County Engineer salary of \$150,765 for a 9.25% increase. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. Other Business: Engineer Greenwood reviewed the monthly report, which included installing a box culvert in Irving Township. He also anticipates making piling repairs on the closed Honey Bend bridge to get it open until bridge replacement.

Motion to pay the bills by Young and second by Corso. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Whitworth and second by Hancock. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

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8:31 a.m. Thursday, October 8, 2026

Members Present: Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Chad Ruppert, Connie Beck

Members Absent: Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Maintenance Director Phil Ernst, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, MCEDC Executive Director Kaitlyn Fath, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, State's Attorney Brian Shaw, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser, Treasurer Nikki Lohman

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Beck.

1. Public Comment: None
2. SOA Office Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the report, noting Chief Deputy Michaela Gray had passed all of her IPAI courses and as of Friday, Oct. 2, she is a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer (CIAO).
3. Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the reports noting a \$220,327.94 August coal royalty payment and a total Coal Fund balance of \$11.2 million.
4. FY2027 Budget Update/Approval: The committee had relatively few FY2027 budget changes to discuss. The committee discussed but made no change to the State's Attorney's budget regarding the Victim/Witness Coordinator; added \$1,580 to the Supervisor of Assessments' staff salary line item; changed the Fund 375 line item for Sheriff's vehicles from \$180,000 to \$185,000; and added \$125,000 to the Coordinated Services Wind Permit Application revenue line item and \$90,000 to the Wind Permit expense line item. Treasurer Nikki Lohman will make changes in the Employee Health Insurance line items when open enrollment is complete and in the Property/Liability and Work Comp line items after bid opening on Oct. 14.
5. FY2027 Tax Levy Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the estimated tax levies; no changes are needed. **Motion by Corso and second by Whitworth to recommend FY2027 aggregate levies. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. Travel Voucher Roll Call Update/Approval: The committee reviewed an overnight travel voucher from the VAC superintendent that exceeded the GSA by \$38/night. **Motion by Corso and second by Daniels to recommend payment of travel voucher of \$638.34. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval: The committee reviewed Coal Fund 375 vouchers, as well as a request from Maintenance Director Phil Ernst for up to \$10,000 to replace a back-flow preventer. **Motion by Daniels and second by Ruppert to recommend payment of Fund 375 vouchers to Cinric Painting for \$17,900; Ace Hardware for \$29.99 and 29.33; Steve Schmitt of Litchfield for \$50,255; Hillsboro Electric for \$3,050.58; and permission for Maintenance spend up to \$10,000 to replace a back-flow preventer. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. Trustee Sale Property Transfers Update/Approval: The committee reviewed 10 parcels sold at the Trustee Sale. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Corso to recommend transferring 10 parcel sold at Trustee Sale. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. Other Business: State's Attorney Brian Shaw informed the committee his office had been rejected for a Victim/Witness Coordinator grant due to \$7,800 owed to the state for a past grant. The committee

discussed the process for repaying the money owed, and Shaw anticipates the grant will be restored on July 1, 2027.

Motion to pay the bills by Daniels and second by Corso. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Whitworth and second by Ruppert. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.