

**Montgomery County Board**  
**Buildings & Grounds Committee Special Meeting Minutes**  
Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse  
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

**4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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Members Present: Mark Hughes, Connie Beck, Russell Beason, Keith Hancock, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Maintenance Director Phil Ernst, Chief Probation Officer Banee Ulrici, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser, EMA/EPA Director Dan Hough, County Board member Chris Daniels

1. Public Comments: None
  
2. 127 N. Main Street Property Update/Approval: Maintenance Director Phil Ernst reported after examining the roof, wiring, furnace, AC, hot water heater, plumbing, foundation, and building age, said the structure would need \$40,000-\$50,000 in repairs. Committee Chair Hughes referenced several local comparable sales and how they impacted the value of the building. **Motion by Beason and second by Young to enter closed session at 4:39 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beason and second by Beck to return to open session at 4:51 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**
  
3. Other Business: None

Motion to Adjourn by Young and second by Beason. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 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

## Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse  
#1 Courthouse Square, Hillsboro, IL 62049

**4:06 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2026**

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Members Present: Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Chris Daniels, Patty Whitworth

Members Absent: Mark Hughes, Doug Donaldson

Others Present: Mike Plunkett and Lucas Nowlan of County Board Administration, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Treasurer Nikki Lohman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairwoman Whitworth

1. Public Comments: None
2. Review Chain of Command Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the chain of command language that needs aligned with state statute, and recommended changing the language to the language in the statute. The committee also recommended a new rule reflecting state statute regarding a vacancy in the chairmanship.
3. Coal Fund 375 Expense Procedure Update/Approval: The committee discussed the disposition of Coal Fund 375 and preferred for it to remain under the control of the County Board as a contingency fund. The committee agreed with Rules of Order language suggested by the County Clerk's office, emphasizing Coal Fund 375 as best used for capital improvements/infrastructure and contingencies.
4. Other Business: Committee member Daniels has researched procurement policy samples, and the committee discussed including procurement in the developing Finance & Budget Policy. Daniels had also asked for research regarding closed sessions. According to an interpretive court decision, the Open Meetings Act does not specify who is allowed to attend closed session.

Motion to Adjourn by Whitworth and second by Daniels. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 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**  
**Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda**  
County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse  
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

**8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2026**

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Members Present: Doug Donaldson, Mark Hughes, Chad Ruppert, Dr. Patty Whitworth

Members Absent: Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie

Others Present: Mike Plunkett and Lucas Nowlan of County Board Administration, Treasurer Nikki Lohman, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, Sheriff Tyson Holshouser, Engineer Cody Greenwood, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, EMA/EPA Director Dan Hough, IS Director Curt Watkins

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Chairman Donaldson.

Public Comments: None

Coordinating Committee: Doug Donaldson, Board Chairman

1. Information Systems Report Update/Approval: IS Director Curt Watkins reported court grand audio upgrades are nearly complete, and his department is working on security door access, the jury server, and phone system upgrades. Both the GIS website transfer to Bruce Harris and DevNet remote access for township assessors is awaiting on his department, and he also anticipates working on DCEO-funded switch and storage upgrades as well as yearly PC replacements.
2. Privacy Notice Policy Update/Approval: The policy will be presented for board approval when complete.
3. EMA/EPA Report Update/Approval: EMA/EPA Director Dan Hough said he is working on a weather event report. He also discussed an IEPA virtual meeting on solid waste and recycling, a possible grant to replace the Cress Hill tower, a date for an evening table-top exercise, and the ramification of new regulations requiring 911 to acquire its own FEIN number.
4. Safety Committee Update/Approval: County Board Admin is working with Treasurer Nikki Lohman to establish a HELP Safety Committee that would result in a 10% reduction in Work Comp premiums. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Ruppert to recommend Tyson Holshouser, Nikki Lohman, Mike Plunkett, Cody Greenwood and Phil Ernst to the HELP Safety Committee. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. CIPT Intergovernmental Agreement & Ordinance Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the annual CIPT Intergovernmental Agreement and Ordinance to Provide For Public Transportation. **Motion by Hughes and second by Whitworth to recommend the CIPT Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement with Shelby County. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee Update/Approval: Committee Chair Connie Beck will review recommendations and request Full Board action.
7. Mayors Meeting Update/Approval: Chairman Donaldson reviewed discussions which centered on county help with grant eligibility, derelict property clean-up, and animal control.
8. Review of Closed Session Minutes Update/Approval: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett reviewed recommendations on pending closed session minutes. **Motion by Hughes and second by Ruppert to recommend the following closed session minutes remain forever sealed: Buildings & Grounds Committee 8/24/21; Finance & Budget Committee 8/7/25; Full Board 9/9/25; Roads & Bridges Committee 11/5/25; Development & Personnel Committee 12/1/25. All in favor, motion carried.** Three other closed session minutes will remain pending until the next review.
9. Other Business: The committee review information from U.S. Congresswoman Mary Miller regarding grant opportunities.

Development & Personnel Committee: Chad Ruppert, Chairman

1. MCEDC Update/Approval: Kaitlyn Fath will give her report.
2. Animal Control Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
3. Enclosure, Eye Wash, and Fence Bids Update/Approval: Committee Chair Ruppert anticipates bids.
4. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval: The Round 3 grant application has been approved.
5. Wind, Solar, and Battery Ordinances Update/Approval: The committee will review Solar Ordinance revisions and make a recommendation.
6. County Starting Salary Update/Approval: Bushue is working on a recommendation.
7. Other Business: The committee will review the City-Wide Clean-Up for 2026 and ask for an update from Nextlink.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Hughes, Chairman

1. County Farm Lease Bid Opening Update/Approval: The committee anticipates multiple lease bids.
2. Maintenance Report Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
3. 127 N. Main Street Property Update/Approval: Negotiations continue.
4. DCEO County Board Room Grant Update/Approval: Cushions have been installed; the committee will discuss staining proposals and payment options.
5. Surplus Kohler Generator Update/Approval: The generator has been taken to the new EMA building.
6. Other Business: None

Roads and Bridges Committee: Cody Greenwood, Engineer

1. Other Business: Engineer Greenwood anticipated agenda items to include a township bridge, 50/50 pipe replacement project, and a building update.

Finance and Budget Committee: Doug Donaldson, Board Chairman

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. Special Service Area Ambulance Contracts Update/Approval: Contracts have been mailed and one has returned.
4. Solar Income Tax Filing Update/Approval: Treasurer Lohman reported she has solicited the services of a consultant.
5. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss.
6. Elected Official Salary Process Update/Approval: The committee will review and discuss a formula based on a percentage rather than set amounts.
7. Request for Proposals for Copier Service Update/Approval: The Coordinating Committee was disinclined to solicit proposals.
8. Other Business: Chairman Donaldson reported Committee Chair Ritchie will be moving out of state. He anticipates a resignation and added Ritchie's leadership will be difficult to replace.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse  
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

**5:00 p.m. Monday, February 2, 2026**

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Members Present: Chad Ruppert, Bill Bergen, Chris Daniels, Jeremy Jones, Russell Beason

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ruppert.
2. Public Comment: None
3. MCEDC Update/Approval: Kaitlyn Fath reported in the past month she has attended a webinar, met with DCEO at Jardogs in Hillsboro, worked on Route 66 tourism events in preparation of the historic road's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, attended the Mayors Meeting, and continues to meet with municipalities and attend conferences. **Motion by Jones and second by Daniels to recommend payment of \$15,000 invoice for annual dues in the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. Animal Control Update/Approval: The committee reviewed monthly Animal Control reports. Additionally, Warden Papin said she has been researching a less expensive spay/neuter option. Two new municipal Animal Control contracts have been signed and two are pending. Papin also reported she will be requesting money from Coal Fund 375 to purchase from Victory Lane in Carlinville the used Chevy Tahoe traded in by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.
5. Enclosure, Eye Wash, and Fence Bids Update/Approval: The committee reviewed proposals for enclosing the front porch at Montgomery County Animal Control, proposals for installing an eye wash station, and proposals for installing fencing. The entire cost of the all three proposals will be reimbursed by the DCEO Energy Transition Grant. **Motion by Jones and second by Bergen to recommend awarding the low proposal for all three to Weiss Construction & Roofing. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval: The committee reviewed notification from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) dated Jan. 15, 2026 that the county's application for the third round of the Energy Transition Community Grant Program had been approved. The letter anticipates the next stage of the grant process will take 8-12 weeks.
7. Wind, Solar, and Battery Ordinances Update/Approval: The committee reviewed proposed changes in the solar ordinance required by the Energy Omnibus bill signed by the Governor on Jan. 8, 2026. Proposed changes include a lower maximum fee cap, a requirement to conclude the public hearing within 60 days, an increase in the timeframe to start the project from one year to five years, and a change in vegetative buffer requirements. Committee Chair Ruppert said he will ask the County Board to take action in March. **Motion by Beason and second by Daniels to recommend changes to the Solar Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. County Starting Salary Update/Approval: Committee Chair Ruppert reported Bushue HR continues to review job study information to make recommendations.

9. City-Wide Clean-Up for 2026 Update/Approval: The committee reviewed applications for City-Wide Clean-Up grants for 2026. Municipalities and townships are eligible for reimbursement up to \$750 per year in landfill/dumpster fees for hosting clean-up days. **Motion by Daniels and second by Jones to recommend Montgomery County continue City-Wide Clean-Up grants in 2026. All in favor, motion carried.**
10. Report from Nextlink Update/Approval: County Clerk Leitheiser reported she has reached out to Nextlink for either a written update or a verbal update in front of the County Board.
11. Other Business: Committee member Jones asked about cell tower notifications, and County Board Administrator Plunkett reported a resolution in support of the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau would be on the County Board agenda.

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

Motion to Adjourn by Beason and second by Bergen. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse

#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

**8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

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Members Present: Mark Hughes, Connie Beck, Russell Beason, Keith Hancock, Evan Young, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Board Administrator Mike Plunkett, Maintenance Director Phil Ernst, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, and Chief Probation Officer Bane Ulrici.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Hughes.
2. Public Comments: None
3. County Farm Lease Bid Opening Update/Approval: The committee unsealed and reviewed two bids for the County Farm Lease. The starting bids were \$403 an acre from Jason Anderson and \$405 an acre from Arlen and Allen Kasten. The top three bidders are given the opportunity to raise their bid if they attended the bid opening. Jason Anderson and Allen Kasten both raised their bids five times, with the ending bid being awarded to Allen Kasten for \$450 an acre. **Motion by Beason and second by Beck to recommend the Full Board accept the bid from Arlen & Allen Kasten to lease the County Farm for three years at an amount of \$450 per acre. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. Maintenance Report Update/Approval: Maintenance Director Phil Ernst reviewed the 55 items on his report, including having to plug a pin-hole leak in the steam-pipe under the County Clerks Vault, noting that the pipes are in poor shape. Jimmy Fritz from Otis Elevators arrived to conduct inspections on the elevators of the Courthouse Complex. Fritz found and replaced broken rollers on the inmate's elevator. The wooden paneling in Courtroom Three detached from the wall, causing Mr. Ernst to re-glue and re-anchor the panels to the wall. Ernst reported his department completed 44 work orders during the past month.
5. 127 N. Main Street Property Update/Approval: Committee Chair Hughes reported the acquisition of the 127 North Main Street Property is an ongoing process, and will update the committee on future development.
6. DCEO County Board Room Grant Update/Approval: Double E Upholstery delivered the custom cushions for the bench style seating in the County Board Room on Jan. 27. The County Board has already committed \$4,096.33 of the \$10,000 DCEO grant to seat cushions, leaving \$5,903.67 available. The committee reviewed two proposals from Cinric Painting, one for \$10,750 to re-stain and refinish the historic woodwork, handrails, judge's bench and decorative moldings in the County Board Room, and the other for \$7,600 to paint them. The committee expressed interest in staining rather than painting. Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins reported Resident Circuit Judge Hantla pledged \$3,000 to the project. **Motion by Beck and second by Young to recommend that the Full Board accept Cinric Painting's bid to refinish the historic woodwork,**

**handrails, judge's bench and decorative moldings in the County Board Room, minus the railing in front of the public seating. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. Other Business: Circuit Clerk Robbins reported that the courtrooms of the Courthouse Complex had received updated audio and visual equipment. This upgrade included a new ADA compliant sound system, larger television screens, and new speakers. These upgrades allow easier integration of virtual meeting software, like zoom, for use in court cases.

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

Motion to Adjourn by Beason and second by Hancock. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 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, County Highway Dept.  
11159 IL Rte. 185, Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 AM – County Highway Department

**Members present:** Ethan Murzynski, Bill Bergen, Patty Whitworth, Chad Ruppert, Keith Hancock, Rob Corso, Doug Donaldson

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Present:** County Engineer Cody Greenwood and Lucas Nowlan of County Board Administration

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Section 26-03115-00-BR – Butler Grove Twp. N. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bridge Replacement Engineering Agreement Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported the engineering agreement had yet to arrive. Greenwood hopes to receive and review the plans at the next committee meeting.
3. **Nokomis Rd. (CH 7) Extension/Improvement Project Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported he was made aware that Congresswomen Mary Miller has requested proposals for Community Project Funding. The committee agreed the Nokomis Road Extension Project would be an ideal candidate for Community Project Funding. Engineer Greenwood agreed to begin working on the Highway Department's proposal for securing federal funding for the Nokomis Road Extension Project.
4. **Resolution 2026-03, Equipment Purchase with borrowed Coal Funds Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood introduced Resolution 2026-03 which proposes to purchase a 2027 Western Star 47X Tandem Dump Truck with snow plow and tailgate spreader for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. This will be accomplished by borrowing the aforementioned amount from Coal Fund 375, to be paid backed by the Highway Department. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Corso to recommend the Budget and Finance Committee approve Resolution 2026-03 to use borrowed Coal Funds to purchase a 2027 Western Star 47X Tandem Dump Truck. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Resolution 2026-04 appropriating funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Schoolhouse Ave., Fillmore Consolidated Township Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the resolution and map for a 50/50 culvert replacement on Schoolhouse Avenue in Fillmore Consolidated Township. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$24,000 with Montgomery County responsible for half the cost and Fillmore Consolidated Road District responsible for the other half. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Hancock to recommend approval of Resolution 2026-04 to appropriate funds from the County Aid to Bridge Fund to pay one-half of an estimated \$24,000 project to replace a culvert on Schoolhouse Avenue. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Heavy Equipment Shed Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported they are still withholding ten percent of the contract until a variety of items can be fixed. Additionally, several interior walls have had steel paneling installed, with the interior expected to be completed by the end of next week. The building has started to be utilized, with tandem trucks being parked inside the building.

7. **Other Items:** Engineer Greenwood reported that he is planning on meeting with EMA director Dan Hough as well as Montgomery County Health Department Director Hugh Satterlee to discuss the future of the Highway Department Complex.

Motion by Ruppert, second by Corso to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

# Montgomery County Board

## Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse  
#1 Courthouse Sq. Hillsboro, IL 62049

**8:30 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2026**

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Members Present: Andy Ritchie, Connie Beck, Rob Corso, Chris Daniels, Dr. Patty Whitworth, Evan Young

Members Absent: Doug Donaldson

Others Present: Mike Plunkett and Lucas Nowlan of County Board Administration, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, Engineer Cody Greenwood, Treasurer Nikki Lohman, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Animal Control Warden Tricia Papin, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Assessments Michaela Gray, State's Attorney Brian Shaw.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Committee Chair Ritchie.
2. Public Comment: None
3. SOA Office Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the report, and Chief Deputy Gray noted the Board of Review schedule and the Senior Homestead Exemption threshold increase.
4. Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval: The committee reviewed the reports and noted a December royalty payment of \$145,099.44 bringing the Coal Fund total to over \$10.8 million.
5. ICRMT Endorsement Update/Approval: For informational purposes, Treasurer Lohman presented an invoice from ICRMT for an additional \$3,489 property and liability insurance for the new Highway Department Building.
6. Special Service Area Ambulance Contracts Update/Approval: The committee reviewed signed Special Service Area Ambulance contracts from Farmersville-Waggoner, Nokomis-Witt, and Hillsboro. Raymond-Harvel has yet to arrive. **Motion by Young and second by Whitworth to recommend approval of Special Service Area Ambulance Contracts from Farmersville-Waggoner, Nokomis-Witt, and Hillsboro for FY2026. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. Solar Income Tax Filing Update/Approval: Treasurer Lohman presented a contract from Tri-Merit Special Tax Professionals, recommended by the county auditor, for specialty tax services related to the Renewable Energy Tax Credit from solar projects at the Highway Department, Health Department, and Senior Center. The fixed fee for the contracts is \$7,500 and Tri-Merit estimates a total credit range for the three projects of \$135,000 to \$150,000. **Motion by Daniels and second by Whitworth to recommend approval of the Tri-Merit Specialty Tax Professionals contract for \$7,500 to perform tax services related to the Renewable Energy Tax Credit. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. Fund 375 Purchases Update/Approval: The committee reviewed six requests for payments from Coal Fund 375. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Daniels to recommend \$17,900 Cinric Painting expense for front porch work at the Historic Courthouse is paid from Coal Fund 375. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to recommend voucher for \$4,295 Heart Technologies voucher for phone system upgrades is paid from Coal Fund 375. All in favor, motion carried.** Animal Control Warden Papin said the voucher for the used MCSO voucher included title transfer, brakes and a new battery. She anticipates selling a surplus vehicle for \$2,600 to \$3,400. **Motion by Daniels and second by Beck to recommend \$11,714 Victory Lane Carlinville voucher for used MCSO Tahoe is paid from Coal Fund 375. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Ritchie and second by Corso to recommend final \$14,583 Property Evaluation & Tax Advisors voucher is paid from Coal Fund 375. All in favor, motion carried.** Engineer Greenwood

said the Roads & Bridges Committee requested \$300,000 from Coal Fund 375 be loaned to the Highway Department for a new tandem dump truck to be repaid from Fund 225 by Jan. 1, 2027. He said he has been informed that prices will increase significantly next model year due to tariffs and new emissions requirements. Whitworth added the motion passed the Roads & Bridges Committee unanimously. Young said he would prefer to put the purchase off until later in the fiscal year to be certain contingency funds are not needed for an emergency. Greenwood said if a new truck is ordered now, it will not be invoiced until September or October. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Corso to recommend \$300,000 for a 2027 Western Star 47X Tandem Dump Truck with snow plow and tailgate spreader is paid from Coal Fund 375 and repaid from Fund 225 by Jan. 1, 2027. Majority in favor, motion carried (Beck and Young voted against).**

9. Elected Official Salary Process Update/Approval: In preparation for setting salaries for elected officials ahead of the November 2026 election, the committee reviewed data compiled by Circuit Clerk Robbins and a potential resolution drafted by County Clerk Leitheiser which would tie salaries to either a percentage of the State's Attorney or the Sheriff. Whitworth said she favored linking salaries to the State's Attorney, and believed substantial raises for elected officials were long overdue. Young said he felt elected officials do a good job, but they know the salaries before they run and the offices typically attract qualified candidates. **Amended Motion by Whitworth and second by Daniels to recommend the resolution setting salaries for the Treasurer, County Clerk, and Circuit Clerk at 60% the annual salary of the State's Attorney as set by the State of Illinois, beginning on Dec. 1, 2026. Majority in favor, motion carried (Young voted against)**
10. Travel Voucher Update/Approval: The committee reviewed an overnight travel voucher that exceeded the GSA rate by \$49.78 requiring a roll call vote. **Motion by Young and second by Beck to recommend approval of a travel voucher for Cassandra L. Hampton for \$358.69. All in favor, motion carried.**
11. Other Business: Treasurer Lohman reminded the committee the FY2027 budget process will begin soon; the item will be on the agenda beginning next month. The committee also applauded Committee Chair Ritchie for his service to the county.

Motion to pay the bills and payroll by Ritchie and second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Ritchie and second by Young. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.