

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

Date: Thursday, April 25th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Roll Call - Members Present: Doug Donaldson, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie, Chad Ruppert, Bob Sneed.
Members Absent: Evan Young

Others Present: Engineer Cody Greenwood, Supervisor of Assessments Kendra Niehaus, 911 Director Ed Boyd, EMA Assistant Dan Hough, Information Services Director Curt Watkins, Undersheriff Tyson Holshouser, Treasurer Nikki Lohman, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Christine Daniels and Mike Plunkett from County Board Admin, Bill Schroeder and Karyl Dressen.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

Public Comments: Citizen Bill Schroeder complained to the committee about the lack of information on the Route 185 sink hole. He questioned the possibility of sink holes opening in other areas, especially during planting season, and requested the county get answers from IDNR and the EPA. Citizen Karyl Dressen said she has family still farming in the mine area and urged the county to keep the public informed about the status of the sink hole. Chairman Donaldson responded that he and EMA Assistant Hough had been on site every day since the sink hole opened, and the land owner had not been allowing the mine access to the property.

Coordinating Committee: Doug Donaldson, Board Chairman:

1. **Information Systems Report Update/Approval:** IS Director Watkins reported that work on the redundant fiber ring continues, which will require short internet outages during the process. Cameras are being installed from the court grant, and his office is working on annual PC replacement and reviewing election and 911 cyber-security assessments.
2. **EMA Report Update/Approval:** EMA Assistant Hough reported on a weather radio discussion with the National Weather Service at a conference a few weeks ago. The National Weather Service is negotiating with two tower sites for a radio that would serve Montgomery, Bond and Fayette counties. He said there were nine tornadoes in Missouri and Illinois during an April 18 weather event, but none in Montgomery County. He said he has been responding to the Route 185 sink hole since the day it occurred and has been monitoring from a safety standpoint. The mine, IDNR and IDOT are involved, and he expects the mine to release a statement when more information is known. He said EMA's primary concern at present is the integrity of the water line serving the City of Coffeen, and stated Coffeen has an alternate source of water if the line is impacted. He is confident that Route 185 will not be re-opened until IDOT is sure it is safe. 911 Director Boyd added that his office is working on weather warning sirens in Fillmore and the Raymond-Harvel area that failed to sound.
3. **West Central Development Council/Job Center Board/CEO Board Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson said the group met on Thursday, April 18, and is on track.
4. **Montgomery County Health Department Monthly Report Changes Update/Approval:** The committee was satisfied with the new report format, but the 708 Board would like to continue to see mental health statistics.
5. **CO2 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 4 pm Wednesday, May 22 Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson reported he has been following pending pipeline legislation.
6. **EZ Mayors Meeting 5 pm Wednesday, May 29 Update/Approval:** Mayors will review proposed contracts for Animal Control as well as Enterprise Zone issues.
7. **Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation Update/Approval:** A proclamation will be presented to the board for approval.

8. **Other Business:** Chairman Donaldson would like to honor National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week that was April 14-20.

Development & Personnel Committee: Chad Ruppert, Chairman:

1. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA Report Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
2. **Animal Control Facility Update/Approval:** Facility updates will be made if they are grant-funded.
3. **Animal Control Policy Update/Approval:** The committee will review and recommend policy updates, including municipal animal control contracts.
4. **Bushue Update/Approval:** The consultant will be asked to review the county FMLA policy, employee handbook and union contracts. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the communication process.
5. **UKA Virden Wind Project Update/Approval:** Hearings are scheduled for April 29, April 30 and May 1.
6. **Hurst-Rosche Proposal to Review North Sun 22c Application Update/Approval:** The committee will review and make a recommendation to the full board.
7. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:** The first monthly report was submitted to DCEO for reimbursement on April 22.
8. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Small Business Start-Up Incentive Update/Approval:** Grant applications will be distributed at the May 29 EZ Mayors Meeting.
9. **Personnel Committee Handbook Update/Approval:** Bushue will be asked to review.
10. **Other Business:** None.

Buildings & Grounds: Bob Sneed, Chairman:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
2. **Schindler Elevator Contract Update/Approval:** The committee will review and make a recommendation.
3. **Former Highway Department Lots (East Side Of University) Update/Approval:** The committee is waiting to hear from the Hillsboro School District.
4. **Coal Historical Marker Update/Approval:** Jeff Dunn will make a presentation to the committee.
5. **Annex Building Mural Update/Approval:** Jeff Dunn will make a presentation to the committee.
6. **Highway Department Roof Bid Opening/Award Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood has reviewed the low bid. ARPA funds could be used to pay for costs in excess of the insurance claim.
7. **Interior Door Project for County Clerk's Office Update/Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that a meeting will occur within the next two weeks and invited Sneed to attend.
8. **County Board Room Tech Grant Update/Approval:** Nothing new to report.
9. **Surplus Property Resolution for Old Jail Generator Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
10. **Other Business:** Sneed reported that bid specs for roof replacement on the Courthouse Complex will be reviewed and put out for bid.

Roads & Bridges Committee: Ethan Murzynski, Chairman:

1. **Walshville Bypass Road Update/Approval:** Nothing new to report.
2. **UKA Virden Wind Road Use Agreement Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported an upcoming meeting with the Mason County Engineer for road use agreement advice.
3. **Specifications for Drainage Tile Across/Along County Highways Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
4. **Section No. 24-00147-00-FP Nokomis Road Reconstruction Update/Approval:** Hurst-Rosche is working on cost estimates and a potential phased building plan.
5. **Other Items:** None.

Finance and Budget Committee: Andy Ritchie, Chairman:

1. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
2. **Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
3. **Electric Rate Bids Update/Approval:** The committee will review and recommend.
4. **DCEO Grant/Waggoner Ball Field Update/Approval:** If approved, the \$38,000 funds for the project would be taken from ARPA interest.
5. **Neece Cemetery Access and Clean-Up Update/Approval:** An easement to the cemetery is recorded, and the township is working on access.
6. **Opioid Settlement Revenue \$6,273 Update/Approval:** Treasurer Lohman reported a payment has been made and the State's Attorney is in charge of the fund.
7. **County Audit Presentation Update/Approval:** While the audit report is typically in April, Treasurer Lohman reported that the auditor has been working on ARPA reporting, and the presentation will be held at an upcoming meeting.
8. **Budget Information Schedule & Memo Update/Approval:** The committee will review and discuss.
9. **Non-Union Salary Increases for FY 2025 Update/Approval:** The committee will review and recommend.
10. **911 FCC License Transfer Update/Approval:** Boyd reported that the current 911 FCC license is in the name of the vender, C&K, and cannot be transferred to the ETSB. It can, however, be transferred to the County Board. Boyd will continue to research and make a recommendation at the June committee meeting.
11. **Cress Hill Tower Camera Proposal to ETSB – Cost Share Request Update/Approval:** A break-in occurred at the tower shed, and Boyd asked if the County Board would split the anticipated \$9,000 cost to install security cameras with ETSB. The committee will discuss.
12. **Other Business:** Lohman reported she and Supervisor of Assessment Niehaus are working on preparing for mobile homes to be included in the tax sale. She also suggested checking with the property/casualty insurance provider before approving grant-funded capital projects, and asked the county to consider ACH instead of checks for accounts payable.

Appointments for this month's Full Board meeting:

1. William Beeler, Trustee, Raymond Community Fire Protection District, March 2024-March 2027 Update/Approval:

Motion to Adjourn by Murzynski and second by Sneed. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. 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
#1 Courthouse Square, Hillsboro, IL 62049

Date: Monday, May 6th, 2024

Time: 5:04 PM – County Board Room

Roll Call - Members Present: Chad Ruppert, Bill Bergen, Russell Beason, Mark Hughes, Jeremy Jones and Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Circuit Clerk Dan Robbins, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, EMA Director Kevin Schott, Animal Control Warden Emily Gerl, MCEDC Executive Director Bill Montgomery, Chris Daniels and Mike Plunkett from County Board Admin, citizens Dan Mulch, Ken and Dionne Manzer. Charles Wright and Maggie Poteau of UKA attended virtually.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Public Comment:** Citizen Ken Manzer told the committee he lives on five acres that are surrounded by the proposed North Sun solar project. He asked the county to consider amending its solar ordinance to require a 500-foot setback, to add additional conditions to require more screening, and about the possibility of delaying a decision on the permit application due to pending state setback legislation. Citizen Dan Mulch presented the committee with a list of considerations before making a decision on the Virden Wind project application, including improved communications, an underground coal mine map, and suggested the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District enforce drainage requirements. He also asked the committee to pause the permit process, re-examine the permit fee structure, and consider hiring an engineer to enforce permit conditions.
2. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA Report Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed and discussed the monthly HRA report.
3. **Animal Control Policy Update/Approval:** Gerl reported five bite cases in the last two weeks, and a Giardia outbreak that has killed three dogs in the past two weeks. Gerl said animals are quarantined to prevent spread. Committee Chairman Ruppert presented a proposed municipal contract for \$2.50 per capita during business hours and \$250 per call after hours. The committee discussed the amounts and the eight municipalities currently under contract through November 2025. Beason recommended one correction to the proposed contract, and if approved, Chairman Donaldson will present it to mayors at a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th. **Motion by Hughes and second by Beason to recommend proposed Municipal Contract for Animal Control Services. ROLL CALL: Yes: Bergen, Beason, Hughes, Jones, Ruppert. No: None. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Bushue Update/Approval:** Committee Chairman Ruppert reported during a “fact-finding” meeting with Travis Bushue on Wednesday, May 1st, the HR consultant was familiarized with county procedures and was presented with a copy of union contracts and the county personnel manual. He said a regular monthly meeting will be established, and emergency contact info will be furnished to department heads.
5. **UKA Virden Wind Project Update/Approval:** Charles Wright and Maggie Poteau of UKA attended the meeting virtually, and Poteau said the company has been talking to individuals who identified concerns with specific turbine locations at the hearings held April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st. Jones asked UKA to continue to investigate concerns about other utilities in the same footprint, and the possibility of a website. Committee Chairman Ruppert reminded the committee the recessed hearing will reconvene at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th.

6. **Hurst-Rosche Proposal to Review North Sun 22c Application Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed proposals from Hurst-Rosche to review solar permit applications from North Sun LLC and Plains Solar LLC for a not-to-exceed fee of \$3,500 each. The Plains Solar proposal was not on the agenda because the permit application had been received earlier that afternoon. **Motion by Beason and second by Hughes to recommend approval of proposal from Hurst-Rosche to review North Sun LLC solar application for a not-to-exceed fee of \$3,500. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:** Sub-recipient Lincoln Land Community College requested an extension for expending grant funds. The request was forwarded to DCEO and will be reviewed closer to the June 2025 grant deadline. Sub-recipient agreements with the City of Litchfield and Cross Over Ministries will be presented at the full board meeting.
8. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Small Business Start-Up Incentive Update/Approval:** The County Board Admin office reported three recent requests for grant applications. Information about the grant will also be provided at the mayors meeting on Wednesday, May 29th.
9. **Other Business:** The committee set a public hearing for the Plains Solar application for 6 p.m. Monday, July 1st, at the Historic Courthouse. Montgomery reported a new MCEDC logo and website, Leitheiser reported that she and Plunkett had been assisting Nextlink as they contact possible tower site owners, and the committee asked County Board Admin office staff to research any necessary revisions to the current solar and wind farm ordinances.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. 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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Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
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Date: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

Time: 8:34 AM – County Board Room

Roll Call - Members Present: Bob Sneed, Connie Beck, Russell Beason, Ken Folkerts, Mark Hughes and Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins, EMA Director Kevin Schott, County Engineer Cody Greenwood, Supervisor of Assessments Kendra Niehaus, Maintenance Director Phil Ernst, Chris Daniels and Mike Plunkett of County Board Admin, Hillsboro Mayor Don Downs and Community Planner Sarah McConnell, Jeff Dunn of the Illinois State Historical Society.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Public Comments:** Mayor Downs reported he had received three complaints about the mowing of the Historic Courthouse lawn, and reminded the committee he had donated two mulching mowers for better results.
2. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Maintenance Director Ernst highlighted many of the 70 items on his monthly report, including a chimney liner at the Historic Courthouse scheduled to be installed on May 20th. He also recommended the county accept a proposal from Altorfer to upgrade the maintenance agreement on a D60GC generator to “Platinum” level for an extra \$550 for five years. **Motion by Sneed and second by Beason to upgrade the maintenance agreement with Altorfer on D60GC generator to Platinum for \$550 for five years. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Schindler Elevator Contract Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed and discussed an incentive from Schindler Elevator to renew the county’s current elevator service contract. Committee Chairman Sneed recommended rejecting the proposal. **Motion by Beason and second by Beck to decline extending elevator service contract with Schindler Elevator. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Former Highway Department Lots (East Side Of University) Update/Approval:** The committee has heard nothing further from the Hillsboro School District regarding lots on the east side of University Street in Hillsboro for a potential future building trades site.
5. **Coal Historical Marker Update/Approval:** Dunn reported that the University of Illinois has agreed to pay the entire estimated \$4,800 cost for a coal historical marker on the Historic Courthouse lawn. Text for the marker must be submitted by mid-June, and Dunn anticipates a Spring 2025 dedication ceremony with receptions before and after.
6. **Annex Building Mural Update/Approval:** Dunn said that since the contractor did a good job tuck-pointing the north wall on the Annex Building, paint for a proposed mural can be applied directly to the brick, substantially reducing costs. He said the new mortar should be given plenty of time to cure, and anticipates artists will begin work in Spring 2025.
7. **Highway Department Roof Bid Opening/Award Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported that he checked references for the apparent low bidder, Central Roofing of Mattoon, after the bid opening last month for a new roof on the block building at the Highway Department. He said the contractor was highly recommended and the bid appears fair. Chairman Donaldson added that since last month, a Natural Hazard Mitigation grant has been applied for. **Motion by Beason and second**

by Hughes to recommend awarding the low base bid of \$110,604 to Central Roofing LLC of Mattoon. All in favor, motion carried.

8. **Interior Door Project for County Clerk's Office Update/Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that Ameresco has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for 10 a.m. Monday, May 13th, in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse.
9. **County Board Room Tech Grant Update/Approval:** Circuit Clerk Robbins reported equipment has been ordered and another walk-through was scheduled for Thursday, May 9th.
10. **Surplus Property Resolution for Old Jail Generator Update/Approval:** The committee discussed the disposition of a replaced generator at the Montgomery County Jail. **Motion by Beason and second by Hughes to recommend declaring generator model number 30DLG L33658E as surplus property. All in favor, motion carried.**
11. **New Courthouse Roof Replacement Bid Spec Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed bid specs prepared by Committee Chairman Sneed to replace the roof at the Courthouse Complex. Sneed reminded the committee that funds have been appropriated in the FY 2024 budget. With consent from the committee, Chairman Sneed set a schedule of advertising for bids beginning Thursday, May 10th, a pre-bid meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, May 17th, a bid due date of 4 p.m. Monday, June 3rd, and bid opening on Tuesday, June 4th, at next month's committee meeting.
12. **Other Business:** Committee Chairman Sneed asked Ernst to schedule stripping and waxing the floor in the Courthouse Complex basement. Ernst asked if power service could be restored to the mower shed, and Chairman Sneed asked him to research the cost.

Motion to pay the bills by Hughes and seconded by Beason. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Beason and seconded by Hughes. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am. 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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Roads & Bridges Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Room, County Highway Dept.
11159 IL Rte 185, Hillsboro, IL 62049

Date: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM – County Highway Department

Members present: Ethan Murzynski, Bill Bergen, David Loucks, Patty Whitworth, Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: Chad Ruppert

Other Present: County Engineer Cody Greenwood, Assistant County Board Admin Mike Plunkett

The committee met today to discuss the following:

Roads & Bridges Committee:

1. **Public Comments:** None.
2. **Walshville Bypass Road Update/Approval:** No update on the bypass. Engineer Greenwood reported that county forces may blade mix and seal coat through town while working on Elevator Road.
3. **UKA Virden Wind Road Use Agreement Update/Approval:** A draft road use agreement prepared by UKA has been submitted by Engineer Greenwood to an outside legal consultant. The County Engineer said the UKA road use agreement will set a precedent for those that follow.
4. **Drainage Tile across/along County Highways Update/Approval:** After research, Engineer Greenwood recommended no special conditions. Instead, he suggested every variance request should be decided case by case, and the county could then approve, disapprove, or modify requests.
5. **White Block Building Roof Update/Approval:** The Buildings & Grounds Committee has recommended accepting the low bid, and Engineer Greenwood has submitted a Hazard Mitigation Grant request for partial funding.
6. **Resolution 2024-08 to appropriate funds for 100% County scour mitigation project for SN: 068-3010 on Fillmore Tr. Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed and discussed the resolution. **Motion by Loucks and second by Bergen to recommend Resolution 2024-08 to appropriate funds for 100% county scour mitigation project for SN: 068-3010 on Fillmore Trail for an estimated \$20,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Section 18-13123-00-BR – Raymond Twp – Phillips Trail Bridge Replacement Letting Results Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed and discussed two bids on the bid tab sheet. The apparent low bid was more than \$22,300 under the approved engineer's estimate. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Loucks to recommend awarding the bid for Section 18-13123-00-BR Phillips Trail Bridge Replacement in Raymond Township to Yamnitz & Associates of Fieldon for \$269,443.21. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Highway Maintainer position vacancy Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported that Ethan Beeler has been hired to fill the Maintainer vacancy.
9. **Purchase of Used Equipment Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reported that Mason County is selling a 2017 Mack tandem truck with 33,000 miles (the oldest truck in their fleet) by sealed bid. Greenwood said if purchased, the truck would replace a county tandem truck that could be sold for \$50,000 bringing the total used equipment sold by the highway department this year to \$149,000. Greenwood has inspected the Mason County truck and recommended making a sealed bid. Committee Chairman Murzynski will contact the State's Attorney to discuss the process for doing so.

10. Other Items: None.

Motion by Whitworth and second by Bergen to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.

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Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Historic Courthouse
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Date: Thursday, May 9th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Roll Call - Members Present: Andy Ritchie, Connie Beck, Ken Folkerts, David Loucks, Patty Whitworth, Evan Young and Doug Donaldson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, Treasurer Nikki Lohman, IS Director Curt Watkins, Sheriff Rick Robbins, State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti, Chris Daniels and Mike Plunkett from the County Board Administration office, Hillsboro Community Planner Sarah McConnell, Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance Service Vice-President Dave Schweizer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by County Clerk Leitheiser.

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Public Comment:** Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance Service Vice-President Dave Schweizer asked the board for their budget filing dates and tax levy deadlines. Treasurer Lohman said the budget is due in July. State's Attorney Affrunti advised that the County Board is responsible for the levy and may have to conduct a truth-in-taxation hearing in the service area if the Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance Service wants to hit its maximum tax rate for the upcoming levy year.
2. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the report.
3. **Capital Improvement & Coal Fund Reports Update/Approval:** From reports provided by Treasurer Lohman, Committee Chairman Ritchie reported a March coal royalty payment of \$68,230.41 and year-to-date interest in the Capital Improvement Fund of \$142,115.39.
4. **ACH Accounts Payable Update/Approval:** Treasurer Lohman reported that she is proceeding with Automated Clearing House (ACH) checkless payments instead of issuing paper checks for benefit expenses. County Clerk Leitheiser said she is open to more ACH payments in Accounts Payable.
5. **Electric Rate Bids Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed a bid tabulation sheet prepared by the County Board Administration office with two bids for electric rates. Your Choice Energy bid 0.06602 for 12 months, 0.07376 for 24 months, and 0.07689 for 36 months from Constellation. Option One bid 0.06535 for 12 months. Later in the meeting, a bid was received from Homefield Energy that was after the bid deadline and higher than the other two. The apparent low bid rate represents a 44% increase from the current rate. **Motion by Young and second by Whitworth to recommend a 12-month low bid of 0.06535 from Option One. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **DCEO Grant/Waggoner Ball Field Update/Approval:** Committee Chairman Ritchie gave background information. He said in July 2023, the Finance & Budget Committee recommended and the County Board unanimously approved allocating \$38,000 for the Waggoner Baseball and Soccer Field Revitalization Plan contingent upon receiving the DCEO Energy Transition Grant. The county received the grant, but the Waggoner project had not been submitted for inclusion. Treasurer Lohman added that the county can either re-allocate unspent ARPA funds for the project or use interest earned on ARPA funds. Young questioned whether the project is a proper use of ARPA funds. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Beck to recommend the re-allocation of \$38,000 in ARPA funds for the Waggoner Baseball and Soccer Field Revitalization Plan. ROLL CALL: Yes: Beck, Whitworth, Ritchie. No: Folkerts, Loucks, Young. Motion failed 3-3.** Whitworth said Waggoner has been misled to think they had the DCEO reimbursement grant and has obtained a bank loan. **Motion by Whitworth and second by Beck to**

recommend the allocation of \$38,000 in ARPA fund interest for the Waggoner Baseball and Soccer Field Revitalization Plan. ROLL CALL: Yes: Beck, Whitworth, Ritchie. No: Folkerts, Loucks, Young. Motion failed 3-3. State's Attorney Affrunti advised the item should remain on the County Board agenda for a decision, and the Finance & Budget Committee should report the recommendation resulted in a tie vote.

7. **Neece Cemetery Access and Clean-Up Update/Approval:** Plunkett reported researching state funds for abandoned cemetery clean-up and found none. There is an easement to the cemetery, Audubon Township is providing a culvert, and Hamlin-Jones is installing the culvert, hopefully resolving the cemetery access issue.
8. **County Audit Presentation Update/Approval:** Treasurer Lohman reported the annual audit report is not yet finalized.
9. **Circuit Clerk Audit Extension Update/Approval:** Circuit Clerk Robbins expressed by email that due to a new form, an extension is needed. Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to recommend the board grant an extension for the annual Circuit Clerk audit. All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Budget Information Schedule & Memo Update/Approval:** Treasurer Lohman reported Bellwether will send out worksheets to department heads after non-union pay increases are recommended.
11. **Non-Union Salary Increases for FY 2025 Update/Approval:** The board reviewed and discussed two spreadsheets prepared by the County Board Administration Office, one with historical County union and non-union wage increases, and the other comparing the salaries of County positions to the state average, national average, and UCCI county average. Young reported a 2.6% CPI for the Midwest. Motion by Young and second by Ritchie to recommend at 2.6% wage increase for non-union employees for FY 2025. Motion by Whitworth and second by Young to table to the June Finance & Budget Committee meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
12. **911 FCC License Transfer Update/Approval:** To be discussed in June.
13. **Cress Hill Tower Camera Proposal to ETSB – Cost Share Request Update/Approval:** Sheriff Robbins said 911 Director Ed Boyd reported to the ETSB Committee the lock had been cut at the Cress Hill Tower gate. Although there was no evidence of theft or vandalism, Sheriff Robbins recommended a security camera installed with the \$9,000 estimated cost split with the ETSB. IS Director Watkins added that fiber was extended to the tower using ARPA funds. Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to recommend re-allocating \$4,500 in ARPA funds for 50% of the cost to install a security camera at the Cress Hill Tower. All in favor, motion carried.
14. **Other Business:** Committee Chair Ritchie asked for the previously un-funded ARPA request to be included on the County Board agenda for consideration. Treasurer Lohman reported that County Clerk Leitheiser's office had rolled property tax cycle information to her office, and she is working toward having property tax bills mailed before Memorial Day.

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

Motion to Adjourn by Loucks and seconded by Ritchie. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Mike Plunkett, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.