

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois, at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson at 5:30 PM.

Roll call was taken – 12 members present, 2 members absent.

Members Present: Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Doug Donaldson, Ken Folkerts, Jeremy Jones, David Loucks, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie, Chad Ruppert, Patty Whitworth and Evan Young.

Members Absent: Mark Hughes and Bob Sneed.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board Member Connie Beck.

Since Veterans Day was recently held, Chairman Donaldson Recognized Veterans by holding a moment of silence.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Young and second by Ritchie to approve the Mileage and Per Diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth and Young. Voting NO: None. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Beason and second by Jones to approve the Minutes of the Previous Regular County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Animal Control Report** – Emily Gerl – No report was submitted.
- 2. Circuit Clerk’s Report** – Daniel Robbins – Report was submitted.
- 3. Coroner’s Report** – Randy Leetham – Report was submitted.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** – Report was submitted. Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Enterprise Zone Report** – Christine Daniels – Report was submitted. Daniels was present for questions.
- 6. Environmental Protection Agency Report** – Christine Daniels – Report was submitted. Daniels was present for questions.
- 7. Health & TB Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee – Report was submitted. Satterlee was present for questions.
- 8. Highway Department Report** – Cody Greenwood – Report was submitted.
- 9. Information Services Report** – Curt Watkins – Report was submitted.
- 10. Maintenance Superintendent Report** – Phil Ernst – Report was submitted. Ernst was present for questions.
- 11. Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici – Report was submitted. Ulrici was present for questions.
- 12. Public Defender’s Report** – Erin Mattson — No report was submitted.
- 13. ROE – Monthly, Quarterly & Annual Reports** – Julie Wollerman – No report was submitted.

14. **Sheriff's Report** – Rick Robbins – Report was submitted. Robbins was present for questions.
15. **SOA Report** – Kendra Niehaus – Report was submitted. Niehaus was present for questions. She stated township factors for the 2023 Assessment Year have been calculated.
16. **State's Attorney Report** – Andrew Affrunti – Report was submitted. Affrunti was present for questions.
17. **Treasurer's Report** – Nikki Lohman – Report was submitted.
18. **V.A.C. Report** – Cassandra Hampton – Report was submitted.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Folkerts and second by Whitworth to approve the 15 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Murzynski reported the funding applicants have signed their contracts, and their first payment will be awarded in December.
- **CEFS Board** – Beason stated there is nothing new to report.
- **911 Board** – Bergen reported almost all of the new radio system equipment has been completed. He said there is still work to be done on a tower in Panama.
- **Health Department** – Whitworth reported the Health Department now has the Covid vaccine available.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Bergen reported an IACO Conference is underway at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hughes was absent so nothing was reported.
- **Planning Commission** – Ritchie stated there is nothing new to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Folkerts stated there is nothing new to report.
- **UCCI** – Ruppert reported he attended the Fall Conference on October 28th, 2023. He said rural Broadband Internet was a topic of discussion and added he has resources from the conference for anyone interested.
- **U of I** – Beck stated there is nothing new to report.
- **WCDC** – Jones reported their next meeting will be held November 16th at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Doug Donaldson:

1. **Information Systems Report Update:** Donaldson reported Information Services Manager Watkins accepted a proposal for the Fiber redundancy project, which will be funded using ARPA money.
2. **EMA Report and Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** EMA Director Kevin Schott reported the final meeting will be held January 24th in the County Board room, 2nd floor in Hillsboro, Illinois.
3. **West Central Development Council/Job Center Board/CEO Board Update:** Donaldson reported the CEO Board held a meeting on October 19th, which was well

attended. He said they have asked for school contacts for CEO Matt Jones to use to coordinate vocational education services.

4. **CO2 Sequestration Ad Hoc Committee Update:** Donaldson reported no date has been set yet, but a meeting will be scheduled at a later time to receive an update on this topic.
5. **Committee Assignments Approval:** Donaldson reported when Patty Whitworth and Connie Beck switched committees, a vice chair of the Buildings and Grounds committee was never named. He also stated Chad Ruppert will be appointed as Chair of the Development and Personnel Committee. **Motion by Donaldson and second by Young to approve appointing Russell Beason as the Vice Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Donaldson and second by Young to approve appointing Chad Ruppert as the Chairman of the Development and Personnel Committee. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Donaldson and second by Bergen to approve adding Chad Ruppert to the Coordinating Committee, removing Mark Hughes. All in favor, motion carried.**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Vice Chairman Russell Beason:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Beason reported Maintenance Superintendent Phil Ernst gave the committee a detailed description of the work being done around the Courthouse Complex.
2. **Contract for Cleaning Services from National Maintenance and Cleaning Inc. Update:** Beason reported the committee discussed a new contract for cleaning, which included an increased hourly rate. He said the committee decided to table the matter until some issues are resolved.
3. **Interior Door Project for County Clerk's Office Update:** Beason said there is nothing new to report.
4. **Repair/Replace Roof of Block Building at Highway Department Update:** Beason reported the committee discussed options for a new roof for the block building at the Highway Department, and they agreed to have Highway Engineer Greenwood write up bid specifications for advertising.
5. **Advertise for Bids for County Board Room Audiovisual Approval:** Beason reported Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins will be applying for another technology grant, which will include funding for audiovisual upgrades for the county board room. These upgrades will allow this room to serve as the backup courtroom in case of an emergency. He said the current backup building for court is the old Witt School, which is now privately owned. Before applying for the grant, the county must advertise for bids. **Motion by Beason and second by Beck to advertise for bids for audiovisual upgrades to the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Ameresco Payment for Courthouse Complex Renovation Approval:** Beason reported this is the first payment to Ameresco for the Courthouse Complex renovation. **Motion by Beason and second by Ritchie to approve the new courthouse renovation payment to Ameresco for an amount not to exceed \$98,202.96. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth and Young. Voting NO: None. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. **Old Highway Department Property Update:** Beason reported the committee opened one bid for the old Highway Department property on Seymour Avenue for \$5,000. He stated the committee voted to reject the bid and remove this item from the agenda until further notice.

DEVELOPMENT & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Vice Chairman Bill Bergen:

1. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA Report Update:** Bergen stated there is nothing new to report.
2. **Employee Health Insurance Member Advocacy Approval:** Bergen reported this program helps employees with medical or insurance questions. He said it has been approved for the last couple of years. **Motion by Bergen and second by Whitworth to approve the Employee Health Insurance Member Advocacy Program in the amount of \$2,352. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **MCEDC Update:** Bergen reported there will be an MCEDC meeting held at the SCI Center in Litchfield on Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
4. **Funding for Montgomery CEO Event Approval:** Bergen reported two Montgomery CEO students addressed the committee about possible funding for a Drone Show event they are holding as their class business project. He said county funding will be used to pay for advertising the event. He said there is approximately \$300 left in the tourism grant budget for this year, and the committee is recommending giving the remaining balance to the CEO class if State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti says it is allowable. Affrunti stated he has no issue with it. **Motion by Bergen and second by Ruppert to approve awarding this year's remaining tourism grant balance to Montgomery CEO. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Animal Control Facility Update:** Bergen reported that six dogs and two cats had been adopted recently from the Animal Control facility.
6. **Animal Control Policy Approval:** Bergen reported the committee discussed and agreed to amend the Animal Control policy passed last month to not consider fosters as counting towards animals being housed at the facility. Additionally, the medical expenses portion of the policy will allow for the funding of medications authorized in accordance with the Humane Act and the Illinois Department of Agriculture. **Motion by Bergen and second by Young to approve the amended Animal Control Policy on Housing and animal medical expenses as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 190).**
7. **Pre-Approved Vendor List Approval:** Bergen reported the committee also voted to remove Countryside Vet Clinic and the Nokomis Veterinary Clinic from the Pre-Approved Vendor list since they are no longer in business, as well as Schreiber Veterinary Services. He said Animal Control will still be allowed to use Schreiber, but all their bills will come to the committee first. **Motion by Bergen and second by Jones to approve the updated Pre-Approved Vendor List with the removals of Countryside Vet Clinic, Nokomis Veterinary Clinic and Schreiber Veterinary Services. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Nextlink Broadband Internet Update:** Nextlink Vice President of Planning Mike Johnson gave a presentation about his company's background and plan for rural broadband internet in the area. He said he grew up in Carlinville, and his uncle Doug

Johnson was an optometrist in Hillsboro for many years. He said the best internet his relatives were able to get outside of town for a long time was six megabytes of speed. He presented maps to the board showing the company's existing footprint and buildout plans. He said they have been awarded \$22.9 million in federal funds, of which \$7 million alone is dedicated to Montgomery County. He stated they plan to construct additional towers to cover gaps in coverage, and the biggest tower they would install takes up two parking spaces. According to the federal grant they received, Nextlink must build out Montgomery County by 2027. Johnson said he knows the County has allocated \$100,000 from Energy Transition Grant funds for broadband, and Nextlink will match this amount at 100 percent. While he wouldn't rule out building fiber to rural homes in the County, Johnson said the best "bang for the buck" in these locations is fixed wireless internet. He said they will be offering speeds of up to 1 gigabyte per second downloads, and their price for 300 mbps down and 30 mbps up is approximately \$39.00. Chairman Donaldson thanked Johnson for his presentation and told members it was informational at this time.

9. **Vistra Energy – Coffeen Solar Project Enterprise Zone Request Update:** Donaldson reported the Enterprise Zone mayors recently voted to reject Vistra Energy's request for the addition of 1.1 square miles to the County's existing Enterprise Zone. He said the County is only allowed 15 square miles total for Enterprise Zone use, and 12.1 square miles are currently being used. He said the vote had to be unanimous to allow Vistra Energy's request, and it was not unanimous at all.
10. **Revised Personnel Manual Update:** State's Attorney Affrunti reported he completed the personnel manual revisions and sent them to the Coordinated Services office, Chairman Donaldson and Committee Chairman Hughes. He said the committee will make a recommendation at their December meeting, and the board will vote on the revisions next month.
11. **2023 Electronics Recycling Drive Summaries Update:** Bergen reported Environmental Protection Administrator Chris Daniels presented summaries of this year's electronics recycling drives to the committee.
12. **Union Negotiation Meetings with Local 1084 (Correctional Officers and Telecommunicators) Update:** Bergen reported the committee will hold a special meeting on November 20th, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the union contracts.

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

1. **SOA Report Update:** Ritchie reported Supervisor of Assessments Niehaus presented her report to the committee. He stated she is waiting to hear back from Information Services about a Devnet login and password for the North Litchfield Township assessor, who is currently completing his property record cards on paper.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Ritchie reported the County received a coal royalty check of around \$32,000 for the month of September, in addition to \$500,000 from a CD and \$139,180 from the City of Hillsboro for their share of the sidewalks. He said the royalty check for October was received after the report was submitted, and totaled approximately \$250,000.
3. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-001, 007 & 017 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and

- second by Young to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-001, 007 and 017 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 191).
4. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-018, 019 & 020 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-018, 019 & 020 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 192).
 5. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-021, 022 & 023 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-021, 022 and 023 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 193).
 6. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-024, 10-03-403-002 & 003 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Folkerts to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-402-024, 10-03-403-002 and 003 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 194).
 7. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-004, 005 & 006 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-004, 005 and 006 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 195).
 8. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-008, 009 & 010 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-008, 009 and 010 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 196).
 9. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-011, 013 & 018 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-011, 013 and 018 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 197).
 10. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-019, 10-03-404-002 & 004 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-403-019, 10-03-404-002 and 004 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 198).
 11. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-404-005, 007 & 008 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-404-005, 007 and 008 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 199).
 12. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-404-009, 10-03-405-002 & 003 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-

- 405-002 and 003 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. Whitworth stated the motion neglected to include one of the parcels listed on the Resolution. Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-404-009, 10-03-405-002 and 003 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 200).
13. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-005, 006 & 009 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-005, 006 and 009 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 201).
 14. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-013, 016 & 017 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-013, 016 and 017 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 202).
 15. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-019, 021 & 036 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-019, 021 and 036 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 203).
 16. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-406-007, 012 & 013 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-406-007, 012 and 013 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 204).
 17. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-407-002, 003 & 10-03-405-030 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-407-002, 003 and 10-03-405-030 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 205).
 18. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-032, 033 & 035 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-032, 033 and 035 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 206).
 19. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-002, 004 & 011 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-002, 004 and 011 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 207).
 20. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-012, 013 & 018 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-012, 013 and 018 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 208).

21. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-019, 021 & 022 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-019, 021 and 022 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 209).
22. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-023, 037 & 040 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-408-023, 037 and 040 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 210).
23. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-011 in North Litchfield to Country Bend Campground LLC Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 10-03-405-011 in North Litchfield Township to Country Bend Campground LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 211).
24. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 16-14-426-022 in Hillsboro to Brandon Petty Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Folkerts to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 16-14-426-022 in Hillsboro Township to Brandon Petty. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 212).
25. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 12-22-404-011 in Irving to Frank Elam Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to approve the Resolution to convey deed for Parcel ID # 12-22-404-011 in Irving Township to Frank Elam. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 213).
26. **Intergovernmental Agreement between Montgomery County and the Emergency Telephone System Board for Centralized Emergency Dispatch Center Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Bergen to approve the three-year Intergovernmental Agreement between Montgomery County and the Emergency Telephone System Board for Centralized Emergency Dispatch Center. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 214-217).
27. **FY 2024 Budget Change Sheet Approval:** State's Attorney Affrunti presented the FY 2024 Budget Change sheet to the board, which included the following changes: Salary Superintendent of Buildings in Office 005 from \$58,978 to \$60,978.40; Salary-Custodial Full-time in Office 005 from \$36,930 to \$38,930.40; Transfer out in Office 375 from \$300,963 to \$304,963; Transfer into the General Fund from Coal from \$300,963 to \$304,963; Maintenance/Service Contracts in Office 310 from \$46,000 to \$54,000; Small Equipment Purchases in Office 310 from \$18,000 to \$300,000; Salary Contribution in Office 360 from \$3,704.25 to \$3,048; E-citation in Office 494 from \$6,800 to \$20,000; AOIC Tech Grant in Office 310 from \$0 to \$300,000; Property & Liability Insurance in Office 270 from \$294,883 to \$311,562; Cyber Insurance in Office 270 from \$14,300 to \$18,710; and Workmen's Compensation in Office 275 from \$62,324.44 to \$86,902. **Motion by Jones and second by Ritchie to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Change Sheet as presented.** Bergen asked about the small equipment increase to \$300,000 and the AOIC Tech Grant to the same amount. Assistant Coordinator David Jenkins stated the AOIC line is for a technology grant Circuit Clerk Robbins is trying to get, which would be county revenue. He said the small equipment purchase is a result of spending Tech Grant funds. Affrunti stated those adjustments balance each other out.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, and Whitworth. Voting NO: Loucks and Young. Motion carried with a 10-2 vote in favor of the motion.

- 28. FY 2024 Budget Ordinance Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve the FY 2024 Budget Ordinance #2023-43 as presented.** Bergen asked what the \$1.5 million in coal royalty expenses will be spent on. Ritchie said approximately \$300,000 is for balancing the budget, along with \$500,000 for Highway Department expenses. Jenkins said another \$300,000 is for maintenance expenses. Affrunti said these expenses are itemized on the budget page for office 375. Bergen also asked about the income and sales tax revenue increases for FY 2024 and where those amounts came from. He said if the board is comfortable with passing the budget with those figures in place, that is fine; but he is not comfortable without more information. Young said he is also not comfortable with those figures. He stated he was told Bellwether representatives started inflating revenues in places where the budget came up short in order to balance the budget. Affrunti asked who he gave Young this information. Young replied Treasurer Nikki Lohman told him. Ruppert said as an example, the income tax revenue is projected to be a 28 percent increase from the prior year, and he asked if anyone could remember an increase of more than 10 percent in prior budgets. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beck, Donaldson, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, and Whitworth. Voting NO: Beason, Bergen, Folkerts, Loucks, Ruppert and Young. Motion fails with a 6-6 tie vote.** Affrunti asked if there were any motions to amend the budget. Ruppert stated it is unrealistic to expect to pass a budget with these questions unanswered. Young stated he would like to make a motion to have the budget be more in line with Bellwether's original recommendation. Affrunti said he needs to specifically reference which lines to adjust. Young said he wants to change the line for the Salary for the Superintendent of Buildings to \$58,978, the line for the Custodial full-time salary to \$36,930 and the Assistant State's Attorney line to \$143,000. Affrunti stated these cuts would result in a total reduction of \$60,900. **Motion by Young and second by Beason to approve the FY 2024 Budget with the adjustments to line items 100-005-510.001, 100-005-510.002 and 100-055-510.903 as referenced.** Jones stated the board cannot expect to keep the employees they have based on these proposed adjustments. Affrunti said if these adjustments pass, his office will lose one of the Assistant State's Attorneys, and he will no longer be able to attend the board meetings since he will have to cover other court related duties. He said this staffing decrease will also cause other expenses to increase. Maintenance Superintendent Ernst stated he took \$7,000 out of his budget by not signing the contract with Johnson Controls, and his department was getting \$4,000 for salaries and the county was keeping \$3,000. He said if these adjustments pass, the board should put the \$7,000 back into the contract for Johnson Controls. Ernst said this expense will likely increase because contracts typically increase every year. Donaldson stated he reached out to Treasurer Lohman who was absent from the meeting via phone text, and she replied the income tax and sales tax revenue projections came from the State of Illinois. **Beason withdrew his second to Young's motion. Affrunti asked if there is a new second to Young's motion. Loucks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Loucks and Young. Voting NO: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert and Whitworth. Motion failed with a 10-2 vote against the motion. Motion by Whitworth and second by Jones to approve**

the original FY 2024 Budget Ordinance #2023-43 with change sheet revisions previously approved. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie and Whitworth. Voting NO: Loucks, Ruppert and Young. Motion carries with a 9-3 vote in favor of the motion.

29. Estimated FY 2024 Aggregate Levy Approval: Motion by Beck and second by Whitworth to adopt the estimated FY 2024 Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$4,550,780. All in favor, motion carried.

30. FY 2024 Budget Appropriations, Levies, Ordinances and Resolutions Approval:

A. Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Appropriation Ordinance Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Appropriation Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Ordinance Approving FY 2024 Montgomery County Levies #23-44A Approval: Motion by Beck and second by Whitworth to adopt the Ordinance approving the FY 2024 Montgomery County Levies. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Resolution #23-44B to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance Approval: Motion by Jones and second by Bergen to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance in the amount of \$55,020. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Resolution #23-45 to pass the levy for Senior Citizen Social Services Approval: Motion by Folkerts and second by Murzynski to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for Senior Social Services in the amount of \$114,478. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Resolution #23-46 to pass the levy for the County Extension Service Approval: Motion by Beck and second by Ruppert to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the County Extension Service in the amount of \$157,000. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Resolution #23-47 to pass the Community Mental Health Board Tax levy Approval: Motion by Young and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to pass the Community Mental Health Tax Levy in the amount of \$708,978. All in favor, motion carried.

G. Resolution #23-48 to pass the levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area Approval: Motion by Jones and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Farmersville-Waggoner Special Service Area in the amount of \$82,600. All in favor, motion carried.

H. Resolution #23-49 to pass the levy for the Raymond/Harvel Special Service Area Approval: Motion by Folkerts and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Raymond-Harvel Special Service Area in the amount of \$84,507. All in favor, motion carried.

I. Resolution #23-50 to pass the levy for the Nokomis/Witt Special Service Area Approval: Motion by Young and second by Ruppert to approve the Resolution to pass the levy for the Nokomis-Witt Special Service Area in the amount of \$319,172. All in favor, motion carried.

J. Resolution #23-51 to pass the levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area Approval: Motion by Whitworth and second by Ritchie to approve the

Resolution to pass the levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area in the amount of \$113,405. All in favor, motion carried.

K. Resolution #23-52 to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments, Probation Officer, and the Assistant Probation Officers Approval: Motion by Beck and second by Ruppert to approve the Resolution to set the salaries for the following department heads at the stated amounts: Supervisor of Assessments at \$60,950; Probation Officer at \$108,619; and Assistant Probation Officers at \$269,981. All in favor, motion carried.

L. Resolution #23-53 to Authorize State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum Approval: Motion by Jones and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Authorize the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of \$8,000. All in favor, motion carried.

- 31. ARPA Funds to Balance FY 2023 Budget Deficit Approval:** Ritchie stated last year the Board approved balancing the FY 2023 budget deficit of about \$1.2 million using half coal and half ARPA money. As of the end of October, he said the county is looking at an FY 23 deficit of around \$400,000, and the Finance and Budget Committee is recommending using approximately \$600,000 in ARPA money first before using coal money to balance the FY 2023 Budget. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to approve using ARPA funds to balance the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget before using coal funds. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 32. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Raymond Community Fire Protection District for ARPA distribution Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Raymond Community Fire Protection District for ARPA Distribution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 218).
- 33. Ordinance #23-54 Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funds to Purchase a skid unit for Raymond Community Fire Protection District Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Folkerts to approve the Ordinance authorizing the use of ARPA funds to purchase a skid unit for the Raymond Community Fire Protection District for an amount not to exceed \$13,377. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 219).
- 34. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield for ARPA Distribution Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beason to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield for ARPA distribution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 220).
- 35. Ordinance #23-55 Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funds to Purchase a warning siren for the City of Litchfield Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Bergen to approve the Ordinance authorizing the use of ARPA funds to purchase a warning siren for the City of Litchfield for an amount not to exceed \$20,400. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 221).
- 36. Intergovernmental Agreement with Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District for ARPA Distribution Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Jones to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire

Protection District for ARPA distribution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 222).

37. **Ordinance #23-56 Authorizing the Use of ARPA Funds to Purchase SCBA Equipment for the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District Approval:** Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve the Ordinance authorizing the Use of ARPA funds to purchase SCBA Equipment for the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Protection District for an amount not to exceed \$19,891.20. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 223).
38. **Ordinance #23-57 Authorizing the Use of ARPA funds to purchase generator equipment for Montgomery County EMA Approval:** Ritchie reported EMA was approved for \$80,000 in ARPA money for generators, and they have spent \$74,800. He stated this ordinance would approve paying for labor and hook-up of the portable generators. Motion by Ritchie and second by Beason to approve the Ordinance authorizing the use of ARPA funds to purchase generator equipment for Montgomery County EMA for an amount not to exceed \$3,168.90. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 224).

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

1. **Section 15-00138-00-BR Red Ball Trail Bridge Update:** Murzynski reported temporary seeding is being put down around the bridge now, with final seeding expected to happen next year. He said once temporary seeding is completed, the bridge should be opened to traffic.
2. **Bid Results for new hydraulic excavator Approval:** Murzynski reported the Committee reviewed one bid for a new track hoe, which has been budgeted for next year. Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to accept the bid from Cat Altorfer for a new hydraulic excavator in the amount of \$251,335. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert and Whitworth. Voting NO: Young. Motion carries with an 11-1 vote in favor.
3. **Resolution 2023-10 appropriating funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Hillside Ave., Witt/Nokomis Twp. Approval:** Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to approve Resolution 2023-10 appropriating funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Hillside Avenue. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, pages 225-226).
4. **Agreement for County Engineer's Salary Program Approval:** Murzynski reported this is a six-year agreement. Motion by Murzynski and second by Bergen to approve the agreement for the County Engineer's Salary program. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 227).
5. **Resolution 2023-11 Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary Approval:** Murzynski reported the committee discussed the salary increase and agreed on a 2.5 percent increase for the Highway Engineer. Motion by Murzynski and second by Beason to approve Resolution 2023-11 appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's salary with an increase of 2.5 percent. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 228-229).

6. **Section 09-00133-00-BR – Walshville Tr. Bridge Replacement Engineering Services Approval:** Highway Engineer Greenwood reported construction is slated for Fiscal Year 2028. Motion by Murzynski and second by Loucks to approve the engineering agreement with WHKS for the Walshville Trail Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$99,675.13. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth and Young. Voting NO: None. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 230).
7. **Section 23-10121-00-BR E. 23rd Rd., Nokomis Twp., Bridge Replacement Engineering Services Approval:** Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to approve the engineering agreement with WHKS for the East 23rd Road Nokomis Township Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$146,461. Ruppert reported this agreement is more expensive due to the proximity of the railroad. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth and Young. Voting NO: None. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 20, page 231).
8. **Section 23-18119-00-BR E. 22nd Rd., Witt Twp., Bridge Replacement Engineering Services Update:** Murzynski reported this item was tabled.
9. **Surplus Property Approval:** Murzynski reported the Highway Department received a new mower and tractor on Monday, and they need to establish their old mower as surplus property in order to be able to sell it. The old machine is a 2002 John Deere 6410 tractor with a 2001 Tiger boom mower and ditching head. Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to declare the 2002 John Deere 6410 tractor and 2001 Tiger boom mower and ditching head as surplus property. All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Old Highway Dept. Update:** Nothing additional to report.
11. **Roof replacement on white block building Update:** Nothing additional to report..

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Folkerts and second by Beck to approve the five committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Jones and second by Bergen to appoint William Kinney as Litchfield Airport Authority Commissioner to a five-year term, expiring November 2028. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Loucks and second by Whitworth to appoint Maria Clark to the Community Mental Health (708) Board for a five-year term, expiring November 2028. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Murzynski and second by Beck to appoint Cory Bilyeu to the Community Mental Health (708) Board for a five-year term, expiring November 2028. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL: Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to pay all approved bills and Payroll. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting YES: Beason, Beck, Bergen,

**Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Loucks, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Whitworth and Young.
Voting NO: None. All in favor, motion carried.**

ADJOURN: The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Folkerts and second by Beason to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.