

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 5:30 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, in the County Board room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. 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, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie, Chad Ruppert, Bob Sneed, Patty Whitworth and Evan Young

Members Absent: Mark Hughes, David Loucks

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by County Board member Jeremy Jones.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Sneed, Whitworth and Young. Voting no: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Motion by Young and second by Folkerts to approve the minutes of the previous regular County Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Animal Control Report** – Report submitted by Emily Gerl.
- 2. Circuit Clerk’s Report** – Report submitted; Daniel Robbins was present for questions.
- 3. Coroner’s Report** – Report submitted; Randy Leetham was present for questions.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** – Report submitted; Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Enterprise Zone Report** – Report submitted; Christine Daniels was present for questions.
- 6. Environmental Protection Agency Report** – Report submitted; Christine Daniels was present for questions.
- 7. Health & TB Department Report** – Report submitted; Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 8. Highway Department Report** – Report submitted; Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
- 9. Information Services Report** – Report submitted by Curt Watkins.
- 10. Maintenance Superintendent Report** – Report submitted by Phil Ernst.
- 11. Probation Office Report** – Report submitted; Banee Ulrici said her department has applied for a transportation grant which will be administered by the Montgomery County Health Department. She stated there are four individuals currently in Mental Health

Court and eight individuals currently in Drug Court. Ulrici said she anticipates four Drug Court graduates in April, 2024.

12. **Public Defender's Report** – Report submitted by Erin Mattson.
13. **ROE – Monthly, Quarterly & Annual Reports** – Report submitted by Julie Wollerman.
14. **Sheriff's Report** – Report submitted; Undersheriff Tyson Holshouser was present for questions.
15. **SOA Report** – Report submitted; Kendra Niehaus was present for questions.
16. **State's Attorney Report** – Report submitted; Andrew Affrunti was present for questions.
17. **Treasurer's Report** – Report submitted by Nikki Lohman.
18. **V.A.C. Report** – Report submitted by Cassandra Hampton.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Murzynski reported the board met on February 12th, and stated surveys will be mailed to random Montgomery County residents soon asking input about 708 Board services, and Murzynski encouraged participation.
- **CEFS Board** -- Beason had nothing new to report.
- **ETSB / 911 Board** – Bergen had nothing new to report.
- **Health Department** -- Whitworth reported a meeting is set for April.
- **IL Association of County Officials** -- Bergen had nothing new to report.
- **MCEDC** -- Hughes was not present.
- **Planning Commission** -- Ritchie had nothing new to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** -- Folkerts reported the board met on February 12th and is now working on a new grant application.
- **UCCI** – Ruppert reported the January meeting had been cancelled.
- **U of I** – Beck reported a meeting is set for March 21st.
- **WCDC** – Jones reported the organization is on track and meeting its goals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Montgomery County citizen Karyl Dressen said she is opposed to the temporary reduction in coal royalty requested by the coal mine. She said she has no sympathy for the coal company, but does have sympathy for Route 185 drivers and rural families whose homes and farms have been negatively impacted by mining.

Montgomery County citizen Bill Schroeder questioned why the county has had no weather radio service for nearly a year. He has been in contact with U.S. Rep. Mary Miller and encouraged the board to contact their U.S. Senators. Schroeder said he is also opposed to the temporary reduction in coal royalty requested by the mine, calling it the same “ploy” requested by the coal company when they filed for bankruptcy several years ago. He said the county already has items deducted from its 2% royalty paid on coal which has been already mined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson:

1. **Information Systems Report Update/Approval:** Donaldson said Watkins reported to the committee the redundant fiber is in the ground and work on that project continues. He is working on switch upgrades, MCSO body cam deployment, and Cress Hill tower fiber, plus he is working on a court grant.
2. **EMA Report and Hazard Mitigation Plan Update/Approval: Hazard Mitigation Final Public Meeting Update/Approval:** Donaldson called upon EMA Director Schott, who reported a public hearing on the Hazard Mitigation Plan five-year update was held Wednesday, January 24th, and the two-week review and public comment period passed with no public comments. Schott stated the plan has now been submitted to FEMA for approval.
3. **CO2 Sequestration Ad Hoc Committee Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson said the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. He stated the Farm Bureau is working on formal opposition to using eminent domain to locate pipelines, wind, or solar projects.
4. **Schedule an EZ Mayor’s Meeting Update/Approval:** Chairman Donaldson reminded members the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the Courthouse Annex.
5. **CEFS Central Illinois Public Transportation Ordinance 2024-01 and Intergovernmental Agreement Update/Approval:** CIPT Mobility Manager Nathan Nichols reported that in 2023 6,310 “units” and 243 unduplicated riders were served, and an average of 24.5 rides were provided per day, up from the previous year. He said medical transportation began last year due to a grant administered by the Effingham County Health Department, and also stated CIPT is looking for a full-time driver in Montgomery County. **Motion by Beason and second by Bergen to approve Central Illinois Public Transportation Ordinance 2024-01 for public transportation in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Young and second by Beck to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for public transportation in Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies, see Resolution Book 21, pages 9-11).**
6. **Montgomery County Housing Authority Annual Presentation of Services Update/Approval:** New Executive Director Amanda Bone was present for an annual update. She reported she has been with the MCHA for eight years and looks forward to continuing retired Executive Director Kelly Moroney’s mission of improving housing locations in Montgomery County. She anticipates MCHA will file for a permit to demolish and replace the 75 housing units at Kirk Terrace in Litchfield in November, 2024, with work beginning on the project in late 2025 or early 2026.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Committee Chairman Bob Sneed:

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed said maintenance continues as normal, and Affrunti added the cleaning in the Montgomery County Courthouse has been “phenominal” recently.

2. **Interior Door Project for County Clerk’s Office Update/Approval:** Sneed said work will begin when work is completed in the Montgomery County Courthouse Complex, which is estimated to be by the end of the month.
3. **Tom Day copier contract for COS/Animal Control Update/Approval:** Sneed said Plunkett reported to the committee he had renegotiated the contract for COS/Animal Control copiers/printers for more annual copies to reflect actual usage and a lower click charge for overage. Sneed thanked Plunkett for his assistance to bring these costs in at a lower rate.
4. **Transfer parcel 10-28-100-006 to City of Litchfield for 3-inch force main sewer line Update/Approval:** The committee discussed a request by the City of Litchfield for permission to run a 3-inch force main sewer line on county parcel 10-28-100-006 (abandoned railroad right-of-way) north from Litchfield to the Illinois Department of Transportation facility. Permission has been given, and both Montgomery County and the City of Litchfield are interested in transferring ownership of the parcel. State’s Attorney Affrunti is preparing a Quit Claim Deed. Board member Jones, who works for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said the line is “long past due.” **Motion by Sneed and second by Beason to transfer ownership of parcel 10-28-100-006 to the City of Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **UKA Update/Approval:** Ruppert said UKA Head of Development Charles Wright told the committee by phone his company is still working with Westwood on the decommissioning plan, shadow flicker, and noise study portions of the permit application, and plans to have the application package ready by the end of the month, according to UKA Community Relations Specialist Maggie Poteau. Ruppert said Wright told the committee UKA has about 85% of its agreements in place for turbine location and is approaching 50% completion for transmission line easements. Poteau asked to schedule a pre-application meeting with County Board representatives for Wednesday, February 21st.
2. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA Report Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the committee reviewed Member Advocacy Program information.
3. **MCEDC presentation and Annual Dues Update/Approval:** Ruppert said the committee had asked for a presentation from MCEDC Executive Director Bill Montgomery, who informed committee members of the work of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation and also introduced John Galer, who has served on the MCEDC board for 20 years. Ruppert said the committee is pleased with the current activities of the corporation. He called on Montgomery, who updated the board on the BEAD Challenge project currently underway, which will show areas in the county currently unserved and underserved by adequate internet access, making the county eligible for federal funding solutions. Montgomery encouraged residents to take the speed test at BEADchallenge.org. He also invited board members to the next MCEDC board meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 PM at Kismet Coffee in Litchfield. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Jones to pay the 2024 dues invoice of \$15,000 for MCEDC membership from Office 375 Reserve for Contingencies according to Finance & Budget Committee Recommendation. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Animal Control Facility Update/Approval:** Ruppert said Animal Control Warden Emily Gerl has been in contact with Partners for Pets in St. Jacob, who, due to a grant, can offer spay and neuter services for greatly reduced prices. He said Gerl will transport animals needing services to St. Jacob on Fridays, and Ruppert said the committee will approve vouchered bills as they are presented. In response to a question from Whitworth, Ruppert said he had talked to local veterinarian Dr. Alan Probst about this service. Ruppert said he has spent a morning at Animal Control and may ask the committee to consider enclosing the front overhang at the Animal Control facility. Ruppert said Animal Control volunteer Jessica Durbin reported to the committee she is working on a new 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation called RUFF (Rescuing Underdog and Feline Friends).
5. **Animal Control Policy Update/Approval:** Ruppert reported he and Jones have been working on the Animal Control Policy drafted in 2021. He intends to have a final draft ready for County Board review next month.
6. **Nextlink Broadband Internet Update/Approval:** Ruppert said there is nothing new to report.
7. **FMLA Revisions to Personnel Manual Update/Approval:** Ruppert reviewed language changes he had discussed with State’s Attorney Affrunti including the suggestions to allow employees to “bank” up to 40 hours of sick time instead of exhausting it all before FMLA and revisions to the vacation buy-back policy to match state law. Affrunti stated he will provide an ordinance document pertaining to this topic. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Young to adopt personnel manual revisions as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance 2024-02, see Resolution Book 21, page 12).**
8. **DCEO Energy Transition Grant Update/Approval:** County Board Administrator Christine Daniels reported her office responded to Illinois State Historic Resources Preservation Act and Illinois Department of Natural Resources questions about the 2023 grant, and she stated the 2024 grant Notice of Funding Opportunity was announced on Thursday, February 1st. Donaldson said county grant requests are due to the County Board Administrators office on Friday, February 16th, and an ad hoc committee meeting has been set for Wednesday, February 21st at 4:00 PM in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.
9. **Add Mike Plunkett to the Coordinated Services Imprest Fund Update/Approval:** **Motion by Ruppert and second by Beason to remove David Jenkins from Coordinated Services Imprest Fund and add Mike Plunkett. All in favor, motion carried.**
10. **Electronic Recycling Drives for 2024 Update/Approval:** Ruppert reported electronic recycling drives are scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, from 9am until 12 noon in Litchfield, and on Saturday, September 14th, from 9am until 12 noon in Hillsboro.
11. **SB1699 and Montgomery County Solar Farm ordinance Update/Approval:** Ruppert reported he committee discussed minor revisions suggested by State’s Attorney Affrunti as required by state statute. He said the county ordinances do not apply to residential projects. **Motion by Ruppert and second by Folkerts to approve changes to the Montgomery County Solar Farm Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. 9 (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 13-30). Motion by Ruppert and second by Beck to approve changes to the Montgomery County Wind Farm Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 31-58).**

12. **Pattern Energy Update/Approval:** Ruppert reported he and Chairman Donaldson, Folkerts and Daniels along with several other local government officials met recently with Pattern Energy representatives at The Canton Inn about potential wind projects in Montgomery County. He reported Pattern Energy representatives said they are hoping for a project which would include 120 wind towers on 25,000 acres in Montgomery County.
13. **Resolution 2024-03 of Support of the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau Update/Approval:** Motion by Ruppert and second by Beason to approve Resolution 2024-03 in support of the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, page 59).

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

1. **SOA Report Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the committee reviewed and discussed the report, and Supervisor of Assessments Kendra Niehaus had told the committee the Board of Review is acting on 89 complaints, exemption renewals have been mailed, and the county has earned a 1.0000 tentative multiplier. She also stated according to law and court decisions, portable buildings should be assessed. She recommends assessing portable buildings over 200 square feet and she has asked the State's Attorney to review this request. Niehaus also presented an assessment contract with South Litchfield Township for \$10,900 for board approval. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Young to approve the assessment contract with South Litchfield Township for \$10,900. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 60-61).**
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported the committee reviewed and discussed the reports, and Ritchie reported a December coal royalty payment of \$338,116.72.
3. **Bellwether contract for FY 2025 budget Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported the board reviewed the contract with Bellwether for FY 2025 budget work. He said the terms are the same as last year: \$6,000 in advance and another \$6,000 when the budget is approved. Ritchie said their work helped immensely last year. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to approve \$12,000 contract with Bellwether for FY 2025 budget preparation. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 62-64).**
4. **Request for a Temporary Coal Royalty Reduction Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Chad Fuson of Coalfield Construction LLC attended the Finance Committee meeting and requested the County Board consider cutting coal royalty payments from 2% to 1% for the next two months. Ritchie stated Fuson told the committee the mine has been negotiating for the past 2 years with landowners who are "difficult to deal with" and are "asking for an unreasonable sum" for subsidence rights. He said the same request has been made to other investors. Fuson said within the next 3 weeks the mine will have to make a decision whether or not to shut down for 2 months to move the longwall around the landowners, which would cause an interruption in royalty payments and jobs. Chairman Donaldson said he has received multiple calls in recent weeks opposed to the mine's pending permit renewal application. Jones asked if denying the request would impact jobs. Chairman Donaldson said it would impact jobs temporarily. Whitworth said because the royalty is a percentage, it does not make sense to reduce it. **Motion by**

Ritchie and second by Young to deny the temporary coal royalty reduction request. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Ameresco Payment request \$434,526.27 Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the board discussed the payment made to Ameresco for \$434,526.27 for work completed in the Courthouse Complex. Ritchie requested Buildings & Grounds Chairman Bob Sneed review a punch list after final invoice is received and before final invoice payment is made.
6. **Pictometry Flyover for 2025 Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Niehaus informed the committee she located a 2021 contract which stated a pictometry flyover was completed in March 2022 and a second is required in March 2025. Niehaus said the board needs to schedule the flyover in March 2024 so it can be completed in March 2025 and a contractual cost of \$109,387. Young had asked if application can be made to use DCEO Energy grant funds. County Clerk/Recorder Leitheiser had pointed out to the committee the flyover is a tool needed for assessments. Treasurer Lohman had suggested to the committee adding the cost to township assessor contracts. Niehaus informed board members she has submitted an application for DCEO grant funding to pay for the flyover. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Whitworth to schedule pictometry flyover for March 2025 and budget \$109,387 in FY 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Sneed, Whitworth, Young. Voting no: None. Motion carried.**
7. **Information on an HR consultant Discussion Update/Approval:** Ritchie said the committee reviewed HR services offered by Bushue and was favorable to proceeding to get further information. He said information will be forwarded to the Development & Personnel Committee and Ritchie requested the County Board Admin office also solicit other proposals. Ritchie reminded members HR is a professional service so competitive bids are not required.
8. **Revised State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor resolution Update/Approval:** Ritchie said Treasurer Lohman reported to the committee the resolution passed to participate in the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor program referenced an \$8,000 fee that should have been \$9,000. The county has made the required \$9,000 payment, but the state requested the county board to update the resolution to reflect the correct \$9,000 amount. **Motion by Ritchie and second by Beck to approve State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution with corrected \$9,000 fee. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 65-66).**
9. **Recycling Baler lease with DC Waste Update/Approval:** The 4-year lease to DC Waste for the recycling baler expires in March 2024, and DC Waste has indicated they are willing to renew the lease at the same \$70 per /month terms plus a recycling tote for another 4 years. Treasurer Lohman told the committee the bill from DC Waste to the county increased \$113 this month due to a new dumpster at the jail. County Board Administrator Chris Daniels told the committee her office would talk to DC Waste to resolve the matter.
10. **Elected Official Salaries Update/Approval:** Ritchie reported the committee reviewed a spreadsheet of elected officials' salaries before recommending salaries for the Coroner and Circuit Clerk, required to be set 180 days before election. Treasurer Lohman told committee members the salaries need to be set by resolution. The committee requested

the County Board Admin office to research the UCCI salary study and to present findings to the Coordinating Committee.

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

1. **Policy for Drainage Tile across/along County Highways Update/Approval:** Murzynski said a drainage district had requested permission to run tile under a road and cut a section. He said his committee will continue to discuss this topic and may have a contract ready for next month.
2. **Declare excess dirt at Highway Department as surplus property Update/Approval:** Murzynski said after consultation with State's Attorney Affrunti, roughly 150,000 yards of excess dirt from the hillside at the Highway Department should be declared surplus property prior to disposal. County Engineer Cody Greenwood called the dirt "clean fill" and said there has been interest, but no buyers yet. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Jones to declare an estimated 150,000 yards of excess dirt as surplus property. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **2024 Township MFT Rock Letting Results Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reviewed letting results and recommended accepting low bids. **Motion by Bergen and second by Folkerts to accept low bids for 2024 Township MFT Rock Letting. All in favor, motion carried (Murzynski abstained).**
4. **2024 County MFT Rock Letting Results Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood reviewed letting results and recommended accepting low bids. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to accept low bids for 2024 County MFT Rock Letting. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Section No. 17-09117-00-BR Irving Twp N. 17th Ave. Bridge replacement supplemental Engineering Agreement Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the Engineering Services Agreement. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Young to approve Section No. 17-09117-00-BR Supplemental Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates LLC for \$19,400 for Irving Twp. N. 17th Avenue bridge replacement. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 67-75).**
6. **Resolution 2024-04 to appropriate funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Meisenheimer Ave., Irving Twp. Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the resolution. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Young to approve Resolution 2024-04 to appropriate funds for 50/50 culvert replacement on Meisenheimer Ave. in Irving Township with county portion estimate of \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 76-77).**
7. **Section No. 17-05121-00-BR Fillmore Twp. Wonder Trail Land Acquisition Services Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed the land acquisition service agreement. **Motion by Murzynski and second by Whitworth to approve Section No. 17-05121-00-BR Fillmore Township Wonder Trail Land Acquisition Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services for \$13,550. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 21, pages 78-92).**
8. **Section No. 24-00147-00-FP Nokomis Rd. Reconstruction Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood informed the committee Hurst-Rosche is working on a cost study to upgrade 12.5 miles of Nokomis Road, between Nokomis and Fillmore, to 80,000 pounds.

9. **New state legislation regarding Bike Trail Signage Update/Approval:** Murzynski said the committee discussed new state legislation requiring signs on recreation trails along cross roads. The county-owned Green Diamond Trail between Waggoner and Farmersville crosses two township roads. Engineer Greenwood will order the signs and estimated between \$500 and \$600 in material cost.
10. **Repair/Replace roof on white block building Update/Approval:** Engineer Greenwood said he is working on specs in cooperation with Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairman Bob Sneed. The goal is to advertise for bids and have the deadline in time for bid opening at next month's Roads & Bridges Committee meeting.
11. **Other Business:** Young inquired about requests he has received to place striping lines to better mark the curve area of the Nokomis/Fillmore Road. Greenwood said he will check to see if this can be accomplished.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. **MCSO Telecommunicator Division Award:** Chairman Donaldson announced the Telecommunicator Division of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was nominated an Illinois Sheriffs' Association 2023 Award of Merit for their handling of a multi-vehicle accident on Interstate 55. Undersheriff Holshouser congratulated the department, and EMA Director Kevin Schott described their exemplary performance before a round of applause acknowledged the achievement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **DCEO Energy Transition Meeting:** Donaldson said grant requests are due by Friday, February 16th at 4 PM, and Ad Hoc committee meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st at 4 PM in the County Board Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.
2. **CO2 Sequestration Ad Hoc Committee Meeting:** Donaldson said the committee will meet on Tuesday, February 27th at 5 PM in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.
3. **EZ Mayor's Meeting:** Donaldson said the meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 5 PM at the Courthouse Annex in Hillsboro.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Motion by Young and second by Beason to appoint Mike Plunkett and Ed Boyd as Certified Open Meetings Act Officers. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Beck and second by Folkerts to re-appoint Kent Sorrells and Joe Chappelle to 3-year terms on Raymond Township Drainage Dist. #1. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Motion by Jones and second by Beck to appoint Garrett Fuchs to 3-year term on Raymond Township Drainage Dist. #1. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Motion by Young and second by Bergen to appoint Todd Knodle, Kevin Harst, Cheryl Short, Keith Casey, and Shane Davidson to Fillmore Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL: Motion by Ritchie and second by Beason to pay all approved bills and Payroll. ROLL CALL VOTE: Voting yes: Beason, Beck, Bergen, Donaldson, Folkerts, Jones, Murzynski, Ritchie, Ruppert, Sneed, Whitworth, Young. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Murzynski and second by Beck to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.