

Montgomery County Board Minutes

For Tuesday, December 9th, 2003 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 9th, 2003 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Mike Havera.

Roll call was taken, 20 members present, 1 absent.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Mike Havera, Dave Heaton, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott.

Members Absent: Charles Hampton.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

Motion by Myers, second by Bone to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Downs, second by Aumann to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Monday, November 10th, 2003. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Circuit Clerk's Report** – Mary Webb was present for questions.
- 2. County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions and stated that the Annual Tax Sale will be held on Monday, December 15th, 2003 in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and stated that the filing period for the March 2004 Primary Election is underway, with the final date to file petitions for the March Primary set for Monday, December 15th, 2003 by 5:00 PM.
- 4. Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
- 5. Health Department Report** – Mark Dugger was present for questions.
- 6. T.B. Department Report** – Kathy Tapley was present for questions.
- 7. Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
- 8. Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici was present for questions and stated that December is Drunk & Drugged Driver Prevention month, and informed the board of the Probation Office's activities relating to this designation.
- 9. 911 Report** – submitted.

State's Attorney Jim Roberts was also present, and recognized by Chairman Havera.

APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Blankenship, second by Ogden to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bonnie Branum as follows:

- 1. Motor Fuel Tax Letting Date:** Branum reported that the Motor Fuel Tax Letting date will be on Wednesday, December 17th, 2003 at 9:30 AM and that Township Road Commissioners will be present for the letting.
- 2. New Parking Lot:** Branum stated that the soft spots in the new parking lot area have been repaired, twenty cement parking blocks have been installed, and the parking lot is now ready for parking.
- 3. Snowplow Update:** Branum stated that the Highway Department will be acquiring bids for three new snowplows, and informed members that expenses for this purchase are included in the FY 04 budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bill Sielschott as follows:

1. **Resolution #03-36-Correction of Legal Description on County Quit Claim Deed for Raymond Fire Protection District:** Sielschott stated that a correction needs to be made to the legal description of parcel ID #13-000-558-00 in the Village of Raymond. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs** to approve Resolution #03-36 to correct the legal description with a Quit Claim Deed for parcel #13-000-558-00 in the Village of Raymond to reflect the directional change from the Southwest (SW) part of the lot to read 24 foot of the Southeast (SE) part of lot. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 4, pages 213-214).**
2. **Public Safety Tax:** Sielschott explained the need for a Public Safety Sales Tax in Montgomery County. The new sales tax would increase the current 6.25% by ½ of a cent to 6.75% on qualifying merchandise sold by retailers in the county. Merchandise exempt from the tax increase includes qualifying food, drugs and medical appliances; and titled items (example: automobiles). Member Ed Helgen inquired about the annual refund to property owners of \$200,000 introduced at last month's board meeting. Sielschott stated that this would not be a refund to the property owners, but instead would be a reduction to the current general fund levy request from \$635,000 to \$435,000 for the next five years until 2010. Sielschott stated that if the public safety tax does not pass, then the county will have no other choice but to drastically reduce the county workforce. The county will need an extra \$700,000 annually for next five years to maintain the General fund. The safety tax will generate the extra revenue needed to maintain our current level of county government and safety without raising property taxes, plus provide additional budget dollars for public safety use. Chairman Havera clarified to members that a vote for the Public Safety Tax would simply allow the question to be placed on the March, 2004 Primary Election ballot to let the voters decide. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to place the Public Safety Sales Tax Question on the March 16th, 2004 General Primary Election Ballot. Roll call vote - 19 yes, 1 no – Ed Helgen, 1 absent – Charles Hampton. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 4, page 215).**
3. **Montgomery County Food Sanitation Ordinance:** Sielschott referred members to the draft version of a Food Sanitation Ordinance provided by Health Department Director Mark Dugger, and asked that members be prepared to vote on the ordinance at the next full board meeting on January 13th, 2004.

HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Durbin as follows:

1. **Election Update:** Durbin stated that County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser reported at the last HWE Committee meeting that the filing deadline for the Primary Election is next Monday, December 15th, 2003 at 5:00 PM.
2. **Animal Control Update:** Durbin stated that the committee continues to review the Illinois State Animal Control Statutes, which will be used as a guide for Montgomery County's Animal Control Ordinance.
3. **Recycling Center Vehicles:** Durbin stated that the Recycling Center's Ram Charger and the White Dodge pickup trucks are not feasible to repair and will be sent to McDowell's Auction in Mulberry Grove for their next sale.
4. **UCCI:** Durbin stated that the \$1,500 annual membership fee for the two County Board member UCCI liaisons has been refunded by UCCI to the county for 2003 and that the 2004 annual UCCI meeting will be held on February 24th & 25th, 2004 in the Renaissance Hotel in Springfield. Durbin also reported that the fee for any member who wishes to attend this two-day meeting is \$75.00, and UCCI will also reimburse the county for this expense.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman John Downs as follows:

1. **Bid Approval for Sheriff's Department Radios:** Downs reported that the Sheriff's Department received two sealed bids for radios – one from Chris Coss from Nokomis for \$44,500.60 and the other from Ron Whiteside (Whiteside Communications) of Panama for \$44,967.55. Downs stated that the Committee recommends that the County Board award the bid to Ron Whiteside of Panama due to his better availability for service needs and his products' warranty. Member Jagodzinski asked if the same brand of radio was bid, and Downs confirmed that it was the same brand. Ogden asked if the expense was accounted for in the budget, and Downs answered affirmatively. **Motion by Downs, second by Helgen** to accept the bid from Whiteside Communications for the Sheriff's Department radios in the amount of \$44,967.55. **All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **F.O.P. Negotiations Update:** Downs stated that a tentative date, time and location of January 9th, 2004 at 8:00 AM in the PBC room of the Courthouse Complex has been set for a special Personnel Committee meeting with federal mediators to negotiate the FOP Union contract.
3. **Employee Insurance:** Downs stated the committee discussed employee health insurance expenses at their meeting.
4. **Cavanaugh & O'Hara Contract:** Downs stated that there was nothing new to report at this time regarding the Cavanaugh & O'Hara contract.
5. **Internet Security Policy Update:** Downs stated that Network Administrator Bill Purcell is currently working on a County Security Policy that will be implemented and reviewed by the board once a year. The Policy will also educate county employees not to give out any computer information or passwords.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Painter as follows:

1. **Maintenance Truck Update:** Painter stated that the county maintenance truck was recently repaired.
2. **Office Space Update:** Painter stated that the Committee is considering office relocation needs in the Historic Courthouse.
3. **Parking Lot Update:** Painter stated that the new parking lot area is complete and ready for use.

ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski as follows:

1. **October Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for October 2003 is as follows: Total calls: 319; Total amount billed: \$63,801.00; Total amount collected: \$74,407.69.
2. **November Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for November 2003 is as follows: Total calls: 256; Total amount billed: \$51,002.75; Total amount collected: \$19,549.52.
3. **Director Holmes Report:** Jagodzinski reported that sixteen people passed the HazMat course and they are now in the process of writing protocol and guidelines for the county HazMat team. The Committee approved for ESDA to join MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), an organization that gives mutual aid support to the county and possible extra funding for ESDA. Some of the requirements for joining this organization will be to respond to other territories in the State if needed or to provide the use of equipment such as Level B suits or gloves, boots, etc. to other territories. Holmes will be purchasing a set of Turnout gear, which is similar to what firefighters wear, to use on response calls for Hazardous Materials. Board member Bone inquired about how the HazMat team will be covered by workers compensation insurance within their duties, and Jagodzinski responded that this is one of the items that will be reviewed through the protocol HazMat will be putting together.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Plunkett as follows:

1. **Planning & Zoning Update:** Chairman Plunkett reported that Pat Curry with the University of Illinois Extension Service was at this month's Economic Development Committee meeting and gave a presentation on Comprehensive Planning and Zoning. Plunkett stated that a County Comprehensive Plan may be an option for the county rather than zoning, although the Comprehensive Plan is not land-use related and that the University of Illinois Extension Service could help put the plan together for the

county. Plunkett also reported that Montgomery County's application to CCI (Competitive Communities Initiative) was accepted.

2. **GIS Oversight Committee:** Plunkett stated that Bruce Harris' representative Shawn Blobaum was present at the GIS Oversight Committee meeting held on December 2nd, 2003 and answered some questions the committee had regarding GIS. The Committee plans to purchase the hardware and software for GIS computer mapping within the upcoming fiscal year, and will be looking at sample Intergovernmental Agreements from other counties to begin the process of creating our own county agreement which will allow us to share GIS with other Montgomery County partners (municipalities, utilities, state and federal agencies, etc.).
3. **City Wide Cleanup Policy Approval:** Plunkett recommended to the board a new city wide cleanup policy be approved, which will require municipalities to apply for assistance in advance. **Motion by Plunkett, second by Durbin** to adopt the new city wide cleanup policy. **All in favor, motion carried.** (See Resolution Book 4, page 216).

APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Durbin, second by Blankenship to approve the 7 committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Given by County Board Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Havera stated that the County Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13th, 2003 beginning at 5:00 PM at the Taylor Springs Community Building, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

APPOINTMENTS: **Motion by Ogden, second by Heaton** to approve the appointment of Carl Bruntjen to Union Drainage District #1, Towns of Pitman and Zanesville for a term to expire on September 7th, 2004. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Ogden, second by Heaton to approve the appointment of Terry Goby to Union Drainage District #1, Towns of Pitman and Zanesville for a term to expire on September 6th, 2005. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Heaton, second by Helgen to approve the appointment of Evelyn Riemann to Union Drainage District #1, Towns of Pitman and Zanesville for a term to expire on September 5th, 2006. **All in favor, motion carried.**

PAY BILLS: **Motion by Sielschott, second by Jagodzinski to pay all approved bills.** **All in favor, motion carried.** For an itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2004.

ADJOURN: Until the Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, 2004 at 8:30 AM.

Motion by Branum, second by Bone to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.