

# Montgomery County Board Re-Organization Minutes

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For Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – 8:15 AM

The following are minutes of the Re-Organization meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:15 AM on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

**The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser.**

**Members Present:** Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Toby Dean, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Edward Helgen, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Mike Plunkett, William Sielschott.

**Newly Elected Members Present:** Connie Beck, Sharon Kuchar, Gene Miles, Richard Wendel.

**Members Absent:** George Blankenship, Terry Bone, resigned member Mike Havera.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.**

**Official Verbal Oath** administered to all elected members by Circuit Judge Kelly Long. The following members were sworn in: Bonnie Branum, John Downs, Ron Deabenderfer, Dale Ogden, Bill Sielschott, Connie Beck, Sharon Kuchar, Gene Miles, Richard Wendel. George Blankenship and Terry Bone will be sworn in at or prior to the regular Full Board meeting on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro.

**Temporary Chairman Nomination:** Clerk Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a temporary Chairman of the County Board. **Motion by Mike Plunkett, second by Bonnie Branum** that Dennis Jagodzinski be elected temporary County Board Chairman. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Close Nominations:** Clerk Leitheiser asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Dale Ogden, second by Bob Durbin** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**County Board Chairman Nominations:** Temporary Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski took his position and called for a nomination for County Board Chairman. **Motion by Ron Deabenderfer, second by Bill Sielschott that Mike Plunkett be nominated as County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Temporary Chairman asks 3 Times for Nominations:** Temporary Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski asked **three more times if there were any other nominations for Chairman.** No other nominations were submitted.

**Close Nominations:** Temporary Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Dale Ogden, second by Roger Myers** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Election of Chairman by Acclamation:** Temporary Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski asked for a motion to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by acclamation. **Motion by Frank Komor, second by Nelson Aumann to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by Acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Chairman Addresses Board:** The Newly Appointed Montgomery County Board Chairman Mike Plunkett addressed the board and thanked them for their trust and confidence in his leadership. Plunkett stated that with this incredible opportunity also comes tremendous responsibility and that he will do his best to serve Montgomery County as chairman for the next two years.

**Acceptance of Havera's Resignation:** As Plunkett's first official duty as Montgomery County Board Chairman, Plunkett accepted member Mike Havera's resignation letter and read a letter from Democratic Party chairman Steve White requesting that Joyce Matthews be seated as Havera's replacement. Plunkett asked for a motion to accept the appointment of Joyce Matthews to finish out the unexpired term of District #2 member Havera. **Motion by Dennis Jagodzinski, second by Ron Deabenderfer to appoint Joyce Matthews to represent District #2 on the County Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Verbal Oath of New Member:** Judge Long gave the Official Oath to the newly appointed board member Joyce Matthews.

**Rules Committee:** Plunkett asked for a motion to appoint Ron Deabenderfer, John Downs and Mary Bathurst to the Rules Committee of the County Board. **Motion by Bonnie Branum, second by Bob Durbin to approve the appointments of Ron Deabenderfer, John Downs and Mary Bathurst to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett then announced that the Rules Committee will briefly meet after today's re-organization meeting to discuss when they will meet before the next full board meeting to review the County Board Rules of Order.

**County Board Manuals:** Manuals were distributed to all Board Members. County Coordinator Chris Daniels gave a brief overview of the new County Board manuals.

**Committee Assignment Review:** Plunkett briefly went over the committee assignments of the Chairmen of each committee.

**Announcements:**

- Plunkett announced that there was a Tele – Institute for Newly Elected Officials Session on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a second session on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Bathurst stated that she had attended the first session in November and that it would have been an informative meeting for more board members to have attended, and she conveyed that to the presenters, who promise they will repeat it in the future.
- Plunkett reported that the next County Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room.

**Adjourn:** **Motion by Roger Myers, second by Nelson Aumann to adjourn the re-organization meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Time Adjourned:** The Re-Organizational Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.