

**Montgomery County Board  
Minutes**

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**For Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

**The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Mike Plunkett at 8:30 AM.**

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

**Members Present:** Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Ed Helgen, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Sharon Kuchar, Joyce Matthews, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Dale Ogden, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott, Richard Wendel.

**Members Absent:** Frank Komor

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given and led by Sonny Gonet,** who is a senior at Greenville College studying Communications and working on a project regarding communications in County Government.

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:**

**Motion by Aumann, second by Miles to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:**

**Motion by Helgen, second by Matthews to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **911 Coordinator's Report** – Greg Nimmo was present for questions.
2. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – Ray Durston was present for questions.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Holly Lemons was present for questions and stated the new shelving units ordered are now in place in the basement of the Courthouse Complex and invited members to stop by and see them.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **County Treasurer's Report** – submitted
6. **G.I.S. Coordinator's Report** – Mary Purcell was present for questions.
7. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and gave an update on the H1N1 flu vaccines. He said that 4,200 – 4,300 H1N1 shots have been given, and he still has about 3,000 doses of vaccine. Satterlee expressed his appreciation for all the help that he has received from the county offices. County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser commended the County Health Department for their quick and organized response to provide the H1N1 virus vaccination.
8. **Probation Office Report** – submitted
9. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
10. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
11. **T.B. Department's Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
12. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 12 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion by Downs, second by Kuchar to approve of the 12 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mike Plunkett as follows:**

The Coordinating Committee approved their 2010 meeting dates on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Terry Bone as follows:**

1. **Approval- Telephone System Bids:** Bone reported that Mark Ritter stated that Hurst-Rosche Engineers stands behind the low bid for the new phone system from Tech Electronics and that the proposal did meet the bid specifications. Bill Purcell reported that he contacted several references in the Metro East area provided by Tech Electronics and he received good reports. Purcell checked on the Mitel Equipment with his Computer Technician Network and reported it is very good equipment and that Tech Electronics is a reputable company. As a result of these findings, the committee stands by their motion from October 2009 to recommend the low bid from Tech Electronics in the amount of \$127,032.00. Bill Purcell was thanked for his assistance in confirming the Tech Electronics company and bid were valid. **Motion by Bone, Second by Hitchings to approve the telephone system bid from Tech Electronics for a voice override IP phone system in the amount of \$127,032.00. All in favor, motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 20, Nays 0, Absent 1. Those Voting Aye: Aumann, Bathurst, Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Downs, Durbin, Hertel, Helgen, Hitchings, Komor, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Ogden, Plunkett, Sielschott, Wendel. Those Absent: Komor. Motion carried.** Bone reported that Judge Long has agreed to contribute \$35,000 from court funds toward the purchase of the new telephone system.
2. **Update- Annex Building Project:** Bone reported that Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Incorporated started the renovation of the Annex Building on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. The committee reviewed the project schedule as submitted by the contractor. Renovations are expected to be completed by March 2, 2010.
3. **Update- Annex Building Roof:** The committee reviewed and approved a quote from Young's Roofing in the amount of \$4,480.00 to make the necessary repairs to the rubber roof on the Annex Building. The committee decided to do away with the sky light and replace it with plywood. The roof is 5-6 years old, and is showing signs of leakage. No warranty on the roof has been located to cover these repairs.
4. **Approval -Annex Building Asbestos Removal:** The committee reviewed and approved the report and costs to remove the asbestos in the Annex Building from Cenpro Services Inc. Brent Lance of Hurst-Rosche Engineers reported that there were some areas found where asbestos needs to be removed. In the County Annex Building located at 201 S. Main there is asbestos in panels along the stairs, the restroom floor and in the County Annex Building located at 203 S. Main, one pipe needs asbestos removed. Asbestos was also found in all the window glazing. Bone reported that the county will receive a credit from the contractor for window removal since Cenpro will now be removing the windows. **Motion by Bone, Second by Beck to approve the proposal from Cenpro Services Inc. to abate the asbestos in the Annex Building for a cost of \$15,000 to \$18,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Update - Maintenance Issues & Maintenance Report:** The committee discussed and approved the proposal from Door Controls of St. Louis to install an automatic opening door for handicap accessibility at the Historic Courthouse in the amount of \$3,061.00. County Clerk Leitheiser has a grant for \$2,750.00 to help with this expense. The committee also discussed replacing the faucets in the Historic Courthouse restrooms on the first floor that have leaking problems. The Committee will look into when the work will start on the wallpaper removal at the Courthouse Complex. A new tree will be planted on the southwest corner of the Historic Courthouse once the tree stump has been removed.

6. **Approval - 2010 Schedule for Meeting Dates:** Committee discussed and approved the 2010 meeting dates for the first Friday before the Full Board meeting at 8:30 am.

**EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman George Blankenship as follows:

**AMBULANCE CALL REPORTS:**

**A summary of monthly operations for September 2009 are as follows:**

**September 2009** Total calls: 353: Total amount billed: \$183,812.00: Amount collected: \$111,451.74.

**A summary of monthly operations for October 2009 will be submitted at next month's meeting:**

**AMBULANCE REPORT:**

1. **Collections:** Estimate -\$94,629.13 for October, Old System \$23,201.65, New System \$71,427.48. (Incomplete)
2. **Training:** Ortivus Trainer came on October 26, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. While the Ortivus trainer was here he reviewed all reports and collections for the past 5 months. After review of all reports and collections he told us we were right where we needed to be at this point in time.
3. **Credit Bureau-Ambulance Collections:** The Committee discussed and approved that the State's Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office handle the Ambulance collections. Blankenship said we will try this for one year.
4. **Ambulance coding class:** This was a recommendation of the Ortivus Trainer. It is an online class, complete with testing at the end of the class. Once they have completed all phases they will be certified in "Ambulance" billing.
5. **Aging and Billing Questions:** Paul Osborne addressed the committee with aging and billing questions. The questions were answered to the best of their ability.

**EMA:**

1. **HazMat Breakfast:** There will be a HazMat Breakfast on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge. Hours are 6:00 AM till 11:00 AM. Tickets are sold at the door. Also, 50/50 tickets will be available at the door.
2. **MABAS Audit and HazMat Audit:** We will have our MABAS Audit on November 19<sup>th</sup> here at the EMA office. The HazMat Audit will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Raymond Fire Station.
3. **Fillmore Search and Rescue Class:** There was a Search and Rescue Class in Fillmore recently with 46 in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval - 2010 Meeting Dates:** Committee approved to set the 2010 Meeting Dates to the Tuesday before the Full Board Meeting at 3:00 PM with the exception of November's meeting which will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Langer Trucking:** Per Asst. State's Attorney Betsy Wilson, they will pay the bill from the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> HazMat spill on I-55. We will put that money in the HazMat account and pay the agencies that responded, and will need to replace some of the equipment used from HazMat trailer.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Ron Deabenderfer as follows:

1. **Update- Enterprise Zone Projects:** Amanda Cole reported she is working on getting a map for parcels to be included in the Enterprise Zone for Nokomis.
2. **Update- Historic Old Route 66 Project:** Amanda Cole shared handouts providing information on the Historic Old Route 66 Project and explained the requirement to apply for grant funds for this project. The IL Route 66 Scenic Byway Wayside Exhibit Program requires a local share cost for the signs. One of the requirements is to be a member of the Old Route 66 Byway. Farmersville is a member, and we could get one of these signs for the Bike Trail from

Farmersville. Committee approved that Amanda Cole put the county on a waiting list for the IL Route 66 Wayside Exhibit signs. Deabenderfer said that we won't have to take any action for at least a year.

- 3. Update- 2010 Schedule for Meeting Dates:** The committee reviewed and approved to meet on the first Wednesday before the Full board meeting at 6:30 pm for 2010.
- 4. Update- County Comprehensive Planning Committee:** The Comprehensive Planning meeting date was cancelled due to the Farm Bureau Banquet on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The next meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 5. Update- MCEDC Meeting:** There will be an MCEDC meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Extension office. The MCEDC Night of Networking will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at LLCC for the Festival of Trees at 5:00 pm.

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

- 1. Update- FY 2010 Budget Changes and Recommendations:** The committee discussed the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.
- 2. Approval of FY 2010 Levies:** Resolutions read by State's Attorney Chris Matoush
  - **Resolution #09-16:** Resolution adopting Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Appropriation Ordinance totaling the sum of \$21,929,577.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Miles. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 264.)
  - **Resolution #09-17:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the General Corporate Fund for the current taxable year, in the sum of \$755,325.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Bathurst. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 265.)
  - **Resolution #09-18:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Health Department, in the sum of \$373,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 266.)
  - **Resolution #09-19:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, in the sum of \$697,675.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Kuchar. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 267.)
  - **Resolution #09-20:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Social Security Fund, in the sum of \$321,985.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 268.)
  - **Resolution #09-21:** Resolution to pass tax levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums, in the sum of \$332,875.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Matthews. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 269.)
  - **Resolution #09-22:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Fund, in the sum of \$90,800.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 270.)
  - **Resolution #09-23:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Highway Fund, in the sum of \$373,000.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Miles. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 271.)
  - **Resolution #09-24:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund, in the sum of \$186,500.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 272.)
  - **Resolution #09-25:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund, in the sum of \$186,500.00. Motion by Sielschott, second by Bathurst. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 273.)

- **Resolution #09-26:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Litchfield Special Service Area in the Amount of **\$179,550.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 274.)
  
  - **Resolution #09-27:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area in the Amount of **\$157,000.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 275.)
  - **Resolution #09-28:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Nokomis/Witt Special Service Area in the Amount of **\$104,107.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Durbin. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 276.)
  - **Resolution #09-29:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Raymond/Harvel Special Service Area in the Amount of **\$42,000.00**. Motion by Hitchings, second by Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 277.)
  - **Resolution #09-30:** Resolution to pass tax levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area in the Amount of **\$65,000.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 278.)
  - **Resolution #09-31:** Resolution to pass a levy for the County Extension Service, in the sum of **\$154,910.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Kuchar. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 279.)
  - **Resolution #09-32:** Resolution to pass levy for Senior Citizen Social Services in the sum of **\$70,030.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Matthews. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 280.)
  - **Resolution #09-33:** Resolution to pass levy for Veterans Assistance in the sum of **\$70,000.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Ogden. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 281.)
  - **Resolution #09-34:** Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments - **\$44,026.00**, Probation Officer - **\$51,204.00**, and Assistant Probation Officers - **\$154,468.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 282.)
  - **Resolution #09-35:** Resolution to Authorize State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of money not to exceed **\$11,000.00**. Motion by Sielschott, second by Hitchings. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 283-284.)
- 3. Approval- PASSING THE FY 2010 Budget & Revisions:** There are no changes at this time. Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget & Revisions which include all the above mentioned levies and appropriations. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Approval- Tax Sale Certificate Surrender County Trustee Parcel #16-11-207-015:** The Committee discussed the need to surrender County Trustee on a parcel owned by an individual due to an error in the deed. The Parcel was 10 feet wide and controlled by the County Trustee due to error. Motion by Sielschott, second by Branum to pay **\$50.00** to County Trustee Ballinger to Surrender Parcel #16-11-207-015 in the City of Hillsboro. (See Resolution Book 9, Pages 285-288.)

An announcement was made by Sielschott that more funding totaling \$140,000 is now anticipated from the State of Illinois for the Probation Office to reimburse the salaries of Probation Officers.

The 2010 Finance Committee Meeting Dates were set for the Monday before the Full Board Meeting at 8:30 AM with the exception of October's meeting which will be held on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Chairman Plunkett thanked Sielschott and the Finance Committee for their work during the budget process.

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

- 1. Approval- Recycling Program and Events DCEO Grant:** Durbin reported that Dawn Lutz is working on a DCEO recycling grant. Discussion took place concerning a resolution in support of the grant, and Durbin stated that the grant will be a 90% grant from DCEO. There are 1600 businesses in the county that could recycle and the Recycling Center currently picks up at 120 businesses, and the grant is needed to get machinery and to do more recycling. **Motion by Durbin, Second by Helgen to approve the Resolution in Support of the Montgomery County Recycling Program's Request for Grant Funding from DCEO. (See Resolution Book 9, page 289.)**
- 2. Approval- County Insurance:** Paul Hamrock advised the committee that the county insurance premium is \$326,742.00. The premium for Property Casualty cost decreased by \$4,795.00 while the Workman's Compensation premium increased by \$7,827.00. The net cost increase for FY 2010 is \$3,032.00. Hamrock stated that there are now 204 entities in the ICRMT Insurance program in the state of Illinois. **Motion by Durbin, Second by Miles to approve the ICRMT Insurance Premium in the amount of \$326,742.00.** Bathurst expressed her concern that other insurance companies have not had the opportunity to bid, and endorsed bidding this service in the future. Durbin replied that the Property Casualty Insurance had not been put out for bid because ICRMT has provided good service, and have many training programs for the county. Kuchar asked when this insurance was last put out for bid and agreed with Bathurst that other companies should have the opportunity to bid. Durbin said it has been quite some time since the insurance services have been put out for bid, and Kuchar replied that different insurance companies should have a chance to bid on this each year. Chairman Plunkett stated that we have been a member of ICRMT for some 20 years, and that professional services do not have to be put out for bid. Helgen said that there was an opportunity in the past where bids were received, however, no company was able to compete with ICRMT's proposal. Durbin stated that next year will be our 25<sup>th</sup> year with ICRMT, and he feels the county receives good service from them. Matthews said the ICRMT group formed to provide a lower cost to counties. Bone stated that a similar insurance company called County Insurance Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) has formed and he suggested we get a price from them. Plunkett said that it never hurts to compare proposals, but we haven't had any problems with the premiums from ICRMT, and with the added county property and payroll, there has been minimal increases each year. Kuchar stated that last year it was suggested that the property and casualty insurance be put out for bid, and asked what we need to do as County Board members so that it gets put out for bid next year. Durbin said that we will have to start in June, 2010 to have everything done before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Dale Ogden said that the issue has been discussed a lot in the committee meetings, and of 102 counties in Illinois, ICRMT is the insurance provider for 54 counties. Chairman Plunkett said the need will be put on the HWE agenda for next month. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes 20, Nays 0, Absent 1. Those Voting Aye: Aumann, Bathurst, Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Downs, Durbin, Hertel, Helgen, Hitchings, Komor, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Ogden, Plunkett, Sielschott, Wendel. Those Absent: Komor. Motion carried.**
- 3. Update- EPA Report:** Bill Gonet shared a packet of information with the committee regarding the Enforcement duties of the EPA officer. He presented information regarding a grant to enable

community groups to apply for cleanup funding of a Superfund site, which has to be submitted by a non-for-profit group like the MCEDC. Gonet and Durbin met with Bond County Board Chairman Jill Franks who requested a price for Gonet to inspect the Bond County landfill. Bond County Board Chairman Franks will be contacted today to advise that the price per inspection would be \$250.00. Durbin talked to Franks who said they are having a meeting today, and Bond County will check their budget. Deabenderfer asked about the grant and whether MCEDC has been contacted, and Chairman Plunkett said that he took the grant information to Amanda Cole.

4. **Update- Elections:** County Clerk Leitheiser presented a proposal to eliminate the Technical Judge Role for upcoming elections to offset county expenses due to lack of State of Illinois reimbursement. The committee discussed and approved to eliminate the Technical Judge Role. County Clerk Leitheiser also shared information regarding the new State Undervote law that could compromise ballot secrecy and voter intent. Leitheiser will get information out to educate voters and election judges before this election, and will send a letter of protest to Senator Demuzio and Representative Hannig. Roy Hertel was concerned that the county should be eliminating precincts to cut down on expenses. Hertel then asked if we have to pay more money to upgrade the voting equipment to accommodate the Undervote law, and he protests its constitutionality since the voter's secrecy is being violated when an undervote is detected. Leitheiser said we have no extra costs to implement this law in our county, unlike other counties with other equipment that needs to be upgraded.
5. **Update- Animal Control Facility and Program:** A special meeting with the PAWS CARE Volunteer group was held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. PAWS CARE representative Nancy Richardson stated that they have filed 501C3 Status with IRS, and has paid for a \$1 Million dollar Liability Insurance Policy. Once IRS has approved the Non-for Profit status, a cargo van will be donated to the PAWS CARE group for transporting animals. At the Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, States Attorney Matoush addressed the committee regarding some questions about volunteers at the Animal Control Facility. Matoush suggested that the Probation Office be contacted for Public Services Workers to take down and install an existing fence that was donated for the Animal Control Facility. Chairman Plunkett thanked the Volunteer group for helping the county save money on the animals that have been saved by the efforts of the group. Discussion also took place on the four foot fencing that is being donated by the Senior Citizen building in Taylor Springs and measurements will be taken. The Committee discussed and approved the hours of operation at the Animal Control Facility in order to make it more accessible to the public and for volunteers. The facility will have employees scheduled Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to Noon. Hertel stated that he is concerned about the volunteers at the Animal Control Facility who would have to leave if the employees have to go out on a call. He asked about who opens up the facility and stays till 6 pm. He was then informed that the warden opens the facility and the part-time employee stays until 6 pm. Hertel suggested that we have a contract with the volunteers to eliminate this problem. States's Attorney Matoush said that the main issue is insurability. Matoush hasn't seen the PAWS CARE insurance policy and is concerned mainly with our facility. The matter will be discussed further at the next HWE Committee meeting.
6. **Update- 2010 Schedule for Meeting Dates:** Committee reviewed and approved their committee meeting dates on the first Thursday before the full board meeting at 8:30 am in 2010.

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

1. **Update- Circuit Clerk Personnel Question:** Circuit Clerk employee Barb Grosenheider will be retiring on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons stated that she does not know if any

current county employee will want to transfer. Mike Plunkett reported that he communicated with Union Representative Dan Sweet regarding the starting salary.

2. **Update- Liberty National Insurance:** Downs reported that Sielschott spoke with Treasurer Jenkins regarding the Liberty National Insurance proposal. County employees already have two other voluntary insurance options, and the committee feels there is no need for another one.
3. **Update- Employee Christmas Luncheon:** The Employee Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM in the County Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse.
  
4. **Approval- Holiday Schedule for Year 2010:** The Committee discussed the Holiday Schedule for Year 2010. New Years Day for Year 2011 will be observed on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. **Motion by Downs, Second by Bathurst to approve the 2010 Holiday Schedule with 14 days as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, page 290.)**
5. **Update- 2010 Schedule for Meeting Dates:** Personnel Committee reviewed and approved their meeting dates for 2010. There was only one Holiday conflict at Thanksgiving so the committee will meet on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

1. **Update– Airport Bridge Project:** Branum reported that the Highway Department finished constructing the bridge and the highway was opened to traffic on October 21, 2009. This project finished ahead of schedule and under budget.
2. **Update– Mine Avenue Resurfacing west of Farmersville:** Branum reported that Construction was completed on 10/20/09 within budget. A few calls were received with concerns on how close the guardrail is to the road. Engineer Boehler stated that the guardrail was installed according to plan which met Federal Standards. Boehler also stated that additional construction costs would have been incurred if guard rails were installed further from the road.
3. **Update– 2010 R&B Meeting Dates:** Branum reported Road & Bridge Meeting dates were submitted and approved for FY 2010 on the first Wednesday before the Full Board Meeting at 8:30 am.
4. **Update– Walton Park Bridge Project:** Engineer Boehler reported that CMT submitted the Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Bridge Design and Hydraulic Report to IDNR and IDOT on 10/19/2009, 6 weeks behind schedule. The Draft Project Development Report is being prepared and is planned to be submitted to IDOT on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The planned submittal date is 6 days later than the IDOT schedule date for the June 11, 2010 bid letting. The environmental signoffs have been received for the ESR and the project received a Categorical Exclusion II Classification. The soil borings for the dam slope stability analysis were completed and the soil boring tests are nearly completed. The configuration for the principal spillway replacement structure has been developed and dimensions are being developed with the Design of Small Dams publication by the U.S. Department of Interior. Boehler stated that after this activity, we are now 1 week behind schedule instead of 6 weeks.
5. **Update– Red Ball Trail Project:** Engineer Boehler reported that on October 15, 2009, he met with Cheryl Welge (Ameren), Mike Plunkett, and Heather Hampton-Knodle and discussed the status of the Red Ball Trail upgrade. At this time Ameren will not be able to contribute to the project. Boehler stated that the county's limited MFT funds are not enough to do the whole project. The State grant is available for 5 years. Heather Hampton-Knodle is still communicating with Ameren to see if any agreement can be reached. Boehler doesn't think this road will last 5 years without major upgrades. Moore asked about putting a weight limit on the road, and Boehler

said as the road fails, weight restrictions and speed limit reduction may be imposed due to public safety concerns.

6. **Update– Village of Walshville:** Engineer Boehler reported that Mayor of Walshville Bill Sykes asked if the County would prepare engineering and construct repairs to village streets connecting Mt. Olive Trail and Walshville Trail. Engineer Boehler explained that the County would need an intergovernmental agreement to define the scope of work and reimbursement procedures using the Village’s MFT funds, and there will be no cost to the County. Walshville has requested that this would be a spring project, and the intergovernmental agreement will be submitted to State’s Attorney Chris Matoush for approval. Walshville will reimburse the County for costs.
  
7. **Update– Witt Road District Reimbursement for Chipmix:** Engineer Boehler reported that Witt Road District Commissioner John Charnisky requested that the County reimburse them for cost incurred to upgrade E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Road due to the Probst Bridge closure. His request is for materials only in the amount of \$4,599.45. After discussion, the committee decided not to set a precedent for reimbursing for this chipmix due to the concern that the county should have had prior knowledge before this work was done. In the future, Road Districts are asked to contact the Road and Bridge Committee ahead of time for assistance or to ask for these requests.
8. **Update– 2010 R&B Meeting Dates:** Road & Bridge Meeting dates were submitted and approved for FY 2010 on the first Wednesday before the Full Board Meeting at 8:30 am.
9. **Update – Highway Weight Limits Resolution:** Engineer Boehler recommended restricting weight limits on the County Highways as listed in the resolution. Due to recent legislation, the allowable gross weight limits on local roads will increase to 80,000 lbs. Many county highways are not able to withstand the increased loads without unreasonable damage or extraordinary maintenance expense. A copy of a map with potential local road weight limitations and a Highway Weight Limits resolution was distributed to all board members to review and take action at the December board meeting. Once the resolution is approved, Engineer Boehler will order the new signs to post the weight limits.
10. **Update– Oversize & Overweight Permit Resolution:** Engineer Boehler recommended the County establish a policy allowing oversize and/or overweight vehicles on County Highways. The policies and procedures as stated in the resolution will protect the public safety from unauthorized use of public roads by oversize and overweight vehicles. Copies were submitted to the full board to review for 1 month and action will be taken at the December full board meeting.
11. **Approval– County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution #18-09:** This resolution is for next year’s MFT. The dates have been changed to coincide with the County Fiscal Year. **Motion by Branum, Second by Kuchar to approve Resolution 18-09 to appropriate \$1,174,044.00 from County MFT for highway maintenance from December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010. All in favor, motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 20, Nays 0, Absent 1. Those Voting Aye: Aumann, Bathurst, Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Downs, Durbin, Hertel, Helgen, Hitchings, Komor, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Ogden, Plunkett, Sielschott, Wendel. Those Absent: Komor. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, page 291.)**
12. **Update– Fuel Letting:** The Fuel letting will be held in January 2010 instead of November 2009. The current vendor has agreed to hold prices until January 2010.

**APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:** Motion by Matthews, second by Durbin to approve the 8 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Notice was given of the article in the County Review concerning high speed internet services coming to Montgomery County as a result of the Demuzio Broadband initiative grant program.

**Motion by Ogden, Second by Beck to approve the reappointment of Charles Herrmann as Commissioner to Zanesville #3, County Zone #15, Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Hitchings, Second by Beck to approve the reappointment of Greg Weitekamp as Commissioner to Pitman-Zanesville #2, County Zone #33, Drainage District. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Bone, Second by Hertel to approve the reappointment of Joe Gasparich to the Emergency Telephone System Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Hertel, Second by Beck to approve the reappointment of Lynn Shepherd to the Emergency Telephone System Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PAY BILLS:**

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices from Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore: Motion by Aumann, second by Miles to pay any invoices for Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Present -1 (Jim Moore), Absent – 1 (Frank Komor). Motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Sielschott, second by Kuchar to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2009.

**ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.**

**Motion by Hitchings, second by Branum to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.