

**Montgomery County Board  
Minutes**

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**For Tuesday, APRIL 14<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, April 14<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.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:**

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

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

**Motion by Kuchar, second by Bone to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 10<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** - submitted
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** - submitted
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and thanked everyone who helped at the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election, and gave a special thanks to the Recycling Center staff for use of the Recycling truck and driver. She informed members that a Discovery Recount has been filed by Litchfield mayoral candidate Brian Hollo and will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the County Clerk's Office at 2:30 PM. There will also be a lottery for the 3 candidates who tied for 2 spots in the Nokomis Township Trustee race at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the County Clerk's Office.
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.
8. **Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici was present for questions and reported that they recently received a Redeploy Illinois Grant for serving juveniles in Montgomery, Christian and Marion Counties. Montgomery County Probation Office will use this grant to reduce the number of commitments to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice from Montgomery County.
9. **Public Defender's Report** - submitted
10. **Sheriff's Report** – submitted
11. **T.B. Department's Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
12. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Member Downs commended Strowmatt for the work he has been doing toward establishing a Veteran's Health Care Clinic in Montgomery County, and asked Chairman Plunkett about proposing a Support Resolution for this at an upcoming County Board meeting, and Chairman Plunkett responded affirmatively.

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

**Motion by Blankenship, second by Beck 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: Chairman Plunkett stated that all business discussed in the Coordinating Committee will be reported in the other committees.

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

1. **Update- Long Range Planning Issues with Jail:** Bone reported that Sheriff Vazzi was present at the committee meeting and shared a list of long range planning needs for the county's jail. Bone stated that the jail is in need of more cells for women, there is a need to update the communications for the Sheriff's Department and a new roof will be needed on the jail in the near future. These are a few items that should be looked at for budget consideration in the next 3 to 5 years.
2. **Update- Lightning Masters Recommendations for Sheriff's Radios:** Bone reported that one of the recommendations from Lightning Masters was to protect the communications lines at the Sheriff's Department. Rick Robbins has contacted GTSI for a cost to put lightning protection on the radio equipment. GTSI quoted \$50.00 for each of the 25 lines for a total of \$1,250.00 for lightning protection on the Sheriff's radio equipment, and the Sheriff's office has received approval to complete this work.
3. **Update- Property Acquisition:** Bone stated that Hurst-Rosche will put in a proposal to perform a structural inspection of the Ginos building.
4. **Update- Maintenance Issues & Maintenance Report:** Bone reported that Joe Lyerla of Lyerla Electric is working on grounding issues. Lloyd Meyer will check on a downspout for the northeast corner of the Historic Courthouse. Lyerla is working on conduit in the elevator and will complete extensive work on Wednesday at 5:00 PM when the building is unoccupied. Meyer will be getting pricing from Litchfield Pump and Motors to rebuild pumps for the boiler.
5. **Update- Flower Box:** The Maintenance/custodial staff will take care of the planting and upkeep on the flower bed in front of the Historic Courthouse.
6. **Update- Generator Repairs at Jail:** Bone reported that the committee discussed an invoice from CK Power for repairs to the generator at the jail in the amount of \$3,220.95 and has decided to table discussion until at a later time.

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

1. **Update- Ambulance Call Reports:** A summary of monthly operations for **March 2009** is as follows:  
**Total calls:** 309, **Total amounts billed:** \$173,682.00, **Total amounts collected:** \$185,859.61.
2. **Update- Director Holmes Report:**
  - **Mitigation Planning Meeting:** Blankenship reported that the first Mitigation Planning meeting will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery County Health Department at 10:00 AM, with approximately 20 members serving on this committee.
  - **Noah's Wish:** Blankenship reported that plans have been made to hold a workshop from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with Noah's Wish on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 PM. The work shop will explain how evacuation plans need set up for companion animals. Any board members interested in attending will need to notify Director Holmes.
  - **Damage Assessment Class:** Blankenship reported that Montgomery County will host a Damage Assessment class on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge and a Debris Management Class on June 12<sup>th</sup> also at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge. Classes are 8 hours each day and IEMA will host the training.
  - **Weather Spotter Organization:** Greg Nimmo will send out weather watcher messages by cell phone in the event of a weather emergency. An Emergency Operations Center will be determined in length at a later time. The County map has been divided into geographical zones so that weather spotters can be dispatched to populated locations. All types of emergency radios and cell phones can be used.

3. **Approval of Ambulance Billing Software Purchase and Billing Location:** Discussion took place on two proposals to either 1) move the ambulance billing to the Health Department for a three month trial basis or 2) purchasing the Ortivus Software and leave the billing office where it currently is, billing each Ambulance District 20% of the software purchase, and having everything operational and running smoothly by the end of 90 days. Plunkett stated that the billing software needs updated and Ortivus would cost \$15,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year along with \$2,000 in maintenance fees, for a total of \$17,000, and the ambulance districts would have to split the costs. The Health Department already has the billing software and could do the ambulance billing without additional purchase, but the ambulance billing office would need to be moved to the Health Department. Representatives of Four of the five ambulance districts have stated that they would prefer that the ambulance billing stay where it currently is and would be willing to pay their portion for the software. Barb Schmedeke of the Hillsboro Ambulance District told members that they would like to see the ambulance billing office stay where it is, because they have good service and Hillsboro Ambulance District would be willing to pay their portion of the billing costs for the software. City of Litchfield Administrator Andy Ritchie told members this decision comes down to costs and training issues, and Litchfield Ambulance Department believes that the most efficient option would be to move it to the Health Department. Plunkett stated that there are two employees in the EMA/Ambulance Office in addition to Director Holmes. If the billing office is voted to stay where it currently is both employees would stay. If it is voted that the billing office is moved to the Health Department, then one employee would stay and one employee would go to the Health Department. The General Fund would then pick up all of the remaining EMA employee's salary. Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee reported on some costs that would change in their budget, such as additional health insurance costs of \$10,000 and postage costs of \$3,000. Member Hertel stated if the billing office is moved, ambulance districts would pay less and not have to pay for the cost of the software. Bathurst stated that the recommendation to move the billing services to the Health Department was made by auditors, who stated that the current system is not computerized and the current location would not be the best place for the billing office. The county could try putting the program down at the Health Department for a 90 day period and then they wouldn't have to purchase the software. If the county purchases the software and leaves it at the current office and it fails, then the county loses the \$17,000 spent for it. Blankenship stated that there is more than just the billing software to contend with, the office also deals with the State of Illinois Medicare, Medicaid, attorneys and others. Durbin stated that years ago he was involved with the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance service when the county's Special Service Area was set up, and said that he spoke with other ambulance districts' representatives and feels the billing services should be left at the EMA office. After lengthy discussion, Member Helgen asked that the Ambulance Billing Office decision be tabled until next month's County Board meeting to allow more time for members to research the issues. **Motion by Helgen, second by Miles to table the Ambulance Billing Issues until next month's County Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 6, Nays 14, Absent 1. Those Voting Aye: Aumann, Downs, Helgen, Matthews, Miles, Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Bathurst, Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Durbin, Hertel, Hitchings, Kuchar, Moore, Ogden, Plunkett, Sielschott. Those Absent: Komor. Motion does not carry.** The board then decided to go into executive session to further discuss the Ambulance billing issues and the Union Contract with the Circuit Clerk's Office, which will be under the Personnel Committee Report.

- **Enter into Executive Session:** Motion by Bathurst, second by Beck to enter into Executive Session to discussed Ambulance Billing/Personnel Issues and the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract. All in favor, motion carried. **Time: 9:10 AM.** (Member Helgen excused himself prior to Executive Session, as he had a prior engagement.)
- **Come out of Executive Session:** Motion by Hertel, second by Hitchings to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. **Time: 9:35 AM.**

- **Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin to purchase the Ortivus software and leave the Ambulance Billing in the EMA Office.** **Discussion:** Bathurst stated that there must be a stipulation that the program would be fully operational by the end of 3 months. Blankenship stated that Ortivus will take 4 to 6 weeks just to get the software installed and should be operational within 5 months, so if a timeframe is included in the motion, 5 months is more appropriate. **Motion corrected to purchase the Ortivus software and leave the Ambulance billing in the EMA Office with the stipulation that the program will be fully operational in 5 months.** **Roll Call Vote: Ayes 10, Nays 9, Absent 2. Those Voting Aye: Aumann, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Durbin, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Ogden, Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Bathurst, Beck, Deabenderfer, Downs, Hertel, Hitchings, Kuchar, Plunkett, Sielschott. Those Absent: Komor, Helgen. Motion carried.**

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

1. **Update- County Comprehensive Plan:** Deabenderfer reported that the newly formed Comprehensive Planning Commission will meet sometime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.
2. **Update- Schutt Manufacturing:** Deabenderfer stated that Tonya Flannery and the City of Litchfield are working on an incentive package with Schutt Manufacturing and will update the Economic Development Committee at next month's meeting.
3. **Update- Enterprise Zone & Senate Bill 43:** Deabenderfer reported that the committee discussed issues with Senate Bill 43, which passed through the Senate last week, and will require any new construction, building, etc... within a newly approved Enterprise Zone will require the owner to pay Prevailing Wage on construction, which may be detrimental to properties in the Enterprise Zone.. The bill has been sent to the House for its first reading and now has been passed over to the Rules Committee.

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

1. **Update- BPI:** Sielschott reported that the County has a five year lease with BPI, who has four methane capped gas wells in Montgomery County. The five year lease will stay in effect with BPI, but if there is no production in five years, then the lease will expire under its own terms. If the lease is not renewed after the five years, the State will require BPI to plug the wells which would make them useless. The company has filed for reorganization to get financing to continue this project, but Sielschott stated there is a minimal chance that the county will receive any revenue from BPI for the methane.
2. **Approval- 2008 Annual Audit Presentation:** Whitey Patton presented the Fiscal Year 2008 Audit Report to the board, and reported that the County is in good financial shape and it needs to stay that way. Patton reported that 80% of 1 year's expenditures is in reserve, and there was an increase to expenditures for public safety. Patton stated that \$370,000 was used to pay off the loan for the Health Department. He informed members that when the coal mine gets running, the County Board will get the opportunity to plan for the future, and the board needs to plan for when the coal mine is not here in 30 years by bringing in other businesses and promoting Economic Development. Patton gave an update on new auditing practices and recommends cross training employees and segregation of duties, and stated that there should be a reporting process to the Finance Committee on the status of the revolving loan. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs to approve the FY 2008 Audit Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of selected Financial Information for Audit Presentation, See Resolution Book 9, pages 144-147).**
3. **Update- Countywide Public Communications for 911/ESTB:** Sielschott reported that Greg Nimmo stated that 911 and Sheriff's Communications will have more dialog on the Countywide Public Communications for 911/ESTB at a meeting on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Undersheriff Rick Robbins has stated that the Sheriff's Office doesn't want to run the proposed public communication center. However, the Sheriff said if the new public communications center will be in the jail building then the Sheriff needs to have input on personnel and operations, plus the Sheriff will still need telecommunicators in addition to the public communications center staff. Robbins recommended that

someone from the committee also meet with the 911 and Sheriff's Office, and Sielschott and Downs will attend the next 911 Board meeting to hear discussions on the proposals.

4. **Approval- Resolution #2009-06 to Increase Drug Testing & Electronic Monitoring Fees:** A new law went into effect that states anyone listed on an Order of Protection must wear an electronic monitoring device. This unit is on a GPS program to detect the location of the offender and the victim. Current drug testing is \$12.00 per day and \$15.00 for drug and alcohol testing. The new Resolution will allow for a \$20.00 fee for drug tests, and secondary tests are done by State Police at no charge to the County. The Monitoring Center is located in California, and Probation Officer Ulrici stated that four individuals with Orders of Protection are currently on the GPS Monitoring System. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Hitchings to approve the resolution to increase the Electronic Monitoring Fee from \$12.00 to \$20.00 per day. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 148).** Member Deabenderfer asked if the Offenders are those who must pay these fees, and Sielschott responded affirmatively.
5. **Approval- GIS Report:** Sielschott reported that requests are coming in for GIS Services from Townships, Drainage Districts, School Districts and others. Mary Purcell and Amanda Cole have been working together for a fee schedule for charging GIS Services to municipal members of the Economic Development Corporation. The GIS Oversight Committee met to discuss and recommend that GIS Data should be sold for \$75.00 per request to any taxing body. If the municipality is a member of the MCEDC, then they will get free GIS and 1 free update per year. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Branum to approve a fee structure of \$75.00 per request for GIS to any county taxing body. Municipal MCEDC members will receive free GIS and one update per year. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Update- Real Estate Taxes:** Sielschott reported that Real Estate Taxes are on schedule and hope that the tax bills will go out in July.
7. **Update- 2010 Budget Discussion:** Sielschott reported that he asked Treasurer Jenkins to prepare reports for the committee to review to prepare for the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. The tentative budget hearing dates will be Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 8:00 AM in the County Board Room. The Personnel Committee meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM will be moved to Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board room. Sielschott reported that he will write a letter to the taxing bodies to request that they stay within the 5% increase for their respective portions of the county levy.
8. **Update- Communications and Grant funds:** Sielschott stated that there will be some proposals to review under the Personnel Committee Report.

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

1. **Update- Rabies Tags Policy:** Durbin reported that State's Attorney Matoush met with Dr. Pastrovich in regard to the County's rabies tag policy, and Dr. Pastrovich's office is now using the County Certificates and tags.
2. **Update- Animal Control Facility and Program:** Durbin reported that MJM Electric erected a temporary power pole at the animal control facility site, and VH Builders will begin construction next week. The Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the new Animal Control Facility. The Department of Revenue has sent a letter confirming that the property will be tax exempt. Member Hertel inquired if anyone has contacted Adopt-a-Pet or PAWS CARE regarding running the facility, which will be an ongoing big expense, and asked the committee to consider this option. Durbin stated that the County will run the Animal Control Program.
3. **Update- Consolidated Election:** Durbin reported that Clerk Leitheiser gave an update on the Consolidated Election and discussed the procedures for the re-count needed in the mayoral race in Litchfield, where there was a 1 vote difference, 906-905. Discussion also took place on the three way tie in Nokomis Township for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions of Township Trustee.

4. **Update- Recycling Program:** Discussion took place on building the recycling dropoff facilities for Farmersville and Donnellson. The two dropoff facilities were put in the budget for this year and construction will begin once weather permits.
  
5. **Approval- CMS Resolution #09-07:** Durbin stated that it was time again to renew the CMS Resolution for purchasing Federal Surplus. **Motion by Durbin, second by Matthews to approve the CMS Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 149.)**

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

1. **Approval- Communications and Grant Money:**
  - **Communications:** Downs stated that Undersheriff Robbins addressed the committee regarding the need to hire a full time telecommunicator due to two part time people who have resigned. This would help cut down on overtime by filling extra shifts. **Motion by Downs, second by Aumann to approve hiring a full time telecommunicator in the Sheriff's Office to take affect this fiscal year. All in favor, motion carried.**
  - **Grant Money:** Downs stated that Robbins also reported that there is grant money available for paying for the training and salary of a new deputy. This would be a sworn deputy for three years at 100% salary reimbursement. There is one current deputy that can retire in about two years. The County will pay for the vehicle and equipment. The retiree will not be replaced in 2 years, but the new deputy will fill that position when the retiree leaves. The money confiscated by the Sheriff's Dept. in a microwave arrest will help pay for equipment needed for this staffperson.
2. **Update- Drug Testing Policy:** Downs reported that he has talked with Health Dept. Director Satterlee on the status of the county's drug testing policy, which is still under consideration.
3. **Update- Sheriff's Jailers and Dispatchers Union Negotiations:** Downs stated that there will be a special Personnel Committee meeting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Downs stated that he would like the committee to meet at 5:15 PM in the PBC room and the negotiations would begin at 6:00 PM.
4. **Approval – Circuit Clerk Union Negotiations:** Downs reported that the Circuit Clerk's Union accepted the last offer by the County on the contract. **Motion by Downs, second by Hertel to approve the Circuit Clerk's Union Contract. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 15, Nays 4, Absent 2. Those Voting Aye: Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Downs, Durbin, Hertel, Kuchar, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Sielschott, Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Aumann, Bathurst, Hitchings, Ogden. Those Absent: Komor, Helgen. Motion carried.**
5. **Approval- Consociate Dansig Insurance:** Downs reported that Steve Spinner with Consociate Dansig addressed the committee regarding the employee self-insurance plan costs for the county. The committee reviewed specific and aggregate insurance reports, contract savings reports and trend analysis reports, and two reinsurance proposals were submitted for their consideration. Discussion took place on adding Disease and Case Management and Utilization Review Services through Hines and Associates for a total of \$5.25 per employee per month. Spinner recommended to the committee that the Hines and Associates Patient Advocate Services will be money well spent, since it will require employees to pre-certify before any procedures. This upgrade to the employee insurance would require a policy amendment and a change in the employee insurance cards. The committee will look into changing the option at the June renewal time frame, and get information from Consociate Dansig to educate the employees regarding the procedure to pre-certify. **Motion by Downs, second by Bathurst to renew with the current insurance provider at the \$45,000 specific deductible. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Update– Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Branum reported that the grant agreement is in place for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The total cost of the plan development will be \$35,593 and IEMA will reimburse

\$26,695 or approximately 75% of this cost. The payment would come out of the General Fund Office 047 and reimbursement from IEMA would then be put back into Office 047 when it has been received. The first meeting for the mitigation plan will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

2. **Update– Walton Park Bridge:** Official Notification was received on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) will participate in the repair cost for the Walton Park Bridge. Repair costs for the bridge and engineering are estimated at \$1,032,108.40. Boehler has sent the Joint Preliminary Engineering Agreement and the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement to IDOT for approval. Boehler has also sent the Intergovernmental Agreement to the City of Litchfield for their records. The consultant is actively designing the repair of the bridge and the Highway Department has set up proper barricades. The consultant will set up a timeline for construction repairs and will complete the final inspection of the repairs.
3. **Update– Donnellson Avenue Improvement:** Branum reported that Boehler spoke with Bob Allen on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 regarding safety hazards along Donnellson Avenue between Panama and Donnellson. Mr. Allen's son died in an accident just east of Panama on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The road has narrow shoulders and steep slopes making it nearly impossible to recover once a vehicle has left the roadway. The roadway improvement would require resurfacing, widening shoulders and the installation of guardrail. Boehler is preparing an application for special funding thru the Highway Safety Improvement Program, which is due by Friday. IDOT selects projects that are based on the number of accidents, severity of accidents and the cost of the improvement. This area is a significantly a dangerous area, causing severe accidents. Boehler is recommending the widening of the road and addition of a guardrail to the 1.5 mile section at an approximate cost of \$1.2 million. The project will be submitted to IDOT to see if the county can get help with funding.
4. **Update- Mine Avenue Resurfacing:** IDOT has scheduled a bid letting for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for resurfacing Mine Avenue, which will be from Macoupin County line to Illinois Central Railroad crossing in Farmersville. The project will be paid by 80% Federal funds and 20% County funds.
5. **Update– Airport Bridge:** Branum stated that the consultant has submitted a preliminary set of plans for the airport bridge for review and right-of-way plats are being developed by McDonough-Whitlow. The road will stay in its current location, but it will be widened.
6. **Update– Probst Bridge:** IDOT Bridge Office will be requiring Probst Bridge be restricted to one lane of traffic and posted at 20/24/26 ton limit, due to the deteriorated timber cap and piling. Boehler has not received the official letter as of yet, but he has asked Hurst-Rosche to accelerate their schedule for the letting. The letting is scheduled for November of 2010, but Boehler would like to see it moved up to September 2009.
7. **Update– Knols School Circle, Fillmore Township Bridge Replacement:** Branum stated that the consultant will submit final plans by end of week for Fillmore Township Bridge replacement. As soon as the Road Commissioner gets the right-of-way the bridge will be ready to let.
8. **Update– E. 1<sup>st</sup> Road, Pitman Township Bridge Replacement:** The consultant will submit final plans by the end of next week for the Pitman Township Bridge replacement. Road Commissioner, Tony Krager, is working on securing right-of-way.
9. **Update– Witt Trail Culverts:** Branum reported that insurance will cover \$89,419.74 minus the \$25,000 deductible towards the replacement of the Witt Trail culverts. Boehler plans to sell the damaged aluminum culverts as scrap to the highest bidder. A copy of the advertisement and contract were passed out to members.
10. **Approval – 1074 B-CA Chapman T Trail, Resolution #10-09:** Branum reported that a pipe culvert washed out on Chapman T Trail, which has required total replacement. **Motion by Branum, second by Durbin to approve Resolution #10-09 to appropriate an amount of \$3,000 for 1074 B-**

**CA, Chapman T Trail, 100% County Project. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 150-151).**

11. **Approval – 1075 B-CA, Walshville Road District, Resolution #11-09:** Walshville Road District has petitioned the County for aid in replacing a culvert on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for an estimated total cost of \$6,000. **Motion by Branum, second by Kuchar to approve Resolution #11-09 to appropriate an amount of \$6,000 for 1075 B-CA, N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 50%/50% Project with Walshville Road District, Montgomery County's Share = \$3,000. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Pages 152-153).**
12. **Approval – Red Ball Trail Improvement:** Branum reported that Boehler received approval from IDOT on March 12<sup>th</sup> for Economic Development Program funds to pay 50% of the improvement cost plus \$75,000 in TARP funds for a total of \$660,500. The total estimated cost would be \$1,171,000. An Economic Development/TARP Agreement, Local Agency/Company Agreement and an 80,000 lb. Truck Route Resolution need to be approved.
  - **Economic Development/TARP Agreement:** Branum presented the Economic Development/TARP Agreement. **Motion by Branum, second by Bone to approve the Economic Development/TARP Agreement with the State for improvement of the Red Ball Trail. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Pages 154-161).** Branum stated that a draft copy of the Local Agency/Company Agreement has been sent to the State's Attorney's Office and Ameren. The only change Ameren is proposing, at this time, is to limit their contribution to \$585,000 in Section II of the agreement. Ameren's legal department is currently reviewing it. Betsy Wilson and Boehler have discussed the agreement and Ameren's changes. Boehler feels confident that the project can be constructed within the estimate. Any cost overruns will be paid by the county and should be minor. **Motion by Branum, second by Bone to approve the Local Agency/Company Agreement with limited changes as discussed. All in favor, motion carried.**
  - **Resolution #12-09 Establishing the Red Ball Trail from IL Rte. 185 Running South for 1.5 miles as a Class III Designated Truck Route:** Branum presented Resolution #12-09 classifying 1.5 miles of Red Ball Trail as a Class III designated truck route. **Motion by Branum, second by Blankenship to approve Resolution #12-09 Establishing the Red Ball Trail from IL Rte. 185 running south for 1.5 miles as a Class III Designated Truck Route. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, Page 162).**

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

**Chairman's Report:** Given by County Board Chairman Mike Plunkett

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jarod Hitchings announced that Governor Pat Quinn will be at the Grand Opening for the GobNob Wind Turbine which stands atop the gobnob pile east of Farmersville, Illinois, on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:30 PM. The Governor will display the GobNob t-shirts from RECC (Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative).

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. **Motion by Downs, second by Blankenship to approve the reappointment of Donald Sturgeon to the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Board for a 3 year term. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Matthews, second by Aumann to approve the reappointment of Louis Stauder to the Nokomis Area Fire Protection District Board for a term of 3 years. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Motion by Bone, second by Hertel to approve the reappointment of Beverly Whalen as Trustee to the Coffeen Fire Protection District Board for a term of 3 years. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Motion to by Beck, second by Ogden to approve the reappointment of Tobin Gunn to the Raymond-Harvel Ambulance Board, with Mr. Gunn's term beginning immediately. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Invoice from Adams & Wilson, PCC:** Motion by Hitchings, second by Bathurst to pay an invoice for Adams & Wilson, PCC. Voice Vote: In favor – 18, Against – 0, Present -1 (Jim Moore), Absent – 2. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs 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, May12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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