

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 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. 21 members present, 0 members absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Nikki Bishop, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Robert Durbin, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Ed Helgen, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Sharon Kuchar, Scott Merano, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Richard Wendel, Dennis Williams.

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Hertel, second by Gasparich to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10th, 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – was submitted.
2. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Holly Lemons was present for questions.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
4. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
5. **G.I.S. Coordinator's Report** – Mary Purcell was present for questions.
6. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
7. **Probation Officer's Report** – was submitted.
8. **Public Defender's Report** – was submitted.
9. **Sheriff's Report** – was submitted.
10. **T.B. Department Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
11. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions and reported that US Senator Kirk and US Congressmen Shimkus and Schilling sent a joint letter to the Veteran's Administration Director in regards to opening a Veteran's clinic in Macoupin or Montgomery County. He also informed the Board of a webinar held last month offered by the National Association of County Officials where the president talked about the function and operations of a County Veterans Assistance Commission Office, which would be valuable for the County Board members. He will inform members when a similar webinar is offered in the future.

APPROVAL OF 11 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Hitchings, second by Kuchar to approve the 11 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Coal Mine Progress -Update:** Dean Lee was absent.

- 2. U of I Extension Resolution Agreement -Approval:** U of I Director Denise Kistner reported this agreement is for the current budget year's tax levy of \$154,190 for U of I Extension, not for additional funds. Kistner stated that this is the first year that the fund request was done by a resolution, which is because of the re-organization with the U of I where they were grouped with other counties. She explained they will be going back to the old format next year because of this confusion. **Motion by Helgen, second by Hitchings to Approve the U of I Extension Resolution Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 3. Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons Earned Bronze Level Certificate for the U of I Certified County Officials Program -Update:** U of I Director Kistner presented Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons with a certificate and pin for completing 24 hours of credit and earning the bronze level in the Certified County Officials program which provides training for County officials. Kistner encouraged other county officials to participate in this program and gain from what they have to offer.
- 4. Resolution #2011-08 for Redistricting/Reapportionment Plan for County Board Districts-Approval:** Plunkett reported that Board members will remain at 21 members and Districts at 7 total Districts. He explained that Redistricting changes to districts will move territory in rural Raymond Township from District #1 to #2, territory in the Village of Butler will move from District #1 to #6, and territory in East Fork 4 Precinct except the City of Coffeen would be moved from District #4 to District #3. On this resolution, members of the County Board shall be paid on a per diem basis at \$75.00 per day for meetings plus mileage and the Chairman of the County Board shall be paid \$7,500.00 per year. Current per diem is \$60.00 per meeting and \$6,000.00 for Chairman's salary. Bone motioned and Wendel seconded to approve the Resolution for Redistricting/Reapportionment Plan for County Board Districts. Gasparich stated he has no problem with the Redistricting Map but wants to amend the motion to vote on pay as a separate issue. He believes the County Board should not increase pay when we are operating on a deficit budget, although he recognized the Chairman's time and hard work and agrees to his raise to \$7,500.00 per year. Gasparich motioned and Merano seconded to vote on the pay separately. Moore stated that the increase in pay does not affect their current pay, only those who are elected in 2012. Chairman Plunkett asked State's Attorney Chris Matoush if the two issues can be decided on separately. Matoush replied it appears they have to be decided at the same time on one resolution. Plunkett instructed Gasparich to rescind his first motion and make an amendment to leave the pay at \$60 per diem. Gasparich rescinded his motion and Merano rescinded his second to the motion. Moore asked when the last time pay was raised and Plunkett replied 14 years ago. Deabenderfer asked if pay would stay the same for the next 10 years and Plunkett replied yes. Hertel agreed with Gasparich not to raise the pay now but suggested a graduated increase over the next ten years. Bathurst asked if the motion could be worded to set a raise if there is a surplus in county funds, but no raise if the County is running in a deficit. Miles replied we do not set employee's raises that way. Kuchar stated that the public won't view a pay increase every 10 years negatively. Plunkett stated that the pay increase was decided in the Redistricting committee and was based on comparisons with other counties. He explained to members that although it may be difficult to vote themselves a raise to keep in mind the raise would apply to the next set of board members when they take office in December, 2012. Plunkett stated that from a business point of view, it would have a detrimental effect on employees without a raise after 14 years, and from political viewpoint it is a bad idea, which is the strongest reason to vote against it, but he believes it is a good idea to have an adjustment for a salary that hasn't been raised in 14 years. Bathurst stated she ran for the County Board because she had something to offer, not to receive compensation, and views \$60 per meeting as a stipend and believes this is a philosophical issue not a political one. Bathurst asked if the County Board could revisit salary increases in five years because taxpayers won't be happy with a 25% increase now. Gasparich stated that the board members work hard and he respects that, but he has noticed in the last 6 months we are spending more than what we take in. He said we will have to make hard budget decisions in the next few years and he believes \$15 is an insignificant amount, but it is the principal of the thing when

we are running a deficit in the budget. Hertel informed the Board that previously a gradual pay increase was set. Plunkett announced the current motion to be voted on as a change per diem from \$75 to \$60. **Motion by Gasparich, second by Merano to Amend the Resolution for Redistricting/Reapportionment Plan for County Board Districts with a Change per Diem from \$75 to \$60. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays – 15. Those Voting Aye: Mary Bathurst, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Ed Helgen, Frank Komor, Scott Merano. Those Voting Nay: Connie Beck, Nikki Bishop, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ron Deabenderfer, Bob Durbin, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Sharon Kuchar, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Richard Wendel, Dennis Williams. Motion failed.**

Hertel then made a motion for a graduated increase. **Motion by Hertel, second by Bishop to Amend the Resolution for Redistricting/Reapportionment Plan for County Board Districts with a Change per Diem to \$65 from 2012-2016, and \$70 from 2016-2020, and \$75 from 2020-2022. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays – 14, Abstain - 1. Those Voting Aye: Nikki Bishop, Ron Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Richard Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Bob Durbin, Ed Helgen, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Sharon Kuchar, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Dennis Williams. Those Voting Abstain: Scott Merano. Motion failed.**

Original motion was voted on. **Motion by Bone, second by Wendel to Approve the Resolution for Redistricting/Reapportionment Plan for County Board Districts.** This resolution includes per diem set at \$75 and Chairman’s salary at \$7,500 for the next ten year period beginning 12/1/2012. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 17, Nays – 4. Those Voting Aye: Connie Beck, Nikki Bishop, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ron Deabenderfer, Bob Durbin, Chuck Graden, Ed Helgen, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Sharon Kuchar, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Richard Wendel, Dennis Williams. Those Voting Nay: Mary Bathurst, Joe Gasparich, Roy Hertel, Scott Merano. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 83-88).**

5. Resolution #2011-09 Precinct Boundary Changes Resolution -Approval: County Clerk Leitheiser stated the precinct changes lie in the line between East Fork #1 and #4 with the boundary line at Rt. 185, is requested for approval to align the Precinct Boundaries to match the newly formed County Board District Boundary between District #3 and #4. **Motion by Moore, second by Branum to Approve Resolution #2011-09 - the Precinct Boundary Changes Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 89-90).**

6. Montgomery County Identity Protection Policy -Approval: Chairman Plunkett stated the Identity Protection Policy has been approved by the State’s Attorney and was suggested by a Township/County Clerk employee and is being approved at the township level. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Beck to Approve the Montgomery County Identity Protection Policy. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 91-94).**

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

1. Historic Courthouse Renovations -Update: Bone reported that the Bid Opening was June 7th at 2:00 p.m, and stated the bids came in very high and read the following:

| BASE BIDS | Alternate Bid for Coord Office area |
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| • Korte & Luitjohan, Highland, IL= \$999,500 | \$53,400 |
| • Bruce Unterbrink Construction, Greenville, IL = \$1,032,118 | \$30,141 |
| • L. Wolk Co., Granite City, IL = \$1,165,000 | \$43,000 |
| • Culbertson Heating & AC (Tim Lipe) = \$1,370,600 | \$66,364 |

Hurst Rosche Architect Brent Lance stated that over the last 5-6 days, Hurst-Rosche has been analyzing the costs trying to determine where the costs are much higher than anticipated, and are finding that the bulk of the overrun was in the Mechanical & Electrical work (over \$274,000.) They contacted the low bidder to identify cost overruns, but it will take some time

to compile this information for the County Board. The elevator was within budget and the exterior stairs came within \$1000. Lance stated that Hurst-Rosche has an obligation to put this project out within our budget, and the company will repackage the bid at their cost. Lance also stated that the scope of work will need to be further reduced to reach the \$725,000 budget, and he will bring information to the next committee meeting with a recommendation. Raising the floor was estimated at \$20,000, the ramp was estimated at \$10,000 and asbestos removal at \$12,000, but stated these are small amounts, and believes cuts will need to be made in Mechanical & Electrical categories in order to meet the budget. Lance reiterated he is also displeased with the bids and that Hurst-Rosche is obligated to get the project within the County's budget.

2. Phone System and Internet Bandwidth:

- **FY 2012 Budget -Update:** Purcell reminded the committee that the phone system maintenance line item will be removed from the B & G budget, office #005 and will transfer to the Information System's budget, office #043. The amount budgeted will be \$4,500.
- **Internet Bandwidth -Update:** Purcell reported to the committee that it will be about \$5,000 to \$7,000 per year to upgrade our Internet bandwidth from 1,000 megabits to 8,000 megabits. Purcell checked with Judge Long, and he has agreed to pay up to \$7,000 per year out of Court Fund for extra bandwidth.
- **Phone System -Update:** Bone reported that Purcell and Watkins have completed the phone system updates, and the County now has a complete phone system for back up that could work in any building should one system go down. If any system went down, then Purcell could move it to the other building and for a worst case scenario the phone system would be down about 2 hours.

3. Maintenance Issues and Report:

- **Prioritized List for Maintenance Items -Update:** Committee reviewed a report for the three buildings in the complex in regards to what work would need to be done as far as painting, plumbing, electrical, grounds maintenance, flooring, and HVAC systems for the next year. Lloyd Meyer will start working on some of the painting issues this summer. Hertel asked about any major building expenses to address in the near future. Bone replied the Muffin Grinder will be included in the budget and reported that the Sheriff indicated the jail roof may need repairs.
- **Brick Repairs to Historic Courthouse -Approval:** Committee reviewed two bids for the brick repairs to the front of the Historic Courthouse.
 - Western Waterproofing = **\$6,850.00**
 - Pulliam Masonry, Inc. = **\$4,940.00**The committee approved the proposal from Pulliam Masonry, Inc. for \$4,940.00. **Motion by Bone, second by Miles to Approve the Proposal from Pulliam Masonry, Inc. for \$4,940.00 for Brick Repairs to Historic Courthouse. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Wiring Repairs in Basement of Historic Courthouse -Approval:** Committee reviewed a proposal from Lyerla Electric to repair some conduit in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. The problem of old brittle wiring was found when Lyerla was here installing the energy efficient lighting. The committee approved the proposal from Lyerla Electric to replace the electrical conduit in the Historic Courthouse for \$4,185.00. **Motion by Bone, second by Hitchings to Approve the Proposal from Lyerla Electric to Replace the Electrical Conduit in the Historic Courthouse for \$4,185.00. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Water Company Office Repairs -Update:** Committee approved painting and new carpeting.

- **Trees -Update:** Lloyd Meyer reported to the committee that there is a hard maple tree on the east side of Historic Courthouse that is dying and needs to be cut down, and Meyer and Wilson will remove the tree.
4. **141 No. Main St. -Update:** Assistant State's Attorney Betsy Wilson has prepared a contract for the sale and property exchange for this location and John Mekala's attorney Alan Pretnar has reviewed and accepted the contract. Coordinator Daniels is working with Community Title to secure Title Insurance for the Property exchange, and once this is complete, Assistant State's Attorney Wilson will get a closing date.

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

1. **County Comprehensive Plan -Update:** Deabenderfer reported the Comprehensive Planning meeting was postponed, and the second half of the written plan should be completed soon, and then the planning committee will review the plan for one month. The comprehensive plan will then go to the Full Board to review in August, and vote on in September. Deabenderfer reported that Amanda Cole requested that the GIS Coordinator Mary Purcell review everything received from the U of I on the GIS data layer.
2. **EZ Application Approved by DCEO -Update:** Coordinator Daniels reported that the EZ Application to add territory in Witt and Nokomis and to add 5 units of government was approved by DCEO and was recorded in the County Clerk's Office.
3. **Green Diamond Bike Trail -Update:** Deabenderfer reported he received a call stating the cleanup work at the Green Diamond Bike Trail was going well. Probation Worker Supervisor Rice Phillips and the Community Service employees went to the trail and cut back the overgrown brush in preparation for oil and chip next year.
4. **Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement -Approval:** The committee reviewed the Resolution in support of the DCEO Grant Application from West Central Development Council, and the committee recommends the approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. **Motion by Deabenderfer, second by Gasparich to Approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with West Central Development Council. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, page 95).** Plunkett stated that WCDC has asked to apply for the Ike Grant on our behalf.
5. **MCEDC Summit:** Deabenderfer announced the MCEDC is planning another Economic Development Summit to be held October 26th, 2011 at LLCC in Litchfield.

EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jim Moore as follows:

Ambulance Call Reports:

A summary of monthly operations for **May 2011** are as follows:

Total calls: 303 Total amount billed: \$180,236.30 Amount collected: \$123,193.39

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Collections -Update:** Total Collections for **May** are **\$123,193.39**.
2. **Credit Bureau -Update:** We have not received payments from Pinnacle for several months, and Holmes will check on this contract to see if we can cancel. Holmes would like to turn collections over to Midwest Credit and Collections and see if they do any better. Pinnacle has moved offices around in the Springfield area. Holmes will invite Midwest Credit and Collections to perform this service.
3. **Small Claims -Update:** On May 13th there were 3 no-shows, and they have been contacted to appear in court at the next Small Claims on June 10th, 2011. Two accounts were served while they were in jail. We have 20 accounts that we would like to get paid or get judgments on June 10th, providing they are not in jail, or in bankruptcy court.

EMA:

1. **Generators -Update:** Director Holmes would like to purchase 6 portable generators at \$899.00 each for some of the shelters that we use. She has enough money in her small equipment budget to purchase 5 generators, but would be \$394.00 over budget to buy 6 of

them. She could buy 5 now and the 6th one in December when the new budget year starts. Her list includes: *Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, Litchfield Community Center, Nokomis Parish Center, Witt Lions Club, Taylor Springs Community Center, and Donnellson/Panama School.* Irving Centry House would also like a generator. Holmes received prices for generators from Electric Start. The committee discussed that the generators need to be stored at a secured place at these centers and maintained.

2. **Leo Beasley-MABAS Equipment Funding -Update:** Beasley stated to the committee that funding is needed to maintain some of the MABAS equipment. The County already helps out with \$1,000, but they are looking for an additional \$1,500 in funding to maintain the dive team equipment and the tent trailer. HazMat has had a few fundraisers that have generated about \$1,000 a year. The committee discussed and approved increasing the funding to \$2,500 per year and renaming the line item in the budget from the HazMat line item to MABAS Reimbursement fund. Moore stated that MABAS has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and now that the equipment is here we need to help pay for maintenance.
3. **2011 County Emergency Operations Plan -Approval:** Director Holmes reported that the EOP Plan is finished and is ready for Full Board approval. The committee approved the County Emergency Operations Plan as amended. **Motion by Moore, second by Gasparich to approve the 2011 County Emergency Operations Plan. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of approval pages of EOP, see Resolution Book 11, pages 96-103).** Plunkett stated there were no major changes.
4. **2012 “Full Scale” Exercise -Update:** Montgomery County will have to have a “Full Scale” exercise. Holmes will be sending her request to the State sometime this month. It takes a year to plan and meet all criteria for State recognition.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Donations for Shelters -Update:** There is one business in Taylor Springs that will be donating cots and some blankets to use at the shelters, and this business also plans on challenging other businesses to do the same. The only thing Holmes promised was press coverage for their donation. Holmes stated that each of the shelters would have a place to store the items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman George Blankenship as follows:

1. **Sheriff/911 Dispatch Agreement with the City of Litchfield -Approval:** Undersheriff Robbins gave the committee an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield to review for the County Sheriff’s Office to do their Police Radio and Telephone Dispatch Services. Both the County and City of Litchfield has agreed with the contract language and the annual fee of \$125,000 plus \$10 for all calls over 12,000 total calls to Montgomery County 911 from the City of Litchfield Service Area for the contract year. The fees will be paid monthly. This one year agreement has been reviewed and approved by the State’s Attorney’s office. Robbins stated that this contract will start on July 1st, 2011. Andy Ritchie stated to the committee that their City Council will approve the contract on July 5th and it will be retroactive to July 1st, 2011. Blankenship reported that dispatch services from Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be handled by Litchfield. The contract is good for 1 year and will be reviewed each year. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Hertel to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield and Montgomery County for Police Radio and Telephone Services. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 104-106).**
2. **Sheriff Department Vehicle Replacement -Approval:** Undersheriff Robbins reported to the committee that the Ford Crown Victoria will not be manufactured any longer. Robbins is looking for a different vehicle that is a police interceptor utility vehicle and would like to replace the 12 Sheriff Department vehicles with 4 cars, 4 larger SUV’s and 4 police interceptor utility type vehicles. Robbins has been checking on costs for the police equipment to be transferred to the new vehicles. The committee suggested getting bids for 5 cars, 5 utilities,

and 2 larger SUV's and to bid multiple makes and models. Robbins will prepare the bid specs for multiple makes and models and present to the committee next month. Robbins also reported that insurance will pay \$12,475 for the squad car that was damaged in the hail storm. He wants to replace it with a full size SUV 4-wheel drive. This new vehicle would be approximately \$27,000 and there is money in this year's budget to purchase it this year and change over the equipment. This is an emergency situation so the vehicle replacement does not have to be bid out. Plunkett stated that we might as well get the more expensive SUV this year as the remaining vehicles will be purchased next year. Gasparich asked if the Sheriff's vehicles could be purchased over a period of 2-3 years so as not to spend it all upfront. Blankenship reminded members of past approval to purchase new vehicles all at once. Hertel stated we already have funding in the budget to buy 5 vehicles now and 7 next year. Gasparich asked whether all the vehicles need replaced, but he made it clear that he doesn't want the officers driving unsafe vehicles. Blankenship reported that the vehicles are already having maintenance issues. Plunkett also reminded members that the previous schedule was to replace all the Sheriff's vehicles in 3 years but the board asked them to replace the vehicles in the 4th year. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Graden to Replace the Damaged Squad Car with a Larger SUV out of This Year's Budget at a cost of \$27,000 less the Insurance Reimbursement of \$12,475 (a total cost of \$14,525). All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Cost Study for County Fees -Update:** Blankenship reported that Maximus representative Bruce Cowans was present at the Finance Committee to address the committee regarding their services to provide a cost study to check the fees that are being charged in Montgomery County. Sandy Leitheiser shared a report and copies of the survey that was sent to all County offices. Sandy reported that she has also reached out to UCCI and IACBM to survey other County's officials to see what fees they are charging. George Blankenship told members he asked Beck and Hertel to meet with Leitheiser to go over the survey that was completed by the County offices.
4. **Microfilming and Destruction of Court Records -Approval:** Circuit Clerk Lemons shared information with the committee regarding costs to microfilm and digitize more court records. The proposal from HOV for \$43,658.21 will digitize 210 boxes of records and then destroy them; it is in the budget and comes out of the document storage fund. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Williams to Approve the Proposal from HOV to Microfilm and Digitize 210 Boxes of Court related Records for \$43,658.21 paid entirely from the Document Storage fund. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **DEVNET Contract Expiration -Update:** Ron Jenkins reported to the committee that the 4-year contract with Devnet expires August 8th, 2011. The current contract is for \$35,000 a year plus \$645.00 each quarter for software maintenance. Jenkins stated that he can ask Devnet to come and meet with himself, Sandy and Ray so that they can present a 4-year contract cost for the next Finance committee.
6. **Draft of FY2012 Budget Levy Request – Truth and Taxation Hearing -Approval:** In order to catch up on the IMRF deficit and not borrow from the General Fund, the County Board needs to raise the requested tax levy more than 5% which requires a Truth & Taxation hearing. Blankenship stated it will probably run over the 105% so we need to schedule a hearing. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Kuchar to Approve a Truth & Taxation Hearing. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **County Trustee Agent Contract Review -Approval:** The committee reviewed a letter from the State's Attorney office to serve notice to County Trustee Ballinger that the contract for his services will terminate in October 2011. Plunkett stated this follows the 120 day notice clause in the contract. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Beck to Approve a Letter that Terminates Services with County Trustee Ballinger as of October 2011. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **IMRF Deficit Payback -Approval:** Blankenship reported that the County is in arrears of paying this fund. The committee discussed paying this deficit amount of \$350,000 so that we don't have to pay 7 ½% interest out of the General fund. The IMRF fund is tax that we levy

and is mandated by the State. Jenkins explained a change in IMRF law occurred in 2006 for the SLEP program that resulted in a \$97,000 deficit. An IMRF ECO person retired in 1999 and \$900,000 was pulled out of surplus and put into their fund to pay retirement. If another ECO person would retire it would cost more than \$900,000. Five people participate and three are board members. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Beck to Approve paying \$350,000 to the IMRF fund. All in favor, motion carried.**

9. **FY 2012 Budgets -Update:** The Budget Hearing Schedule has changed a little with 911 office going under the Sheriff Department's time schedule. The Hearing Schedule was included in Board packets. Dates are: Wednesday, July 27th, Friday, July 29th, and Monday, August 1st at 8:00 a.m.

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

1. **Unity Election Software -Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported to the committee that a draft of the new State Legislative district maps has been made public. She also presented a proposal regarding the purchase of Elections Unity Software in the amount of \$40,375.00. Leitheiser stated that she will apply for a HAVA Grant that would help pay \$38,427.00 towards this software purchase, with the balance of \$1,948.00 to be covered by the County's election budget. This software would allow the County to lay out and program our own ballots and tabulator cards instead of having this work by the Election Vendor. Election costs will be reduced as a result and a higher level of office control on the timeliness and accuracy of ballot layout and programming will be attained. After the first year, the annual Software Maintenance fee for the software would be \$8,750.00, which would still result in substantial long-term savings when compared to current vendor costs for the same service. The committee approved the Unity Election Software. **Motion by Durbin, second by Williams to Approve the Unity Election Software. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Recycling Program and Events:**
 - **Electronics Drive -Update:** Final total on the Electronics Drive was 78,264 lbs.
 - **FAYCO -Update:** We received our first shipment from FAYCO about 3 weeks ago.
 - **Budget -Update:** Lutz reported to the committee that there is a need to refine the way routes are done to make things more productive.
 - **Collections of Plastics and Aluminum at Sporting Events -Update:** Durbin reported that Lutz would like to look at buying containers for the schools and ball fields around the County. Currently, none of the sporting events are being serviced by recycling. This would entail scheduling pick-ups and money for around 60 containers.
3. **Property & Casualty Liability Insurance -Update:** Consultant Tom Couch addressed the committee with a draft of the bid specs for bidding out the Property and Casualty Liability Insurance. The Timeline to advertise for Bids is as follows: Advertise in June. Release bid packets on July 1. Bid return deadline is 6 weeks from Release on August 15th, and then Mr. Couch would review the returned bids and advise and recommend to HWE committee and Full Board for the September meetings. Full Board would review for 1 month and award the bid at the October Full Board meeting. The Historical Courthouse will be disclosed in the bid specs as being listed on the National Historical Register.
4. **EPA Report -Update:** Durbin reported that a few paperwork procedures have been changed with submitting reports to IEPA. Instead of 2 reports being mailed, Gonet now sends the reports electronically which saves paper, ink, envelopes and postage. Gonet is having the State's Attorney office look into the possibility of the county issuing citations with a fine for open dump repeat offenders. IEPA stated it would be ok with them if we implemented a citation program.
5. **Delegation Agreement between the IEPA and Montgomery County -Approval:** Bill Gonet presented to the committee the Delegation Agreement between the IEPA and Montgomery County. The State's Attorney office has reviewed and approved. This is a 5 year renewal agreement. The committee approved and recommends to the Full Board. Plunkett stated that the grant is relatively stable and since we have a landfill in the County it is good to have an

inspector. **Motion by Durbin, second by Miles to Approve the Delegation Agreement between the IEPA and Montgomery County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 107-118).**

6. Animal Control Facility and Program:

- **Animal Control Intake Summary -Update:** Total Intake for May = 43 animals. There were 10 animals claimed, 10 were adopted, 23 were transported to rescues and 1 was euthanized. The total outgoing animals were 44. There was a daily average of 27 animals at the facility in May and 125 volunteer hours were logged. Currently the facility is overloaded with cats and kittens. Due to the economy and people not wanting to pay the owner relinquish fee, there are more animals being dumped.
- **Revenues & Expenses -Update:** Revenues are about in target, except for the Municipality reimbursement. PAWS has been paying for parvo shots for the dogs over 1 year of age and Heartworm tests. Richardson will do a microchip clinic 1 hour before a PAWS fundraising event on Saturday, June 25th, 2011.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Sharon Kuchar as follows:

1. **Consociate Dansig – Patient Protection Act & Affordable Care Act -Approval:** Steve Spinner & Travis Schmidt reported to the committee that they negotiated with the carrier so there would be no laser. Administrative fees were shifted so there would be less governmental taxes on the premiums. The reinsurance proposal was presented to the committee. Travis explained the Health Care Reform Act policies to our current Employee Insurance plan. An unlimited lifetime maximum will now be on the plan. The specific lifetime maximum went from \$2 Million to unlimited. Employee premiums between now and 2014 can't be increased by more than 5% total, unless the contribution level is a percentage of the total premium. The program is now set up as a formula based employee contribution. In 2014, the Health Care Reform will allow preexisting condition patients to get insurance. Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy needs to be addressed. We may need to put a limit on visits. The committee approved a 30 visit limit per year on Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy. Notices will go out to employees regarding plan amendments and the fact that our plan is grandfathered in due to the Health Care Reform Act. Deabenderfer asked if we have had an issue with employees who have gone more than 30 visits, and Plunkett replied this limit is put on due to the change in the Health Care reform and the limit can be lifted on a per case basis. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Hertel to approve a 30 Visit Limit per Year on Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Aflac Insurance -Approval:** Scott Ingram combined their individual policies with group policies. If an employee wants coverage, it will be payroll deducted. Aflac Headquarters agree if the County sends a letter, the County can get out of the contract. The committee reviewed and recommends the Aflac contract that will allow employees to participate in the Aflac group insurance coverage. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Bathurst to Approve the Aflac Contract that will allow Group Insurance Coverage. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2011-10 -Approval:** The committee reviewed and recommends the approval of the 2011 Ordinance establishing the prevailing wage rates. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Durbin to Approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 119-127).**
4. **Employee Personnel Manual -Update:** The committee discussed putting dates on Employee Manual items as they are changed. Items not changed could have the last date a policy was revised, which will show the history as items are revised. The revision date will go under the Sub Titles. The committee reviewed the first few pages of the employee manual and Mary Bathurst will draft the language for the State's Attorney's office to review. Kuchar stated Bathurst will report her review changes at the next committee meeting. Plunkett stated Bathurst has completed the draft.

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

- 1. Red Ball Trail Project -Update:** Reported last month was one bid received and it was not accepted due to it being 25% over the Engineering estimates. Engineer Smith stated this project is still ongoing.
- 2. Amended Resolution #2011-08, 1057 B-CA 9th Avenue, Fillmore Road District, to replace Resolution #05-08 -Approval:** This BCA project in Fillmore Township was approved in March 2008 for \$5,000 and came in more expensive with an overall cost of \$6,576.98. This amended resolution is for the difference of \$1,576.98, and the project is now complete. This is a 50%/50% project with the County's Portion at \$3,288.49. The committee approved the Amended Resolution #2011-08, 1057 B-CA 9th Avenue, Fillmore Road District, to replace Resolution #05-08. **Motion by Branum, second by Bishop to Approve the Amended Resolution #2011-08, 1057 B-CA 9th Avenue, Fillmore Road District, to replace Resolution #05-08. Total Cost is \$6,576.98. County's Portion is \$3,288.49. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 11, pages 128-129).**
- 3. T11-0056, Savatran Petition -Update:** Branum reported that there was a meeting in Springfield regarding an ICC hearing for the Savatran Petition for the rail line that the coal company is constructing. The rail line is not crossing any county roads, and Engineer Smith will give a written response for the hearing stating that this doesn't affect any County roads. Smith stated the County has no acceptance or objection to this petition because we have no jurisdiction on any roads affected by this new rail line.

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

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Moore, second by Bone to Approve the Reappointments of William Harpole, Lyle R. James and Kent Aumann to the Board of Review for the 2011 and 2012 Sessions. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices from Adams, PCC and Books & Moore: Motion by Hitchings, second by Bathurst to pay any invoices for Adams, PC and Books & Moore. **Voice Vote: In favor – 20, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain -1 (Moore). Motion carried.****
- 2. Motion by Blankenship, second by Miles to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.** For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2011.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 12th, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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