

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, June 12th, 2012 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor 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 Hitchings to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Minutes of last month's Board meeting were amended to show the location of the meeting as the newly remodeled County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Hertel, second by Kuchar to approve the amended Minutes of the Previously County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – Ray Durston was present for questions.
2. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – was submitted.
3. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and thanked Board members for their compliance regarding the Attorney General's required online Open Meeting Act training, and encouraged members who haven't completed the training to contact her office for assistance.
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 and informed members that the advertisement for Health Department Registered Nurses is due to additional funding they received to serve additional counties and not related to early retirements.
7. **Probation Officer's Report** – was submitted.
8. **Public Defender's Report** – was submitted.
9. **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Vazzi was present for questions.
10. **T.B. Department Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
11. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions and stated the correct date on the VAC Report should be June 4th, 2012. He stated the VAC recently purchased new software to track revenue and expenses for Veteran Assistance services and reported that 10,700 miles have been driven on the VAC van this year with over 31,500 total miles to transport veterans to and from appointments and clinics. Treasurer Jenkins thanked Strowmatt for an excellent job and his fiscal responsibility, and stated we are at the point where we now see the benefits from Strowmatt's efforts.

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

State Representative Wayne Rosenthal -Update: Chairman Plunkett welcomed State Representative Wayne Rosenthal to the Full Board meeting. Rosenthal reviewed highlights from the last legislative session with the Board including:

1. Legislators have been out of session since May 31st and won't return until agreements are made by Senate and House leaders on State pensions. He reported that last year the State budget was built on projected revenues, but State revenues continue to decline which effects all State payments to vendors. The State is now paying on the tremendous amount of money owed in past due bills and will continue to do so. Rosenthal stated that Illinois is in a tough situation, and last year the State appropriation for ROE education was paid from PPRT funds and the committees recently voted to use PPRT again. He also stated that cuts to General State Aid affect local schools, and the big issue is to keep transportation at 72% of actual costs. He also reported he is now on the House of Representatives Education Committee. Chairman Plunkett asked Rosenthal about the Teacher Retirement System funding status, and Rosenthal reported that the State didn't fund their portion of the retirement system and is trying to pass the problem down to local governments, which he isn't in favor of. Discussion took place on several State of Illinois funding issues, including property tax-exemption status for Hillsboro Hospital, school consolidation, Rosenthal's summer reading program, the Taylorville Tenaska project, a proposed severance tax, status of a potential coal mine in the Nokomis area, video gaming and lotto for education funds, PPRT funding ROE salaries and the volume of House bills each session. Rosenthal stated he would be glad to come back again and share updates with the County Board in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. **Executive Session Minutes -Approval:** Board members were given a list of Sealed Executive Session Minutes from March 2008 through October 2011, along with a recommendation from Chairman Plunkett to open Executive Session minutes from three meetings. **Motion by Hertel, second by Helgen to Approve the Opening of Past Executive Session Minutes for Full Board on March 11th, 2008 and Oct. 12th, 2010 and the B & G Committee from Nov. 7th, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.**

Hertel asked if the Coordinating Committee would consider moving the Committee meetings back to the County Board room as the Conference room is small and is also used as a break room for employees. Plunkett stated he will take this under consideration.

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

1. **Historic Courthouse Renovations -Approval:**
 - Bone reported Hurst-Rosche Engineers are working on change order requests that were submitted earlier in the project.
 - **Electric conduit \$7,412 for elevator** – Hurst-Rosche Designers don't see anything wrong with the costs submitted.
 - Conduit for Breaker \$5,083 on 3rd floor. Hurst-Rosche doesn't agree with charges. Should be about \$4,300.

There are \$31,564.35 total change orders to date or 3.55% of contract amount. **Motion by Bone, second by Bishop to Approve the Change Order for \$7,412 for Electric Conduit for the Elevator. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Bone reported there are blemish damages on a couple of panels in the elevator at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, and this repair will cause the elevator to be shut down for a minimum of 8 hours. Brent Lance recommended having them replace the panels on 2nd shift and we would be responsible for shift differential wages. Lance is checking with Korte Luitjohan.
 - Bone reported that Pay Request #8 is in the amount of \$110,441. **Motion by Bone, second by Graden to Approve Pay Request #8 in the Amount of \$110,441 to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 21, Nays – 0, motion carried.** Gasparich asked for a short summary of what has been spent so far on the Historic Courthouse renovations, and Bone pledged to provide it at a future meeting.
 - Bone reported the committee discussed having Korte Luitjohan remove the handicap ramp as soon as they can. Merano asked where the ramp is going and said he believes we should keep it. Bone stated the committee looked at keeping it, but the county has no storage for it. Chairman Plunkett stated according to the contract with Korte Luitjohan, if the contractor takes it down, they keep it and labor versus cost of materials becomes a wash. If the County takes it down, we can keep the ramp, but with the storage issues it isn't feasible, plus there was an inquiry from the Montgomery County Senior Citizens Center for it, but they changed their mind and now do not want it. After considering all options, Bone stated the best answer was to have the contractor remove and take the ramp.
2. **HVAC at New Courthouse -Approval:** Bone reported the committee reviewed a letter from Tom Baker at Hurst-Rosche Engineers regarding the compressor failure investigation at the Courthouse. Last week, Compressor #2 had to be shut down because it was short cycling. Baker recommends having Carrier Commercial Service troubleshoot the HVAC system for approximately \$2,500 plus repair costs depending on what is found plus \$1,200 to Hurst-Rosche to manage this assignment. Bone stated this problem has been occurring for quite some time even when the system was under the direction of Public Building Commission and Johnson Controls has also asked for Hurst-Rosche's help. He stated we need to find out the underlying problem with the system. **Motion by Bone, second by Hitchings to Approve an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,700 for the Evaluation from Carrier Commercial and for Hurst-Rosche to Oversee the HVAC Project. All in favor, motion carried.**
 3. **Paint 1st Floor Hallway and Basement of Historic Courthouse -Update:** Bone reported the committee approved the one bid that was received from Kirby Painting to paint the first floor and a portion of the basement of the Historic Courthouse for a total of \$4,200 which will take place over two weekends.
 4. **Evacuation Plan -Update:** Bone reported the planning meeting for an evacuation plan for the Historic Courthouse was held May 15th, and a Fire drill will be scheduled for July. New Evacuation Signs and Site Maps have been printed and will be posted throughout the Historic Courthouse. Bone stated that the most important information to remember is that all who are in the building when the fire alarm goes off should leave the building immediately.
 5. **Maintenance Issues and Report -Update:**
 - Bone reported a wall in the Courthouse Annex is leaking. Brent Lance stated that Western Waterproofing will have a proposal for the tuck-pointing work next month.
 - Bone reported that the electric work for A/C in the Historic basement has been completed. One 240 A/C unit has been hooked up this week.
 - Bone reported the Fire extinguishers were installed on the 2nd and 3rd Floor of the Historic Courthouse after the renovations.

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

1. **MCEDC -Update:** Deabenderfer reported he and MCEDC Executive Director Erika Kennett toured the Alply plant in Litchfield and the Montgomery County Superfund Sites. He stated that their WSMI radio appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., MCEDC Executive Committee meetings are July 11th and October 2nd, 2012, and Kennett will have office hours at the Historic Courthouse on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To reduce travel time for Kennett, Deabenderfer is taking over some public appearances and meetings for the MCEDC.
2. **Meeting with Ameren in Farmersville -Update:** Deabenderfer attended a meeting with Ameren in Farmersville regarding transmission lines and provided handouts in the Board packets.
3. **Oil Green Diamond Bike Trail -Update:** Deabenderfer reported the following:
 - Talked with Pitman Twp Rep Tony Krager – he verified that the Bike Trail does need to be trimmed.
 - Krager sprayed for weeds 2 weeks ago and plans to apply again in a couple more weeks.
 - Louis Marsch price for Oil = \$14,448 for HFRS-2 Dilute – Krager is suggesting this oil because it is thinner, dries in 24 to 48 hours, uses much less rock and looks like asphalt when dried.
 - Purchase rock from Pitman Township and Pitman Township will apply at no charge.
 - Krager stated that he can fit this in the schedule for August.
 - Bike Trail has a hole by the Bridge. We will check with Krager to see if he could fill in with road pack until we oil and chip and have this fixed by Farmersville Irish Days Celebration (Saturday, June 16th).
 - Community Service workers are working on brush clean up at the Bike Trail.
4. **Tenaska Project in Taylorville -Update:** Deabenderfer reported the committee discussed an article in the Springfield State Journal Register regarding the proposed Tenaska Project in Taylorville. The proposed conversion plant would be fueled by natural gas instead of coal. Handouts for the proposed project were in County Board packets.

Other: Deabenderfer reported a Broadband meeting will be held tomorrow from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. He stated this meeting is not for the Demuzio Initiative but for another broadband access to rural areas. Deabenderfer will attend the meeting to represent the County. He also stated that an Eagle-Zinc Superfund Site Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro High School gym.

Next Economic Development Committee meeting is changed to Wednesday, June 27th at 6:00 p.m. due to the 4th of July holiday.

EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Joe Gasparich as follows:

Ambulance Call Reports:

A summary of monthly operations for *April 2012* is as follows:

Total calls: 289 Total amount billed: 167,972.20 Amount collected: \$121,010.83

A summary of monthly operations for *May 2012* is as follows:

Total calls: 361 Total amount billed: 201,450.60 Amount collected: \$110,294.12

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Collections -Update:** Gasparich reported Total Collections for May were \$110,294.12.
2. **Coding Conference -Update:** Gasparich reported the ABC Conference was held on May 23rd and 24th in St. Louis, Missouri. This is a two day conference where the two EMA office Billing Agents got their 12 CEU credits to remain Certified Coders. They received information on changes in Medicaid and Medicare billing.

EMA:

1. **Meeting with Senior Officials -Update:** Gasparich reported the meeting with senior officials was held on Friday, May 11th, 2012.
2. **Deer Run Mine Emergency Plan -Update:** Gasparich reported Director Holmes spoke with Assistant State's Attorney Betsy Wilson about making the Deer Run Mine emergency operating plans public. Wilson's guidance confirms that permits are public, but emergency operating plans are not. The plans are considered confidential and are not to be released. Gasparich stated the water impoundment plan is protected.
3. **Bus Accident on I-55 -Update:** Gasparich reported on the May 14th, a bus accident occurred on Interstate 55 near Litchfield. All response was well organized, and Gasparich gave compliments to Litchfield Fire, Ambulance, and MCSODC agencies, and stated even though the EMA office was not involved, we supported their efforts.
4. **New Shelter Added -Update:** Gasparich reported that Litchfield Latter Rain Ministries located at the Old House at Sunshine Park across the street from St. Francis Hospital is offering their facility as a new emergency shelter. Due to the larger population coming from Interstate 55 in the case of an emergency event, Gasparich stated another emergency shelter was needed.
5. **5 Area Ambulance District Agreements -Approval:** Gasparich reported the five Ambulance District Agreements and their accompanying insurance policies are now in. The agreements state that budgets and contracts are due in September each year and Holmes recommended the County change that turn-in date to before budget hearings so the Finance Committee may have the Ambulance budget information prior to the County Board budget being submitted. **Motion by Gasparich, second by Graden to Approve the 5 Area Ambulance District Agreements for FY 2012. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **June 26th Disaster Exercise -Update:** Gasparich reported we are ready for the exercise to test our emergency operations plan. It will start at 5:30 p.m. and last approximately three hours. Holmes reported at the committee that the County will be meeting with Litchfield Fire Chief Quint, Captain Haenal, volunteers Jim Engelman and Dolores Wheelhouse, and Police Chief BJ Wilkinson for final plans on June 14th at 1:00 p.m.
7. **January 25th HazMat Call -Update:** The HazMat call at the Coalfield rest area of Interstate 55 for Mid-America Steel Drum Co. has been paid in full at a total of \$7,028.89, thanks to Asst. State's Attorney Wilson. Gasparich stated the HazMat team, responders, and the Fire Department were reimbursed. He reported that since the County Board's passing of the Spill and Pay Ordinance, we have collected almost \$100,000 for services rendered.

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

1. **Revolving Loan Fund -Update:** The committee reviewed the reports. Of the three businesses receiving Revolving Loans, payments were made on time by two of them and one is in bankruptcy.
2. **Award Bid for Narrow Band Upgrades to Sheriff's Office Radios -Approval:** Blankenship stated that Undersheriff Rick Robbins reported to committee that radio communication gets lost around the northwestern (Farmersville) part of the county about 60% of the time, and prompted the Sheriff's Department to request bids for Narrow Band Upgrade for the radios. All emergency responders are required to go to Narrow Band from Broadband by January 1st, 2013. Two bids were received:
 - **Global Technical Systems: \$49,495.00**
 - **C & K Communications: \$83,241.92**

Blankenship stated that C & K bid had a cost for a small component in Raymond, which accounts for the difference in proposals. Robbins recommends Global Technical Systems and

the Sheriff's budget has adequate funding for the purchase. Robbins informed the committee that a digital system is needed in the near future, and Blankenship reported none of this equipment will be obsolete if we upgrade to a digital system, which will cost approximately \$1.67 million dollars. Bond County received a grant for 1.4 million to upgrade their system to digital, but we do not have a grant available at this time Gasparich stated he doesn't understand the disparity between the bid costs and has concerns with Global Technical Systems and their radio compatibility as there have been problems with pager service from this company at the Nokomis Fire Department. Neither Sheriff Vazzi nor Undersheriff Robbins was at the County Board meeting during this discussion. **Motion by Graden, second by Branum to Table the Issue until Undersheriff Robbins Comes to the meeting and Answers Questions. All in favor, motion carried.** Robbins arrived at the County Board room and addressed the Board. He answered Gasparich's concerns, stating C & K's bid includes a link needed in Raymond to connect between our tower and theirs, which would cost an additional \$4,000 - \$5,000 if Global would have to add that link later. Bathurst asked Robbins if he was happy with Global Technical Systems, and he replied affirmatively as the Sheriff's Department already uses them as a vendor. Bone believes the low bid will be adequate as long as we can keep in touch with the deputies in Farmersville area and north of there. Plunkett asked Robbins if he foresees going to a digital system in the future, and he replied Nokomis and Litchfield went to digital and in his view, are having a hard time of it right now. Robbins doesn't see the Sheriff's office going to digital soon and believes we will need a new tower in the next five years as the next major expense. Gasparich notified Robbins about a recent problem with pagers, and Robbins replied there was a problem with some firemen not getting a page, but this has been solved and regular pager testing is done. Gasparich asked if costs would be higher if we wait to add the link. Robbins doesn't recommend spending funds for a link if we don't need it, and stated we might be able to fix this problem with a higher tower. He reported we have to go to Narrow Band by January 1st and can be fined \$10,000 a day if we do not switch by that date. Robbins recommends spending \$16,000 less now and only spending money for the link if we need it, and he also stated that if we find we need the link, we cannot wait till a new tower is built. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Beck to Approve the Proposal from Global Technical Systems in the amount of \$49,495 for the Narrow Band Radio Upgrades to be paid from the Sheriff's Budget. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Sheriff's Dept. to Provide Security at County Fair MMA Fights -Update:** Blankenship reported Robbins stated the Sheriff's Department will be providing 8 deputies at the MMA fights at the Montgomery County Fair. Funds are in the Sheriff's Department to provide this service. The State Police will also provide two troopers to help with security. Moore asked if we get any money back for providing security and Robbins stated we do not receive any funds for this service.
4. **Health Department Roof Financing -Approval:** Hugh Satterlee reported that the ten year old shingles on the 25 year organic roof on the Health Department building are failing, and stated they participated in a class action suit and received \$9,000 and may get another \$6,000 to \$7,000 towards recouping the cost of the bad shingles. The Health Department Board instructed Satterlee to get proposals on three different roof types. The estimate for Regular Shingles is \$75,000 to \$100,000, Metal Shingles is \$175,000 to \$250,000, and a Standing Metal Seam will be \$250,000 to \$325,000. The current bank balance at the Health Department is about \$600,000 and this is the safe amount that Satterlee prefers to keep as a bank balance. Satterlee proposes getting a loan from the County General Fund and to pay back the borrowed amount. The Health Department building was originally loaned through the General Fund. They are looking at the 25,000 square feet roof replacement in August and are getting ready to put it out for bids. Satterlee stated they will receive funds from property taxes in July and the State pays them in August. At the end of each month, if reserves are above \$600,000, then a payment will be made. Chairman Plunkett stated this motion is not for a loan amount, but only

to approve giving them a loan. Satterlee will bring back loan amounts when the project is bid out. **Motion by Bathurst, second by Kuchar to Work with the Health Department to Loan them County General Fund dollars for the New Roof at the Health Department with the Stipulation that the Health Department Pay Back the Loan. All in favor, motion carried.**

5. **FY13 Budget and Hearing Schedule -Update:** Blankenship reported Budget Hearings are Wednesday, July 25th, Friday, July 27th, and Monday, July 30th at 8:00 a.m.
6. **Truth and Taxation Levy -Update:** Blankenship reported Treasurer Jenkins presented three different reports for the Real Estate Tax Levy. The 1st proposal is for a 4.99% Increase and shows the General Fund is due \$960,000 for IMRF. The 2nd proposal is for an 8.39% Levy and the General Fund is still owed \$960,000 for IMRF. The 3rd proposal is what Treasurer Jenkins recommends and the Tax Levy amount is 29.32% which would result in IMRF not owing the General Fund any money. A special meeting for Monday, June 18th, at 3:00 pm is scheduled to discuss the three Levy proposals and the IMRF Fund information. Chairman Plunkett reported TB Department representative Sally Adams will also discuss some additional needs on the TB Department Budget at this meeting.
7. **Gaming Ordinance -Update:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that information was relayed at the last County Clerk Zone meeting regarding a need for Counties to either allow or prohibit Video Gaming due to a new State Law. No prior County Board has addressed Gaming or Video Gaming. Leitheiser checked the State Illinois Gaming Board website to see which municipalities and counties have an Ordinance in place to either allow or prohibit Video Gaming. The committee discussed whether Video Gaming would be allowed or banned and will decide next month. A Question and Answer pamphlet about Video Gaming was provided in board packets.
8. **Information about the IHDA Rental Housing Support Program Operated by CEFS - Update:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported information regarding CEFS bringing RHSP grant funds she has had to collect from Recorded documents home to Montgomery County, and referenced members to correspondence in their packets. Since August 1st, 2005, she has been sending funds monthly per State law amounting to \$9 of recording fee for each recorded document to the State of Illinois to be used for the RHSP grant program, but all funds have gone mainly to Cook County, Illinois. She congratulated CEFS for receiving this grant to administer this program locally, since the funding is received locally from the Recording Department of her office.
9. **Additions to Pre-Approved Vendor List -Approval:** Blankenship reported adding two new categories - "All Judge's signed vouchers" and "Ricoh USA" for copier service in the State's Attorney office to the Pre-paid Vendor List. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Branum to Approve the Additions to the Pre-paid Vendor List. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Pre-Paid Vendor Listing, see Resolution Book 12, p. 108-109).**
10. **ROE Quarterly Report -Approval:** The ROE Quarterly report was submitted for Board approval. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Bishop to Approve the Regional Office of Education Quarterly Report. All in favor, motion carried.**
11. **County Trustee Resolutions to Convey Deeds -Approval:** Blankenship reported the Committee reviewed the list of 10 deeds to convey as a result of the recent County Trustee Surplus Sealed Bid Auction:
Motion by Blankenship, second by Beck to approve Resolution #06-12-001 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #01-33-406-004 to Mark E. Price as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 110).
Motion by Blankenship, second by Merano to approve Resolution #06-12-002 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #10-33-281-017 to Gary J. Crainick as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 111).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Komor to approve Resolution #06-12-003 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #12-22-402-018 to Paul Cullen as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 112).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Branum to approve Resolution #06-12-004 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #13-06-329-002 to Patsy Beasley as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 113).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Kuchar to approve Resolution #06-12-005 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #13-06-340-011 to Michael L. White as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 114).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Durbin to approve Resolution #06-12-006 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #13-07-126-012 to Lori L. Joyce as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 115).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Hitchings to approve Resolution #06-12-007 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #15-04-429-012 to Esther J. Sikorski as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 116).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Miles to approve Resolution #06-12-008 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #16-11-251-006 to Kristin Webb as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 117).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Merano to approve Resolution #06-12-009 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #20-22-377-018 to Joseph Eugene McCario as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 118).

Motion by Blankenship, second by Bone to approve Resolution #06-12-010 to Convey the Deed to Parcel #21-19-355-009 to Donnellson Masonic Lodge #255 as a result of the Trustee Tax Sale that was held in April 2012. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 119).

Chairman Plunkett stated it is nice to get the parcels back on the tax rolls, and asked Treasurer Jenkins if these parcels are the last that were sold, and Jenkins responded affirmatively.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Durbin as follows:

- 1. Elections/Precinct Consolidation Ordinance -Approval:** Durbin reported that County Clerk Leitheiser presented a proposal from Election System & Software for 6 Model 100 Precinct Scanners and 2 Automark ADA devices for a proposed price of \$29,370. Leitheiser also presented Election costs per vote in the amount of \$15.71 for the March 20th, 2012 General Primary Election. The committee reviewed the 2012/2014 Appointment of Election Judges and a report of the number of ballots per precinct. The committee also reviewed a report showing the registered voters by Precincts and an Ordinance for Boundary changes affecting six Montgomery County Precincts that was reviewed and approved by State's Attorney Matoush. Matoush stated statutorily precincts should not be over 800 registered voters. Matoush stated his advice is to not consolidate Precincts to a total over 800 registered voters per Precinct. Leitheiser stated the "human aspect" of consolidating 6 precincts to 3 precincts would be in East Fork where one Republican Committeeman would be displaced. With Nokomis 2 & 4, and Witt 1 & 2, there are no issues with displacing current precinct committeemen, since those four positions were not filled by election or appointment. Matoush stated the County Board is considering a fiscal savings which should be the basis for the

decision. County Clerk Leitheiser reported to the Full Board a cost savings of approximately \$2,000 every election after consolidating 6 precincts down to 3 precincts. Moore stated we should make it easier to vote, not have fewer deputy registrars, and stated he doesn't believe we should cut precincts and stated the registrars should get out and register voters. Kuchar agreed with Moore stating we have so few voters; we need to build the number of voters. Branum reported according to the count taken, many people don't vote in the Primary Election so Cost per Vote is higher, and this cost goes down when more voters vote at the General Election. Helgen reminded members that Mr. Rosenthal talked today about the State's financial problems and needing to save money and Helgen believes this would be a good place to start. He stated we should practice what we preach and save money by consolidating. Durbin stated according to current news from the State Budget, no funds were provided to fund Election Judges salary reimbursements, which makes cutting costs even more important. Graden asked about the savings and Leitheiser stated if we consolidate six precincts to three, it wouldn't change voter location but would save on Election Judges at \$135 each, with 5 judges per precincts, and 10 less ballot types. Moore stated if we want to save money on judges, then we should cluster Election Judges, and he doesn't see any reason to cut precincts. Hertel stated if you cluster Election Judges and don't reduce precincts you make it harder on the remaining Election Judges because of more different types of ballots they must track, and the reduction of precincts saves the most money. Hertel said years ago Raymond had over 800 voters and it worked well. Leitheiser stated after last month's meeting she confirmed with State's Attorney Matoush and he said not to exceed 800 registered voters should consolidation be considered by the County Board, and said she strives to encourage voter registration and participation. The outreach is there especially now with early voting and the absentee voting process and this practice will remain. Bathurst stated the committee has looked over different scenarios from both sides and this is a small step to save some money, and the next topic to be considered by the board will be clustering Election Judges which everyone agrees upon. This ordinance lets us save a little more money by consolidating precincts and reducing the total types of ballots. As an Election Judge herself, Bathurst stated it is nerve racking to potentially give a voter a wrong ballot and fewer types of ballots would lesson this confusion on Election Day. Hitchings asked why not make Raymond into two precincts and also any other precincts over 800 registered voters. He asked about County Board Districts lining up with precinct lines in Raymond precinct. Leitheiser said if this were done, the County Board would need to look lining up precincts and County Board Districts in other areas for consistency's sake, which would raise the Election costs in programming. Kuchar stated voters are entitled to representation, and said even if there is no precinct committeeperson in that slot now, there could be in the future. Durbin disagreed as he has been on the Board for 16 years and has walked into polling places and has seen judges sitting around, saying previously he and Leitheiser searched the County for handicapped accessible polling locations. Also, he stated Precinct Committeemen are having trouble finding Election Judges. Chairman Plunkett stated we can save about \$18,000 by clustering and not consolidating. If we consolidate, we would lose six elected officials. Even if there is only one precinct committeeman filling that position now, it will reduce the county by six potential registrars to put voters in the voting booth. Bathurst stated even after consolidation, there are still open Precinct Committee Representative slots available for representation. Hitchings has concerns about the decrease in population in the last 10 years, said that he understood Audubon decreasing, but didn't understand why Irving 1 & 2 lost their precincts. If Nokomis loses population in the next 2020 Census, Witt #1 could be added to the Nokomis County Board District. Can we try to match Board Districts with precincts? Hertel called for an end to the discussion and the vote to be taken. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to Approve the Precinct Consolidation Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 13, Nays - 8. Those Voting Aye: Bathurst, Beck, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Durbin, Gasparich, Graden, Helgen, Hertel, Komor, Merano, Miles, Wendel. Those**

Voting Nay: Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Hitchings, Kuchar, Moore, Plunkett, Williams. Motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance, see Resolution Book 12, page 120).

2. **Cluster Election Judges –Approval:** County Clerk Leitheiser stated she talked to State’s Attorney Matoush and appreciated his help with this process. Clustering Election Judges would reduce the number of Election Judges where there are multiple precincts per polling place. This process should be seamless for the voters, who would be greeted by one cohesive team of judges rather than two or three teams. Precinct Committeemen would be asked to fill a fewer amount of slots for representation. Leitheiser explained the handout on Clustering Judges stating Primary and Consolidated Election judges would be reduced to 134 and General Election judges to 152. Some precincts would have 7 judges at General Election instead of 5. She stated she may need to add more judges per polling place during General Elections or for other reasons such as hotly contested races or public questions. Deabenderfer asked if the HWE Committee recommended Clustering Election Judges to the County Board, and Chairman Plunkett replied affirmatively. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bathurst to Cluster Election Judges. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 16, Nays – 5. Those Voting Aye: Bathurst, Beck, Bishop, Bone, Deabenderfer, Durbin, Gasparich, Graden, Helgen, Hertel, Komor, Merano, Miles, Plunkett, Wendel, Williams. Those Voting Nay: Blankenship, Branum, Hitchings, Kuchar, Moore. Motion carried.**
3. **Recycling Program and Events:**
 - **Litchfield Recycling Facility Concrete Floor Replacement -Approval:** Durbin reported Pro-Built had the sub-contractor for the concrete get estimates on what was recommended by the Engineer hired by the insurance company to see how much the concrete repairs would cost. The Insurance Adjuster was finally able to look at the information sent to him and stated he would recommend going with the new slab instead of the recommended repairs. The new concrete slab was bid at \$25,622 and will be covered by the insurance company. Credit for amount to patch concrete is \$3,850. **Motion by Durbin, second by Kuchar to Approve the Replacement of the Litchfield Recycling Facility Concrete Floor in the amount of \$21,772. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Animal Control Facility and Program:**
 - **Part-time Position -Update:** Durbin reported a candidate was selected by Nancy Richardson and endorsed by the committee.
 - **Mobile Cat Adoption -Update:** Will take place on Saturday June 16th at TSC in Litchfield.
 - Durbin reported an Increase in Bite Cases reported so far this year.

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

1. **Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2012-08-Approval:** Kuchar reported the committee reviewed the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and recommends its passage. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Hitchings to Approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.** (For Copy, see Resolution Book 12, page 121-129).
2. **Addendum for Central Laborers’ Pension, Welfare and Annuity Funds Increase – Approval to Pay Highway Department Insurance Premiums as stated in Union Contract:** Kuchar reported that Engineer Smith stated that the current union contract states an amount which should not be exceeded for health insurance premiums. The contract states that the County portion should not be over \$5.25 per hour for insurance premiums. The committee discussed staying with what the Union contract stipulates as to what is to be paid on the insurance premiums. This has happened before in previous contracts and the County was unaware of those increases. The Highway employees have agreed to have the increase taken out of the 3rd paycheck in June. **Motion by Kuchar, second by Hitchings to Pay the Highway Department Insurance Premiums as stated in the Union Contract. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Harris Computer/Time Clock Quote and System Requirement -Update:** Kuchar reported the committee discussed the proposal from Harris Computer Systems for a time clock system on employees' computers. The committee felt that this was a very large expense and will look at another option using excel spreadsheets that can be updated in the offices. Kuchar stated the committee will need to look at the reports periodically and keep updated.
4. **Time Accrued on Paychecks -Update:** Kuchar reported the committee discussed and approved removing the time-off balances from employee paychecks since most offices are using excel spreadsheets to keep employee time-off. The committee discussed reviewing the time-off reports from the departments each quarter. The committee also discussed reviewing time-off when someone retires. Reports would be reviewed in March, June, September and the year-end report would be submitted by Treasurer Jenkins and reviewed in December. Chairman Plunkett stated the Treasurer has submitted the December 2011 report in the Board Members' packets today.
5. **Sheriff's Dept. Union Contract Negotiations with Local Laborers #773 -Update:** Kuchar reported the Mediation date has been scheduled for Monday, July 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the PBC meeting room.
6. **Labor Local # 397 -Update: Report given by Vice-Chairman George Blankenship:** Blankenship reported the first meeting with Labor Local #397 was on Monday, May 21st, 2012. The Committee received three proposed contracts to review from the three new Unions. The next meeting date will be scheduled for either Monday June 25th or July 9th. The State's Attorney will review and a date will be set.

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

1. **Revised Montgomery County Subdivision Ordinance -Approval:** Branum reported Engineer Smith explained two Subdivision plat maps that will be included as "Samples" in the Subdivision Ordinance. Deabenderfer submitted some grammatical errors to be corrected. Helgen asked Engineer Smith if there is any chance to change the minimum requirement for Plat Act compliance from 5 acres down to 2.5 acres and he replied there was discussion with Asst. State's Attorney Wilson at the committee meeting but the committee did not choose to do so. **Motion by Branum, second by Deabenderfer to Approve the Montgomery County Subdivision Ordinance after Grammatical Corrections are completed. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Ordinance, see Resolution Book 12, pages 130-188).**
2. **Red Ball Trail Project -Update:** Engineer Smith stated to the committee that the Red Ball Trail Project came in at about \$1.2 Million, with EDC paying \$585,000 total. Contractors started on June 4th and the project is now under construction. It is up to the contractor to coordinate with the utility companies, and they are working on culvert issues so they can deal with communication phone poles first.
3. **Resolution #2012-06: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1097 B-CA Location, East 7th Road, Butler Grove Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project -Approval:** Total cost is \$9,800. County's portion is \$4,900. **Motion by Branum, second by Graden to Approve Resolution #2012-06: to appropriate funds for 1097 B-CA Location, East 7th Road, Butler Grove Road District, 50% RD – 50% County Project. Total Project Cost is \$9,800. County's Portion is \$4,900. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 12, pages 189-190).**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Plunkett shared a letter from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding the commending the performance of EPA Inspector Bill Gonet.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Plunkett reported the following:

1. Mediation is Monday, July 2nd at 4:00 p.m. with Sheriff's Dept. Local Laborers #773.
2. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is June 27th instead of July 4th.
3. Special Finance Committee meeting to discuss levy proposals and IMRF fund information is scheduled for Monday, June 18th at 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Helgen, second by Beck to Appoint Teresa Thiessen as Trustee to the Three County Public Water District Board for a term to begin immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices from Adams, PC or Books & Moore:** Motion by Bone, second by Miles to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 20, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain -1 (Moore). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Blankenship, second by Hitchings to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2012.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 10th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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