

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, July 10th, 2012 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 10th, 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. 18 members present, 3 members absent.

Attendance changed to 20 members present, 1 member absent upon two members' late arrival due to road construction.

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, Sharon Kuchar, Scott Merano, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Richard Wendel, Dennis Williams.

Members Absent: Frank Komor

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

Motion by Miles, second by Wendel 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 Helgen to approve the Minutes of the Previously County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – Ray Durston was present for questions. Hertel thanked Durston for his prompt assistance in taking care of a tax bill issue on a building in Hillsboro.
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** – was submitted.
6. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and reported that the prebid meeting for the Health Department roof was held on July 9th and bids are due Tuesday, July 17th, which is also the same day as the Board of Health meeting.
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 and reported there is now one newly active case of TB in the County, and last year there was one other case. She introduced Becky Durbin, the newly hired full-time TB Department nurse, and requested members to contact her for further information on T.B. Department services.
11. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 11 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bishop, second by Graden 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. **CEFS Central Illinois Public Transit Monthly Progress Report -Update:** Chairman Plunkett asked members to look over the CEFS progress report enclosed in the Board packet and stated we will be furnishing these as we get them.

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

1. **Historic Courthouse Renovations -Update:** Bone reported the committee reviewed a summary of the Pay Applications for the Historic Courthouse Renovations. The original contract sum was \$889,400, and there have been \$32,598 in change orders for a total price of \$920,964. With subtracting the Elevator grant of \$100,000 and the HVAC Energy grant in the amount of \$140,633, the net project cost is \$680,331. There is a balance remaining of \$53,089. A meeting has been requested with Brent Lance and Schindler Elevator regarding timely maintenance on the elevator, and Lance has been reminded about the removal of the handicap ramp. Coordinator Daniels explained to the Full Board the spreadsheet showing total project cost and change orders, and reported that we have received the \$140,633 energy grant and the remaining \$33,000 on the elevator grant is approved, with the State sending payment in August. (For copy, see Resolution Book 12, pages 191-192).
2. **HVAC at Courthouse Complex-Update:** Bone reported Tom Baker of Hurst-Roche Engineers has been working on the issues with the HVAC at the New Courthouse, and an analysis of the HVAC unit will be performed by Carrier. Johnson Controls was here on Saturday, June 23rd to replace the high side access valves, and in order to replace the valves they had to remove all the Freon and store it. There was one valve on each of the 3 compressors that was replaced, and one of the heads on compressor #3 that has a leak was also replaced. Once the repairs were made, the Freon was put back in the system and the HVAC was back in service that evening. Bone stated \$21,000 has been spent on the HVAC system this year at the Courthouse Complex, and hopes the problem can be found. Treasurer Jenkins reported the County Court Fund budgets \$40,000 to the General Fund each year for building maintenance.
3. **Maintenance Issues and Report -Update:**
 - Bone reported a wall will be painted and a small area of flooring will be replaced located at the counter that was made handicap accessible in the Circuit Clerk's Office. The carpet in front of the elevator on the 1st floor of the Historic Courthouse will also be replaced.
4. **Committee Meeting Location -Update:** Bone reported the Committee decided to meet on the 2nd floor either the Conference Room or Board Room based on attendance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman Jarod Hitchings as follows:

1. **MCEDC -Update:** Hitchings reported that MCEDC Executive Committee meetings will be held on July 11th and October 2nd, 2012 at 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse.
2. **Oil & Chip Green Diamond Bike Trail -Update:** Oil & Chip will be done in July or August. Deabenderfer reported he received a call from boy scout Jason Williams of Farmersville who wants to work on an Eagle Scout Project by maintaining Green Diamond Trail, which would include sign and mile posts and brush clean up. Some brush has already been cleaned up by Rice Phillips and the community service workers. One of William's motivations is to get people in the area involved with the trail's upkeep, and another Eagle Scout has equipment to remove a beaver dam. Deabenderfer reported the Farmersville side of the trail is not in bad shape and the decision to wait until later to oil & chip that area was fine; however, the Waggoner end is not in as good of shape. Also, there is a 16 foot long by 6 inch wide hole near the bridge that could be dangerous for bicycles and hopes this will be filled from the oil & chip.
3. **Broadband Meeting -Update:** Hitchings reported Deabenderfer went to the meeting with Royell Internet Services of Virden, Illinois, who is the Internet provider who was awarded the Vince Demuzio Broadband initiative in Montgomery and Macoupin counties. Royell will start advertising their services in the County to promote their services.

4. **Committee Meeting Location -Update:** The committee decided to have their meetings in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse.

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

Ambulance Call Reports:

A summary of monthly operations for **June 2012** will be given next month.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Collections -Update:** Moore reported Total Collections for **June** are **\$117,187.41**. (New System \$117,017.41, Old System \$170.00)

EMA:

1. **County Exercise -Update:** Moore reported there was a County-wide Training Exercise held in Litchfield on June 26th, 2012, and problems will get worked out in the future. There were some communication problems with StarCom 21 portable radios, and there will be an after action meeting in the near future. All planning and table top meetings regarding this exercise will need to be sent to IEMA with After Action Report.
2. **Generators & Cots -Update:** Moore reported Holmes sent a letter to Panama regarding a generator and cots and has not received a reply from the Village Clerk there yet. Holmes is working on expanding our shelter locations for emergencies.
3. **EM-Net -Update:** Moore reported the State of Illinois has stopped paying for weather notification, Amber Alerts, StarCom 21 backup, and other emergency messages. Cost per year is \$588.00. Director Holmes feels that this system is very informative and would like to keep the service. Gasparich asked Holmes to negotiate with EM-Net for the service cost. The Committee approved for Holmes to negotiate a cost up to \$350 per year for EM-Net. Diana reported to Full Board the State won't negotiate for \$350, but they have already paid for the third and fourth quarter, so EM-Net services with State of Illinois payment will continue at this time.
4. **Training Class -Update:** Moore reported we took part in a training class for new shelter location Latter Rain Ministries (LRM) last Thursday to explain NIMS and Incident Command. Moore stated we will provide cots and blankets to LRM for the shelter.
5. **Mitigation Grant Funding -Update:** IEMA has sent the final paperwork to be completed by Treasurer Jenkins office, but Director Holmes doesn't have the forms and will check with Mitigation Grant facilitator Greg Mashaud for guidance.
6. **Cooling Shelters -Update:** Moore reported Director Holmes has been checking weather service information daily and kept the County Cooling Shelters open until Monday, July 9th, 2012 due to the extreme weather conditions. Holmes will check with the Sheriff and Health Department to see if the county could use their vehicles to transport Senior Citizens needing transportation to a cooling center.
7. **FY2013 EMA Ambulance Budget -Update:** Moore reported the committee reviewed and discussed the FY2013 budget for office 085, and cut out several items. Moore stated EMA's budget is almost the same level as last year's budget and it's time for all county offices to cut budgets.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Fireworks/Open Burning -Update:** Moore recommends that citizens follow the advice of the National Weather Service to curtail fireworks and open burning.

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

1. **SOA Report -Update:** Blankenship reported Supervisor of Assessments Durston stated that every ten years after the census data is compiled, by State law a township with less than 1,000 inhabitants shall not elect assessors for each township, but shall join a multi-township. Bois D'arc Township dropped under the 1000 population mark, therefore needs to be combined with

Harvel, Pitman, and Zanesville Townships. Durston must get this requested change to the State of Illinois by September 15th, contact Bois D'arc Township about this need and a Resolution must be passed by the County Board. The actual change would not take place until 2018.

2. **GIS Report -Update:** Blankenship reported that the 10 year period for a flyover is now expired. Mary Purcell has received proposals for a flyover as follows: Bruce Harris & Assoc. for \$97,600, Williams for \$61,700, and AeroCon Photogrammetric Services for \$99,660. Blankenship hopes to trim down the price.
3. **Revolving Loan Fund -Update:** Blankenship reported one client is in bankruptcy and a court case is still pending. The other two clients are paying monthly.
4. **TB Department Budget -Update:** Blankenship stated that TB Department representative Sally Adams has already given her report, and there have been some employee changes at the TB office. The part-time nurse left and they hired a full-time nurse who transferred from the Health Department and now needs benefits, which will require a larger budget.
5. **Consociates at the July Personnel Committee Meeting to discuss Employee Health Insurance Premiums -Update:** Blankenship reported a health premium increase will take place on January 1st, 2013 and the last increase was 2006 and it was 5%, and the increase prior to that was in 2003. The committee discussed increasing the monthly amount to all employees equally. Treasurer Jenkins stated that Steve Spinner will report on the Obama Care Health reform issues and how it affects the County at the next Personnel Committee meeting.
6. **Video Gaming Ordinance -Approval:** Blankenship reported that a Question & Answer pamphlet pertaining to Video Gaming was handed out at the June Board meeting to review for one month. County Clerk Leitheiser reported that current County Liquor License holder Indian Springs Golf Course is planning on getting Video Game machines. The Board needs to decide on whether to allow or prohibit video gaming. The municipalities that allow video gaming are: Hillsboro, Irving, Litchfield, Taylor Springs, and Witt. Those prohibiting are Coffeen and Panama. All other municipalities in the county are silent on this issue. Chairman Plunkett asked if ATM machines could be prohibited where there are gambling machines. Clerk Leitheiser reported since inquiry was brought up the day before at the Finance Committee meeting, she notified Assistant State's Attorney Wilson, and she has not had enough time to find the answer to this question. Chairman Plunkett stated Illinois will gain revenue from gaming and there are three options for the Board to decide: #1. Do nothing and Video Gaming will still come in and we don't share the revenue. #2. Allow video gaming and share in the revenue. #3. Prohibit video gaming. Gasparich referred to Litchfield City Administrator Ritchie who was in the audience for any comments the city has had since Litchfield has allowed gaming. Ritchie stated this was an emotional topic with strong opinions for and against video gaming, but was passed by their counsel and is now tied into their liquor license. No research was done on what revenue will be coming in, but Ritchie offered to check into this and report back. Plunkett stated Taylorville has allowed video gaming and also may have this information. Hertel reported the County would get 1/6 of 30% (5%). Williams stated there is also revenue from licensing. Leitheiser reported Hillsboro has an annual fee per machine of \$25 and Litchfield is \$50. There are currently seven facilities with liquor licenses in unincorporated areas and potentially more businesses in the future that could wish to have video gaming. Kuchar stated we are doing a service to the citizens by banning the machines and not allowing the opportunity to be tempted. Gasparich reported these businesses have to jump through a lot of hoops to get these machines as it is very heavily regulated by the State. One disadvantage to small vendors who install these machines has been that some have gone out of business due to their costs exceeding revenue. He stated if cities allow video gaming and the County doesn't, businesses in the unincorporated area will also be at a disadvantage. Durbin reported UCCI discussions included much regulations and little revenue to gain from

gaming and they recommended not going with video gaming. Graden stated we need to support our small businesses, because if we don't, people will drive somewhere else and video game. Helgen reported the State keeps close tabs on the machines to monitor them. Hertel reported on a prior bill introduced by the late State Senator Vince Demuzio that sought to prohibit ATM machines near gaming devices that didn't get out of committee. He stated we cannot stop video gaming, but he would like to have a ban on ATM's in the same location. Treasurer Jenkins asked the difference between gambling and gaming and Plunkett replied there is none. Planning Commissioner Tobin Ott who in attendance at the meeting reported the Hillsboro Moose Lodge is bringing back gaming machines and have spent \$1,000 on attorney fees to verify paperwork to complete State inspection, which includes fingerprinting. Moore asked about the State's response to ATM's and how this could affect video gaming applications if we keep ATMs out. Plunkett replied that some Board members have brought up restricting ATMs, but we don't know if it can be done. Gasparich reported some businesses have ATMs onsite because they do not accept debit or credit cards, and cited The Depot in Nokomis as such a business. Gasparich stated that if you limit ATMs, it would hurt businesses. He stated gaming will occur and we cannot legislate morality or common sense, but we can regulate how business is done and we do not want to keep them from doing business. Chairman Plunkett reported video gaming has been operating in our County illegally, but the State now says they might as well get the revenue from these businesses and not put businesses in a competitive disadvantage. Bathurst stated her family has personally been touched by compulsive gambling, which destroys lives and will not vote to allow it.

Motion by Kuchar, second by Hitchings to Prohibit Video Gaming in the Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 13. *Those Voting Aye:* Bathurst, Deabenderfer, Helgen, Hitchings, Kuchar, Merano, Plunkett. *Those Voting Nay:* Beck, Bishop, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Durbin, Gasparich, Graden, Hertel, Miles, Moore, Wendel, Williams. *Those Absent:* Komor. Motion failed.

Motion by Gasparich, second by Graden to Allow Video Gaming in the Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County. Hertel asked if the motion for allowance could also prohibit ATM machines located next to gaming machines since he could not vote to allow it if it doesn't, and Gasparich replied no. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 12, Nays - 8. *Those Voting Aye:* Beck, Bishop, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Durbin, Gasparich, Graden, Miles, Moore, Wendel, Williams. *Those Voting Nay:* Bathurst, Deabenderfer, Helgen, Hertel, Hitchings, Kuchar, Merano, Plunkett. *Those Absent:* Komor. Motion carried.** Chairman Plunkett stated the Finance Committee will plan to have an ordinance ready next month.

7. **Job Study with U of I Extension -Update:** Blankenship reported there are some offices that still need to turn in job descriptions and organizational charts, and Blankenship will call them for their job descriptions.
8. **FY2013 Budget and Hearing Schedule & Financial Reports -Update:** Blankenship reported that Budget Hearings are Wednesday, July 25th, Friday, July 27th, and Monday, July 30th at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room and encouraged members to attend. The committee also discussed reports showing 911 revenue and expenses. Gasparich stated we need to make a legitimate effort to flat line budgets or cut spending since we don't know what coal mine revenue will be and we should use funds to enhance programs not for daily operating expenses. He said his comment is not intended to be negative to the efforts of the County Board or Finance Committee in the past budgeting process, but asks that office holders be fiscally prudent in presenting their budgets this year. Deabenderfer asked Gasparich when the county has not been fiscally prudent, and Gasparich stated the EMA budget was cut because it has increased quite a bit over the last two years. Gasparich stated he thinks we can still cut budgets especially given employee expectations on raises. Chairman Plunkett stated it's a good practice for all committees to look at the budgets for the offices which report to their committee. He stated the three budget hearings are very important meetings and offered to members that their attendance at one of the three Budget Hearing meetings will be per diem

allowable to encourage their participation. At Budget Hearings, the Finance Committee looks at every item in every budget and Plunkett encouraged members to attend and see what the Finance Committee goes through. Miles asked about a schedule for the hearings and it was distributed to members. Treasurer Jenkins reported he supplies many documents to the Finance Committee for budget hearings which is too much to copy for others attending the hearings. Plunkett stated we can have one hard copy set available and could also use an overhead projector screen. Gasparich stated he wasn't pointing fingers at any Board member involved in the budgeting process, but is stating we need to know that we have a set amount of funds that go in and out, and be conscientious in how funds are spent. Deabenderfer stated most coal money has been going to capital improvement needs. Hertel stated we are spending coal money on day to day expenses and we are also borrowing from the General Fund for IMRF, Social Security and Liability Insurance. He said we do have a problem as we have never raised the levy over 105% of the prior year's levy to cover the cost of borrowing to pay for IMRF, Social Security and Liability and will end up borrowing money from ourselves. He said by doing this, we will borrow more than we collect in taxes for the County Corporate General Fund. Deabenderfer stated this is not actual money but actuary accounts, and there is confusion on obligations. Deabenderfer stated it is true that we are borrowing for IMRF and we are obligated to pay it but don't have to right now. Deabenderfer also stated if we are using coal money on day to day operations, he would like to see it. Treasurer Jenkins stated that Capital Improvements are expenses, and we have not spent one dime of coal revenue money except the \$50,000 contractual obligation with the coal mine. He stated we have spent \$6 Million since 2004 from coal rights sale revenues on Capital Improvements and his office can show where every dollar has gone. Jenkins stated that General Fund Health Insurance costs are now over \$1 million. When an employee has a Health Insurance claim, the County pays the first \$50,000 on each employee, but overall we have a good program. Jenkins stated that the main cost to coal mine revenue is pay raises and health insurance. Chairman Plunkett reported Jenkins has several charts that provide helpful budget information. Hertel appreciated that Plunkett has allowed per diem for Board members to attend a Budget Hearing meeting, and encouraged all to do so.

9. **Truth in Taxation Discussion -Update:** Blankenship stated we need to complete the budget hearings first and get preliminary figures to see how much is needed to levy and to determine if we need to have a hearing.
10. **Special Finance Meeting Date -Update:** Blankenship reported the committee will invite the IMRF Representative to their next regular Finance Committee meeting on August 13th to discuss pensions and IMRF plans for County employees. Treasurer Jenkins reported he has contacted the IMRF Rep and she will be here.
11. **Committee Meeting Location -Update:** Blankenship reported the committee decided to meet in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse each month.

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

1. **Polling Place Changes - Approval:** Durbin reported that County Clerk Leitheiser shared a current list and a proposed list of Montgomery County Precincts and Polling Places and stated to save purchasing two M100 Tabulators for a total of \$7,200; the county board can consider eliminating two Polling Places. The changes would be as follows: N. Litchfield 2, 3, 5 & 6 would vote at the First Baptist Church at the east entrance only and the west entrance of that same building would be eliminated. S. Litchfield 2 & 3 that currently votes at Faith Lutheran Church would instead vote with S. Litchfield 1 & 4 Precincts at the Litchfield Community Center, which is near this facility and also located on State Street. Leitheiser stated that more voting booths would be added so voters should not have to wait in line for a booth. Kuchar, who is also South Litchfield Township Supervisor, stated she is in favor of the South Litchfield Township change, that this would not be a problem in S. Litchfield Township and would save money. **Motion by Durbin, second by Beck to Eliminate the Polling Place at Faith**

Lutheran Church and have all South Litchfield Township Voters vote at the Litchfield Community Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Leitheiser reported there are currently two polling places at the First Baptist Church in Litchfield. **Motion by Durbin, second by Helgen to Eliminate Voting at the west entrance of the First Baptist Church in Litchfield and have all North Litchfield 2, 3, 5 & 6 Voters vote at the east entrance of the First Baptist Church in Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **M100 and Automark Tabulators Purchase -Approval:** Durbin reported that Leitheiser can now purchase 2 less Model 100 Tabulators by the elimination of two polling places in Litchfield. Moore asked how many machines will be purchased and Leitheiser stated four instead of six and said with time, eventually all machines will have to be replaced and the old ones are used for parts. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bishop to Approve the Purchase of Four Model 100 and Automarks from Election Systems & Software for a Cost Not to Exceed \$23,310. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Election Judge Commission -Approval:** Durbin reported Leitheiser has made contact with county Precinct Committee representatives and Party Chairman representatives, and Election Judges have been approved by the two established Parties. **Motion by Durbin, second by Hitchings to Approve the List of Election Judges for the next two years. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Workers Compensation Insurance -Update:** Durbin reported that Affiliated Insurance Agencies President Jeff Weis congratulated Montgomery County for only one workers compensation claim in the last six months. Also, Workers Compensation Insurance representative Jim Patino completed his initial loss control visit and indicated that the County has most of the basic loss control procedures in place. He has a follow up visit scheduled for July 11th, 2012 at the Sheriff Department, Recycling Center and Highway Department.
5. **Recycling Program and Events:**
 - **Litchfield Recycling Facility -Update:** Durbin reported so far they have been able to tear out the old concrete at the Recycling Facility site and cart it away, unfortunately they are working on other projects and the heat has set things back. They are looking to start in another week according to the contractor, Pro-Built.
 - **Camera Installation -Update:** Durbin reported Slavings has a price of \$3,315 for cameras at the Litchfield and Hillsboro Recycling Facilities. Bathurst asked that Lutz get a price for only the Litchfield Facility, and decisions will be made after construction.
 - **Open and Close Litchfield Drop Shed -Update:** Durbin reported that the Litchfield Police Department will open the Litchfield Drop off shed at 5:30 a.m. and will close it at 9:30 p.m. year round.
6. **EPA Report -Update:** Durbin reported that County EPA Inspector Gonet handed out the list of open dumps and reported that the grant paperwork is in the mail. Also, the Litchfield landfill is working on its new cell, and Gonet will take over the inspection of the CIPS landfill due to an ILEPA inspector retiring. The committee discussed the Bishop Landfill issues and the Eagle Zinc cleanup plans. The Bishop Landfill continues to have leachate problems. Lastly, it was reported that the IEPA grant has been signed by the Chairman and attested by the County Clerk and sent to the State.
7. **Animal Control Facility and Program:**
 - **Animal Control Intake Summary -Update:** Durbin reported that June was a good adoption month.
 - **Revenues & Expenses -Update:** Electric bill was higher due to air conditioning during these extreme weather conditions.
 - There have been a lot of calls for dogs with no water or shelter from the heat.
 - Durbin reported Warehams Security came on Friday, July 6th for a panic system.

- Durbin reported Richardson talked to Undersheriff Robbins about a K-9 unit vehicle that will be available in December and the trade in value is about \$8,000. Richardson looked at the SUV K-9 vehicle and stated that it should work out okay for Animal Control use. The trade in value will not be put in the Animal Control budget both the Sheriff Department and Animal Control are in the General Fund.

8. **Committee Meeting Location -Update:** Durbin reported the committee decided to stay in the Conference room of the Historic Courthouse for their future meetings.

Deabenderfer asked Leitheiser about the first date to vote for the November 6th, 2012 General Election and Leitheiser replied voting will begin on September 27th, 2012.

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

1. **Sheriff's Dept. Union Contract Negotiations with Local Laborers #773 -Update:** Kuchar reported the Committee went into Executive Session. The first mediation meeting was July 2nd. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the PBC meeting room.
2. **Committee Meeting Location -Update:** Kuchar reported the Committee wants to meet in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse for their future meetings.
3. **Labor Local # 397 -Update: (Report Given by Vice Chairman George Blankenship)** Blankenship reported the 2nd meeting was last night Monday, July 9th, and stated it was a cordial meeting and much was accomplished. The 3rd meeting will be on Tuesday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the PBC room.

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

1. **Resolution #2012-07: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1098 B-CA, Multiple County Highway Locations, 100% County Project -Approval:** Branum reported #2012-07 includes Waggoner Ave., Goby Tr., Harvel Rd., North Rd., Nokomis-Fillmore Rd., Witt Rd. South. **Motion by Branum, second by Williams to Approve Resolution #2012-07: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1098 B-CA, Multiple County Highway Locations, 100% County Project. Total cost is \$23,250.00. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 12, pages 193-205).**
2. **Red Ball Trail Project -Update:** Branum reported that Engineer Smith stated the Project is going well and is approximately one week ahead of schedule, and the road has been milled. There will be 4.5 inches of concrete put down.
3. **County & Township Bridge Inspections -Update:** Branum reported a consultant was hired in the past to inspect the County and Township bridges. Engineer Smith and Assistant Engineer Sefton are both now certified to inspect the bridges, and Smith reported that discussions took place in the past with the Finance Committee as to possibly charging fees to the townships to inspect their bridges. Smith stated that a new bridge must be inspected every four years, and the other bridges must be inspected according to age and condition, with most bridges needing inspected every two years; however there are a few bridges that must be inspected every 3-6 months. Inspections take about ½ to 1 hour to complete, and then paperwork must be completed at the office. McDonough-Whitlow was hired by the County in the past, and the County paid for all the inspections. Currently, there are 49 county bridges and 153 township bridges in Montgomery County. The committee discussed whether the townships should be paying the County to inspect their bridges, and it was agreed that townships don't have much money. The County would save about \$30,000 per year by inspecting the bridges ourselves and the committee decided to keep inspecting all the bridges without charging the townships. Hertel stated that he appreciates the engineers who went to training and will now save the County \$30,000 per year.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Plunkett announced there are many who are active in doing volunteer work in our community, but Andy Ritchie, who was in the audience, went above and beyond to support his cause by pedaling his bicycle 2,500 miles to help build the Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center. Andy Ritchie shared his bike trip experience with the Board and stated contributions are coming in from many supporters as they continue to raise money for construction. He began his trip across Rt. 66 in California on May 6th, went 2,402 miles through eight states, and arrived in Chicago on June 10th, and stated it was a richly rewarding and successful experience.

Gasparich thanked Probation staff Bane Ulrici and Rice Phillips for their help with the Nokomis Homecoming.

Hertel asked that members review the 2012 Legislative Report handed out as part of the members' packet information.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Plunkett reported the following:

1. Mediation is Monday, July 16th at 5:00 p.m. with Sheriff's Dept. Local Laborers #773.
2. Meeting with Union Local 397 scheduled for Tuesday, July 24th, at 5:00 pm in the PBC room.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices from Adams, PC or Books & Moore:** Motion by Bishop, second by Bone to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain -1 (Moore). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Blankenship, second by Bathurst 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, August 14th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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