

Montgomery County Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 3rd, 2012

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

The Reorganization meeting of the Montgomery County Board was held on December 3rd, 2012 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse with the newly elected members present. They were: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Ron Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Sharon Kuchar, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, David Ronen, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel.

County Clerk Leitheiser called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Newly Elected County Officials were asked to come forward, and the Official Verbal Oath was administered individually to County Officials State's Attorney Chris Matoush, Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons, County Coroner Rick Broaddus and Regional Superintendent of Schools Marchelle Kassebaum by Fourth Judicial Circuit Resident Judge Kelly Long.

The Official Verbal Oath was administered to all County Board members by Judge Long.

Roll call was given, with 21 members present, 0 members absent. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Clerk Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a temporary Chairman of the County Board. Motion by Gene Miles, second by Chuck Graden that Joe Gasparich be elected temporary County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Leitheiser asked for motion to close the nominations. Motion by Heather Hampton+Knodle, second by Earlene Robinson to close the nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Joe Gasparich then called for nominations for County Board Chairman. Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by Mike Plunkett that Roy Hertel be nominated as County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried. Temporary Chairman Joe Gasparich asked for more nominations for County Board Chairman a total of three times, and none were heard.

Temporary Chairman Gasparich then asked for a motion to close the nominations. Motion by Nikki Bishop, second by Bonnie Branum to close the nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Gasparich then asked for a motion to elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman. Motion by Connie Beck, second by Megan Beeler to elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman by acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.

Newly elected County Board Chairman Roy Hertel then addressed the Board and thanked Gasparich and Judge Long for their part in the proceedings today and acknowledged the newly elected County Officials Matoush, Lemons, Broaddus and Kassebaum. He stated that he chose to stand at the side podium rather than the Chairman's podium today because this is the same spot he swore people in for 15 years when he served as Circuit Clerk. He recognized his wife Nancy and mother at 96 years old in the audience. He congratulated the re-elected County officers and his fellow County Board members. He recognized the eight new members and stated this is the largest freshman class ever elected to the County Board since the number of members changed from 19 to 21. Hertel thanked former Board Chairman Mike Plunkett and his chairpersons for attending meetings and offering to help in the transition. He also thanked Plunkett for his leadership the past six years and Clerk Leitheiser and Coordinated Services office staff Christine

Daniels and Lorraine Beers for all their preparations for today’s meeting. Hertel read a quote from famous anthropologist Margaret Meade that said “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” He said that when we think about our little world of Montgomery County, we have a big land area, but a small population, and we face the same problems and issues as larger counties, cities, states and the federal government. Hertel stated we can help change our area of the world by being dedicated and committed to do the very best we can and by working together to solve any problems or issues that come our way and said we should not lose our focus for what is best for Montgomery County. Hertel ended his comments by saying that together we will make a difference and thanking members for their dedication to the County.

Clerk Leitheiser explained the lottery procedure to determine the term lengths per district.

Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by David Ronen to Approve Resolution 2012-33 to divide the County Board Districts by lot as equally as is possible into two groups. Four districts would serve a four year term and three districts would serve a two year term in the first term following reapportionment. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution 2012-33, see Resolution Book 12, pages 282-283). Clerk Leitheiser chose Bill Schroeder, a member from the public who also attends many County Board meetings, to draw from 7 green plastic eggs placed in a hat. Each egg had a single number 1 – 7 to represent the 7 County Board Districts. Schroeder drew in order #1, #2, #7, #5 as the Districts to serve a four year term in the first term following reapportionment. Schroeder drew in order #4, #6, #3 as the Districts to serve a two year term in the first term following reapportionment.

Clerk Leitheiser explained the lottery procedure to determine term lengths for all board members. **Motion by Nikki Bishop, second by Chuck Graden to Approve Resolution 2012-34 to have a drawing to select the terms for the three board members in each of the seven districts. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution 2012-34, see Resolution Book 12, pages 284-285).** For County Board Districts #1, #2, #7, #5 in that order, after placement of 3 eggs in a hat (two pieces of paper bearing 4-4-2 yr. designations and one piece of paper bearing 2-4-4 yr. designations) each member according to highest vote count from the November General Election drew an egg. The number within that egg designated the length of the terms after reapportionment for that person for the next 10 years until the 2020 census and reapportionment is done again. For County Board Districts #4, #6, #3 in that order, after placement of 3 eggs in a hat (two pieces of paper bearing 2-4-4 yr. designations and one piece of paper bearing 4-4-2 yr. designations) each member drew an egg according to highest vote count from the November General Election.

The following is the final term length results from the drawing as Clerk Leitheiser read:

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD
Board Seat Term Lengths
2012-2022**

<u>District #1</u>	<u>2</u> Seat(s) with 4-4-2 year designations
<u>2</u> <u>4</u> <u>4</u> Megan Beeler -- (R)	<u>1</u> Seat(s) with 2-4-4 year designations
<u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> Mike Webb -- (D)	
<u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> Connie Beck -- (R)	

(For a copy of County Board 2012-2014 Committee Assignments, see Resolution Book 12, page 287).

Appointment of Rules Committee-Ad Hoc Committee: Motion by Bob Sneed, second by Jay Martin to appoint Mary Bathurst, Joe Gasparich, Mike Plunkett and a member of the State's Attorneys Office to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried. A date and time to meet will be determined.

Hertel announced that Official Photos will be taken after this meeting and after the next Full Board meeting, new Board Members will get their picture taken for their ID badges. Also, County Board packet paperwork will still be distributed at the next Full Board meeting, and then members can choose to have it emailed instead the Friday before Full Board meets. Tomorrow the first County Board committee, the EMA committee, will meet at 3:30 p.m. and January's Finance Committee meeting will meet on December 31st at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: Until the next Full Board Meeting on Monday, December 11th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by Bonnie Branum to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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