

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Roy Hertel at 8:30 AM.

Roll call was taken – 20 members present, 1 member absent.

Members Present: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, David Ronen, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel

Members Absent: Sharon Kuchar

Chairman Hertel recognized the newly elected Board members were in the audience, Tim Hopper, Evan Young and Bill Bergen.

Chairman Hertel asked Veteran's Assistance Commission Superintendent Dave Strowmatt to provide comments regarding the recent Veterans' Day commemoration on November 11th. For a copy of his comments, see (**Resolution Book 14, page 106.**)

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by VAC Board representative Ray Kellenberger.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Miles and 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 Bathurst, second by Graden to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Hertel read a thank you note from Farm Bureau manager Bob Lentz regarding the county's cooperation as their parking lot was paved.

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 and commended Bonnie Branum for his service to the County Board for the past 30 years. Chairman Hertel also stated that with the recent election, Treasurer Jenkins will now hold the longest record for a county elected official as of December 1st, 2014.
5. **G.I.S. Coordinator's Report** ---- Mary Purcell was present for questions.
6. **Health Department Report** ---- was submitted.
7. **Probation Office Report** ---- was submitted.
8. **Public Defender's Report** ---- was submitted. Chairman Hertel stated Public Defender Grigsby will retire as of December 1st, 2014
9. **Sheriff's Report** ---- was submitted.
10. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin was present for questions.
11. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that three members met and discussion was held on some matters that Gasparich suggested a few weeks ago, but no quorum was met to conduct official business.

- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that the B-Line Litchfield transportation line is on the back burner for now and that overall county ridership has increased.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that CIEDA board passed another project for a Decatur commercial kitchen and food distributor, and in December they are looking to approve a bond for a health clinic also in the Decatur area.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin reported that the property in School Street has sold and now the contractor is working on getting the walls up on Phase II of the addition at the Health Department.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Kuchar was absent so no report was given.
- **MCEDC** – Ronen reported that MCEDC Director Lindsay Wagahoff has been on light bed rest due to her pregnancy and not at work as a result.
- **Community Prioritizing:** Ronen reported they are in the process of assisting one community with prioritizing some of their needs so they can start to figure out which grants they would like to apply for and projects they would like to pursue.
- **Grant Writer:** Ronen reported they are still in the process of contracting the grant writing services.
- **Revolving Loan Fund Report:** Ronen reported they will be hosting a luncheon on November 19th for area bankers to promote the program and inform them of the new changes to the manual. He said that invitations went out to 13 area banks today.
- **Eagles Zinc:** Ronen stated that the USEPA is scheduling a public meeting to discuss what they can expect during demolition. He said that meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 20th, and that the USEPA responded to Congressman Davis’ request for funding for Operable Unit 2. He also stated that the letter indicated they were working through OU1 right now and still working on the design for OU2, and did not say whether or not the funding would be granted for OU2.
- **It’s Always Sunny in Montgomery County:** Ronen reported they are in the process of filming the 5th video.
- **Montgomery County Summit:** Ronen stated that we hosted the Montgomery County Summit on October 23, 2014 at Lincoln Land Community College with over 60 attendees at the event.
- **Workforce Development:** Ronen stated the next meeting of our workforce roundtable is currently scheduled for November 20th, and a representative from Lincoln Land Community College will be in attendance to discuss the programs they offer to help businesses train their workers.
- **MCWC** – Branum reported that they are installing a lot of water pipe near the Fillmore and the county line for the next Phase of the County Water line.
- **Planning Commission** – Beeler stated that they had a meeting recently to discuss utilities that are coming through. She said that the Dakota pipeline is coming through the County south of the Litchfield area and the Grain Belt Transmission line will be going through the Panhandle area.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop reported that they will have the annual Montgomery County Senior Citizen Party next Saturday at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported that they had a meeting and reception last month at the Lincoln Land museum.
- **U of I** – Graden stated there is nothing to report.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that they had a meeting but they did not have a quorum to conduct official business.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst reported Liz Holcomb from the Treasurer’s Office supplied information regarding the 2nd quarter of the employee wellness program. She stated that 18 employees went on probation in the first quarter and 7 are on probation for this quarter. Bathurst said that the committee adopted a “two strikes and you are out” policy and six employees have left the program for that reason. She said that there are 63 employees still on the program.

Chairman Hertel presented Member Dave Ronen with a plaque and thanked him for his two years of service on the County Board and for his work on the MCEDC and the Personnel Committee. Chairman Hertel then presented Bonnie L. Branum with his plaque for his 30 years of service on the Montgomery County Board and stated that Branum has always served on Road and Bridge and the Finance Committees. Branum stated that he has served on

the board under the following County Board Chairmen: Ed Spinner, Paul Hamrock, Ralph Bawden, Joe Cordani, Mike Havera, Mike Plunkett and Roy Hertel and has enjoyed his years of service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **County Board Reorganization Date -Update:** Hertel stated this meeting will be held on Monday, December 1st, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
2. **CEFS Central Illinois Public Transit Monthly Progress Report -Update:** Hertel stated this information is in Board packets.
3. **County-wide Connected Water System -Update:** Chairman Hertel stated he continues to look for funding for this project.
4. **Incident Management Team (IMT) Meeting -Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that Undersheriff Rick Robbins and Sheriff's office Communications Captain Greg Nimmo will be hosting an IMT Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at the Health Department at 6:00 p.m.
5. **Resolution #2014-5 of Participation and Support - Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officers In-service Training Act -Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated that the County board members have a resolution of participation and support for Law Enforcement Officers In-service Training Act for their review, and said that this resolution was approved last month for the Coroner's Office. After its approval, the Sheriff called and stated that he also needs this approved by the County Board for his office. Chairman Hertel said that if the resolution states that it is for Montgomery County and doesn't state a specific office, then it can be used for all the county's law enforcement offices such as the States Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office. **Motion by Graden second by Gasparich to approve the Resolution of Participation and Support for Law Enforcement Officers' In-service Training. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, pages 107-108).**
6. **Other Business -Update:** Chairman Hertel reported on the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board Meeting he attended on October 23rd, 2014 and he stated he will write a letter to the Chairman of the Housing Authority letting them know that it is our understanding that the Housing Authority Director will attend the Comprehensive Planning Meetings and that she will make a report to the full board once a year.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Bob Sneed as follows:

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report -Update:** Sneed reported that Maintenance staff person Lloyd Meyer checked the heating systems and there is a little trouble with the boiler at the Jail building that will need attention.
2. **Tuck-pointing Historic Courthouse -Update:** Sneed reported that we have paid about 27% on the project and that he has been trying to call them in regards to the work that was completed and what remains to be completed.
3. **Communications Tower:** The board went into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss property acquisition.
4. **Sound System in Board Room -Update:** Sneed reported that two wireless microphones were ordered for the sound system in the County Board room.
5. **Other Business -Update:** Plunkett stated that he was at the Waggoner Depot and it looks like the building will need a little work in the next couple of years. Sneed pledged to have someone look at this need.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows:

1. **Dakota Access Pipeline Presentation -Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Dakota Pipeline representatives were at the committee meeting to give an update on their project. She said that Adam Broad with the Dakota Access Pipeline Project was present and told the committee they are planning to start construction in 2016 on the thirty miles of 30 inch pipeline that will go through just west of Litchfield. She said that they have already contacted local labor unions and will work with County Highway Engineers to acquire road crossing permits and enter into road agreements.

2. **Presentation by Clean Line Energy on Grain Belt Transmission Project -Update:** Rick Cornell and Ally Smith from Clean Line Energy spoke to the board regarding the Grain Belt project. Cornell stated that the Grain Belt Transmission Project is part of the Clean Line Energy Corporation and they are planning to construct a \$2 billion dollar, 750 mile transmission line that will start in Kansas and come into Illinois at Pike County and go through the state to Indiana. Cornell stated that this past week they sent a letter to the County Clerk announcing a series of public meetings in December and he encouraged board members to also attend. Members received copies of the notice that Leitheiser received for their reference. Cornell stated that the Montgomery County public meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge in Hillsboro on December 2nd, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. He said that letters have been sent out to potential impacted land owners from the Panhandle area of the county to inform them of the public meetings. Cornell stated that there are a couple of proposed routes and that they will be paying \$7,000 per linear mile to the County to allow the communities to benefit from this project. He said that their business open houses will be held in January and also stated that this is an economic development opportunity for the county and that they will need trucking, hauling, engineering and other local services as well as materials such as sand, gravel and concrete needing purchased. Cornell said that construction jobs will also be available and crews will need to eat and be lodged locally. He said they are planning on four to seven structures per mile and will be seeking easements from landowners, and that there will be detailed maps of the potential routes posted on their web site at www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com. Bathurst asked if they are delivering energy anywhere else, and Cornell representative Smith replied that they are transmitting wind energy from Texas to Iowa and she said this project is all privately funded by investors. Chairman Hertel stated that he read the original contract when this project was introduced to the County and he said that energy is very competitive and changes every day, which will make it difficult for a company to pay \$7,000 per mile to the County and be competitive with energy costs. Chairman Hertel also voiced his concern about how long they will be able to pay the County this sum. Cornell stated that a contract is a contract, so if they sign for 20 years then we should get the money for 20 years. Chairman Hertel stated that they should have their public meetings first and then we can talk about an agreement with the County. Deabenderfer asked if this board will have a chance to vote, and Smith stated that the ICC is the regulatory commission and that Grain Belt Express's application will be submitted to them for their final approval of the route and the project. Smith said that Grain Belt Express will have to state in the application why they chose this route, and ultimately it is up to the Illinois ICC to approve their application. Deabenderfer asked if eminent domain can apply if the landowner denies allowing their route to go through their property, and Cornell stated that eminent domain has been used in less than 5% of the landowners so far. Beeler stated that there might not be very much participation at the public meeting since they are having it in Hillsboro and not in the Panhandle area that will potentially be impacted. Hampton+Knodle stated that Grain Belt Express can only get eminent domain privileges if the ICC grants them public utility status. **(See Resolution Book 14, pages 109-112).**
3. **Coal Dust Issues -Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that she has been communicating with City of Hillsboro commissioner Don Karban regarding the coal dust issues from Deer Run Mine. Hampton+Knodle stated that she has a meeting with Assistant State's Attorney Wilson scheduled this week regarding this issue and that she has also recently seen a purchase order for the coal mine for one of the seventy foot wind fences which hopefully will help alleviate coal dust issues.
4. **MCEDC -Update:** This report was given by Ronen during liaison reports. Hampton+Knodle thanked Ronen for his work on the MCEDC and the RLF board. Hampton+Knodle stated she hopes his role to continue on the MCEDC.
5. **Planning Commission -Approval:** The County Board has reviewed the Montgomery County Planning Commission Recommendations for one month, and Heather Hampton+Knodle asked for members to now approve these recommendations. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle, second by Beeler to approve Montgomery County Planning Commission Recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Recommendations, see Resolution Book 14, pages 113-114).**

6. **Workforce Round Table -Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that she and Lindsay Wagahoff will be meeting on November 20th, 2014 with Marchelle Kassebaum about an educational project regarding improving workforce development skills.
7. **Revolving Loan Fund Report -Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that payments are being made on schedule and reports are in the board packet.
8. **Appointment of MCEDC as Revolving Loan Fund Administrator for another 3-Year Term – Approval at end of meeting:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the RLF bankers will have a meeting next Wednesday. During the review of the RLF Policy & Procedure Manual, they noticed that the MCEDC’s term as administrator of the Revolving Loan Fund needs to be updated. She stated that a motion for the new 3-year term to be re-appointed from November 2014 to November 2017 will be made at the end of this meeting.
9. **2014 Legislative Priorities and Input -Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that there will be a public hearing on November 20th, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Hillsboro High School regarding the Eagle Zinc cleanup project and that the committee had discussed the letter that was sent to USEPA regarding the request for the Phase II funding for cleanup.
10. **Economic Development Fund/Developing Guidelines for Long-Term Improvement Fund –Update-CEO Program:** Hampton+Knodle introduced Community Liaison Liz Roepke to board members. Roepke stated that she works for the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship and that the program started about seven 7 years ago when a student interviewed a successful businessman and reported to his teacher that every student should have the same opportunity. As a result of meeting with several other investors, CEO (Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities) was created. As a part of this program, junior and senior high school students in the program meet 90 minutes before their regular classes and are given opportunities to visit businesses in the county. Students must dress in business attire and must go out and meet 50 to 60 businesses each year to learn about their respective businesses. Roepke reported that after seven years of this program they had 400 people in attendance at the trade show. The students raised seed money for their business and the class is funded by investors because local schools don’t have the money. There are up to 70 guest speakers in the classes each year and 101 students who have gone through the program have gone on to college. Bathurst asked what students who have completed the Effingham program in the past seven years have businesses now. Roepke responded that it has taken a long time to gather the info because it takes students much time to graduate college, however; there have been eight students that have come back to the area and three of those eight have started businesses. One student is selling her merchandise on line and another student established a retail front. Another student has established a photography business and opened a retail front in Sangamon county. Plunkett asked about what cooperation is needed from school districts to host the program and Roepke replied that the schools are not responsible for where the students meet. She said that the businesses host the students and provide a meeting place and the high schools don’t have to provide a lot of information, they just need to help recruit the students. ROE Supt. Marchelle Kassebaum stated that Christian County is on board with this CEO program and they are going to put it in place in August of next year. Roepke stated they have a meeting with Christian County tomorrow to see how the program will start and said the school district needs to be on board because of the need for them to coordinate the students getting to business classes and regular classes. **(See Resolution Book 14, pages 115-116).**
11. **Other Business -Update:** Hampton+Knodle announced that the Night of Networking will be held in Litchfield at the Country Club on December 11th, 2014.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

Savage reported continuing billing and collections in a routine fashion.

1. **Update/Approval Tri-Tech Class -Update:** Savage reported that the report will be ready in December.
2. **Update/Approval Pro-Medic Audit -Update:** Savage reported that this audit will be ready in December.

3. **Bid Proposals for Hazard Mitigation Plan -Approval:** Savage reported that there was one proposal submitted from Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry to update and revise the Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in the amount of \$39,912. Chairman Hertel stated that we can pay our part of the grant in in-kind services. Beeler asked if this in the budget and Chairman Hertel replied that this will come out of the FY 2015 budget. Director Holmes stated that we should know at the beginning of the year if we will receive the grant funding. **Motion by Savage second by Webb to approve hiring Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry to complete the five year update to the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan for an amount not to exceed \$39,912 contingent on receiving the IEMA grant to pay for this update. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Update/Approval Other Business:** Savage thanked members for their input regarding recruiting school board members for the upcoming IEMA training, and he stated that 23 people have signed up for the schools emergency meeting that will be held on November 18th and 19th at the KC Hall. Savage encouraged more education staff to sign up for this free class offered by the Illinois School and Campus Security Training Program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Joe Gasparich as follows:

Gasparich thanked Ronen, Kuchar and Branum for their service as County Board members and to Branum for his service on the Finance Committee.

1. **PMA USA Insurance Presentation –Approval for Personnel Committee to give a Recommendation:** Gasparich stated that Toby Dean and Tom Kelty from PMA Insurance came to talk to the committee regarding offering this additional supplemental insurance to county employees. Gasparich said that some discussion took place whether we should let other insurance companies come in, so the Finance committee decided to bring this issue to the full board. He said that if this insurance is offered, it could be payroll deducted from the employees’ paychecks. Bathurst stated that the Personnel Committee’s standpoint is that this should be employee driven and whatever decision was made a long time ago that only AFLAC was offered was an arbitrary one. Bathurst thinks this should be all or nothing and that any company should be able to come in and a make a presentation to offer their supplemental insurance to the employees. Bathurst stated that she has heard that PMA has good credentials and she is not trying to make a judgment call and that the board should consider what we will do regarding letting other insurance companies come in and talk to the employees. Hampton+Knodle asked if it is opened up if it be like a job fair where they come and meet with employees. Bathurst stated that this is in the planning process and the companies will be invited to meet with the employees on their own time after hours. Chairman Hertel stated that there needs to be some limit set up for how many sign up so the Treasurer’s office can payroll deduct the premiums. Bathurst stated that we don’t have to decide this today and this is a service that we can provide to our employees. Jenkins stated that he doesn’t have a problem payroll deducting, but you have to draw the line on how many companies will come in to sell insurance to the employees. Tom Kelty addressed the board regarding giving the employees a choice for supplemental insurance for short term accident coverage, cancer insurance among other offerings to help with their out of pocket expenses. **Motion by Graden and second by Webb to have the Personnel and Finance Committees work on this need and come up with a recommendation to the full board.** Discussion took place and Bathurst stated that only one committee needs to deal with this. The motion was amended to: **Motion by Graden and second by Webb to have the Personnel Committee work on this need and come up with a recommendation to the full board. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 06-07-429-007 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Bishop to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 06-07-429-007. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 117).
3. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 11-28-227-006 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Robinson to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 11-28-227-006.

- All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 118).
4. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 12-22-459-001 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Ronen to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 12-22-459-001. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 119).
 5. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 12-22-481-003 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Deabenderfer to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 12-22-481-003. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 120).
 6. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 13-05-102-007 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 13-05-102-007. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 121).
 7. **Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 20-22-384-004 -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich second by Ronen to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed Conveyance for Parcel # 20-22-384-004. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution for Tax Deed, see Resolution Book 14, page 122).
 8. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report -Update:** Gasparich stated that the monthly report is in their packet to review along with the three fund balance report. We are getting the coal money in each month and are doing well.
 9. **FY 2015 Budget Changes and Recommendations -Update:** Gasparich stated that the only change will be for the increase for IT staff person Curt Watkins' salary. IT manager Bill Purcell came to the committee with a list of duties that Watkins has been doing that has saved the county money that is above his job description. The committee approved increasing his salary by \$1,000. Gasparich stated that Watkins has saved us about \$50,000 to \$60,000 by solving some hardware problems and also worked with a 911 service provider for the Sheriff's department. The total appropriations for FY 2015 will be \$22,541,974.00.
 10. **Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Appropriation, Levies and Resolutions –Approval:** Resolutions were read by State's Attorney Chris Matoush.
 - **Resolution #14 - 6:** Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Appropriation Ordinance for \$22,541,974.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Bathurst. Nays – 2 (Moore, Ronen). Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 7:** Resolution to pass the General Corporate Fund levy for the current taxable year for \$842,400.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Bathurst. Nays – 1 (Moore). Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 8:** Resolution to pass the County Health Department levy for \$416,000.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Graden. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 9:** Resolution to pass the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund levy for \$1,049,500.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 10:** Resolution to pass the Social Security Fund levy for \$580,932.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Robinson. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 11:** Resolution to pass the levy to pay the costs of Insurance Premiums for \$486,375.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Beeler. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14- 12:** Resolution to pass the Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Fund levy for \$90,800.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Beck. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 13:** Resolution to pass the County Highway Fund levy for \$416,000.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Branum. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 14:** Resolution to pass the County Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund levy for \$208,000.00. Motion by Gasparich, second by Miles. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Resolution #14 - 15:** Resolution to pass the Special Aid to County Bridge Fund levy for **\$208,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Hampton+Knodle. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 16:** Resolution to pass the levy for the Litchfield Special Service Area in the amount of **\$181,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Bishop. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 17:** Resolution to pass the levy for the Hillsboro Special Service Area in the amount of **\$85,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Plunkett. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 18:** Resolution to pass the levy for the Nokomis/Witt Special Service Area in the amount of **\$150,000.00**. Motion by Miles, second by Graden. Abstain – 1 (Gasparich). Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 19:** Resolution to pass the levy for the Raymond/Harvel Special Service Area in the amount of **\$50,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Beeler. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 20:** Resolution to pass the levy for the Farmersville/Waggoner Special Service Area in the amount of **\$72,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Beck. Abstain -1 (Webb). Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 21:** Resolution to pass the levy for the County Extension Service for **\$154,910.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Hampton+Knodle. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 22:** Resolution to pass the levy for Senior Citizen Social Services for **\$104,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Bishop. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 23:** Resolution to pass the levy for Veterans Assistance for **\$79,600.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Sneed. All in favor, motion carried.
 - **Resolution #14 - 24:** Resolution to set Salaries for the following Department Heads: Supervisor of Assessments - **\$56,429.00**, Probation Officer - **\$60,242.00**, and Assistant Probation Officers - **\$172,659.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Wendel. All in favor, motion carried. HHK asked how these salaries are set, and Hertel stated a comparison is made to other counties and Probation officer and assistants are set by the Chief Judge. Hertel stated that the Supervisor Of Assessments salary level is compared to elected officials' salaries also.
 - **Resolution #14 - 25:** Resolution to Authorize State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and to appropriate the sum of money not to exceed **\$12,000.00**. Motion by Gasparich, second by Robinson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copies of Resolutions, see Book 14, pages 123-143).
- 11. Passing the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget -Approval:** Motion by Gasparich, second by Beck to Approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes – 16, Nays – 4. Absent – 1. Those Voting Aye: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Ron Deabenderfer, Jim Moore, David Ronen, Mike Webb. Those Absent: Sharon Kuchar. Motion carried.

Webb thanked the finance committee for their hard work and stated that we really need to watch the coal revenue fund due to the announcement yesterday regarding the agreement between China and the US and the fact that it will negatively affect the Coal industry. Chairman Hertel stated that we have to find a way to use the coal because wind energy can't make up the difference. Gasparich announced that he will not be the Finance Chairman next year because of his job time constraints.

12. Other Business -Update: None at this time.

H.W.E. COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Connie Beck as follows:

1. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that the old truck broke down on the same day that the new one was delivered and EPA Inspector Gonet got a bill from Wright Automotive for the towing. Gonet attended a training last week and will go to another training in Springfield on November 19th, 2014.
2. **Recycling Program and Events -Update:** Beck reported that the baler is up and running and the staff is working to get caught up to recycle materials that were not completed during the time the baler was inoperable.
3. **Animal Control Program Update:** Beck reported that everything is going OK.

4. **ICRMT Property Casualty Insurance Renewal -Approval:** Beck reported that Tom Franzen presented the Christian/Montgomery County ROE insurance renewal in the amount of \$14,976 and the County Property Casualty Insurance renewal in the amount of \$211,180. Franzen has reviewed all our coverage levels for the different types of liability insurance in regards to the deductibles, risk management and premiums. Tom Franzen will have the workers compensation report available next month and then at the December 9th, 2014 Board meeting he will go over all the renewal reports and make recommendations to the full board. Beeler asked how much the insurance had increased and Beck stated that the premium last year was \$211,823, which is now \$643 less. **Motion by Beck and second by Gasparich to approve the ICRMT invoice in the amount of \$211,180 for the property casualty insurance renewal and the ROE renewal in the amount of \$14,976. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – 20, Nays – 0. Absent – 1. Those Voting Aye: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Ron Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, David Ronen, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel. Those Voting Nay: None. Those Absent: Sharon Kuchar. All in favor, motion carried.**

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Gene Miles as follows:

1. **Sale of Used Equipment -Approval:** Miles reported that the committee received three bids for the surplus equipment. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve the sale of the surplus equipment to Fuller Brothers for the 1999 International tandem axle dump truck for \$9,002 and to South Litchfield Township for the single axle tandem for \$9,757 and the Flink snow plow for \$2,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Resolution #2014-10: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1121 B-CA, Burg Road, 100% County Project -Approval:** To replace a whistle on Burg Road in South Fillmore Township. Branum stated that the whistle has already installed. **Motion by Miles second by Branum to approve Resolution #2014-10 to appropriate funds for 1121 B-CA on the Burg Road which is a 100% County Project in the amount of \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, pages 144-145).**
3. **Preliminary Services Agreement for East Fork 6th Avenue Township Bridge over Coffeen Lake - Update:** Miles stated that the agreement is in the packet for Hurst-Rosche Engineers to complete this work for an amount not to \$66,300. The committee approved last month and Engineer Smith wanted to have the contract in hand before the full board approved. **Motion by Miles and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Preliminary Services Agreement for East Fork 6th Avenue Township Bridge over Coffeen Lake in the amount of \$66,300 with Hurst-Rosche Engineers.** Moore stated that he heard that there is a possibility that the coal mine will be mining near that bridge and they need to coordinate timing with the coal mine before the bridge is repaired. **The motion was rescinded and agreed to by Miles and Deabenderfer pending coordinating with the coal mine about the timeframe when they will mine under this bridge.**
4. **Highway Capital Improvement Projects: Pine Street in Irving, Nokomis Road -Update:** Miles reported that the committee is having ongoing discussions regarding the options for these projects.
5. **County 2015 MFT Resolution- Resolution #2014-11 -Approval:** Miles reported that they need to approve this annual resolution. **Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to approve the County 2015 MFT Resolution- Resolution #2014-11. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 146).**
6. **Pipeline Permit/Road Use Agreement -Update:** Engineer Smith reported that the board members received a 17 page Pipeline Permit/Road Use Agreement document to review. Smith stated that some other counties got together to draft this standard agreement and that he wants the county board to address the three following questions. On page #2, the County needs to decide how much they would like to charge for

the management of this agreement and on Page 9 how much to set the Surety bond. On page 14, Smith wants the board to set how much we want them to require for insurance. Smith stated that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed this agreement and that the Road and Bridge committee will come up with the answers to these three questions to recommend to the full board at the next meeting. Hampton+Knodle asked if we need two motions. Miles stated that we want one road use agreement to cover everything and there will be a format that will be voted on. Moore stated that there would have to be one of these agreements if the transmission line company comes in the county also. Smith stated that the Townships could also use the format of the 17 page document that he has. **(For copy of Road Use Agreement, See Resolution Book 14, pages 147-164).**

Miles commended Branum and Kuchar for their years of service on the Road and Bridge Committee. He stated that Branum was chairman of the Road and Bridge committee for many years and Kuchar was a very active member.

7. **Other Business -Update:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Quarterly Time-off Reports -Update:** Bathurst stated that the committee reviewed the time off reports ending August 31st, 2014.
2. **2015 Montgomery County Holiday Schedule -Approval:** Bathurst stated that the committee reviewed and approved the 2015 Holiday Schedule that is submitted in everyone's packet. **Motion by Bathurst second by Martin to approve the 2015 Montgomery County Holiday Schedule. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 165).**
3. **Local 773 in the Sheriff's Department -Update:** Bathurst stated that the committee has been exchanging counter proposals with Local 773.
4. **Personnel Manual -Update:** Bathurst stated that the committee has been working on the revisions to the Personnel Manual for the past several months and the draft is being presented to the full board today so they can review it for one month. The board will be asked to take action at the December full board meeting.
5. **Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Property Acquisition -Approval at end:**
6. **Other Business -Update:** None at this time.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Hertel announced the following:

1. Ebola information from the EMA office is on the side table.
2. Cake and punch will be served after the board meeting to recognize Bonnie Branum for his 30 years of service on the County Board.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Hertel announced the following:

1. County Board Reorganization meeting is December 1st, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
2. The next Regular Finance Committee meeting has been changed to Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. due to Board Reorganization.
3. Employee Holiday Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 17th in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 11:00 to 1:30 pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Motion by Webb and second by Gasparich to re-appoint Tom Rogers to the 911 Board for a 4 year term ending November 30th, 2018. All in favor, motion carried. He is the chairperson and has served on this board since it started.

2. Motion by Martin and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve that the MCEDC be the Revolving Loan Fund Administrator for a three year term from November 2014 to November 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Hampton+Knodle asked if there will be a new County Board member orientation and which budget pays for a new flag for the pole in front of the Historic Courthouse. Chairman Hertel stated that the Sheriff's department will purchase a new flag for the pole in front of the Historic Courthouse.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore, A&D Electrical Supply and to Point of Light Awards -Approval:** Motion by Robinson, second by Bathurst to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore, A&D Electrical Supply and Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 17, Against – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain -3 (Moore, Ronen, Beck). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Gasparich, 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 2014.

Executive Session for the purpose to Discuss Personnel and Property Acquisition –Approval:

- Motion by Bathurst and second by Graden to go into Executive Session. Time: 10:55 a.m.
- Motion by Miles and second by Ronen to come out of Executive Session. Time: 11:35 a.m.

Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to approve the contract to purchase the tower and two acres from the Cervi family in the amount of \$38,000 pending the outcome of a survey, with the county retaining road access. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes – 18, Nays – 2, Absent – 1. Those Voting Aye: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Nikki Bishop, Bonnie Branum, Ron Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Earlene Robinson, David Ronen, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett. Those Absent: Sharon Kuchar. Motion carried. No action was taken on the Personnel Issue.

ADJOURN: Until the Board Reorganization Meeting on Monday, December 1st, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Branum second by Bishop to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.