

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 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, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mike Plunkett.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Wendel and second by Young to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Beck and second by Martin to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

Illinois Law Enforcement Management Presentation: Dave Fellows of ILEAS was present and stated that he was in attendance to make a special presentation to Sheriff Vazzi in appreciation of his tenure on the ILEAS board. Fellows said that Vazzi was one of the founding board members of ILEAS, which provides for and facilitates mutual aid throughout the State of Illinois, and he recently stepped down from the ILEAS board. Vazzi was presented with a plaque from ILEAS representative Fellows.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons was present for questions. Lemons stated that she sent the first list of individuals who have delinquent fines to the Illinois Comptroller's Office to see if we can collect some of the money owed from their tax returns.
2. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
3. **Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
4. **Highway Department Report** --- Kevin Smith was present for questions.
5. **Probation Office Report** ---- Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
6. **Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
7. **Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
8. **Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
9. **SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
10. **T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin – report was submitted.
11. **Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
12. **V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.
13. **Animal Control Report** – Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.

APPROVAL OF 13 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gasparich and second by Graden to approve the 13 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **911 Board** – Webb stated that there will be a meeting next Thursday night.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there are no projects under consideration at this time.

- **Health Dept.** – Martin reported that there has been no meeting held.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett and Bergen reported that no meeting was held.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper reported that a “strategic focus” handout prepared by Will Shalter is in everyone’s packet for review. Hopper also reported that the MCEDC is working with the city of Nokomis on a grant for a new police car and is also working with municipalities to submit information for the MCEDC tourism brochure. Hopper stated that Shalter is also working on a re-population brochure. Hopper also reported that Terri Miller has recently resigned from the MCEDC board and Dr. Bob Mulch has been appointed to replace her.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that the company from Dietrich in charge of the Montgomery County Water Company reported at the MCWC meeting that they found a leak within the system and are in the process of locating it.
- **Planning Commission** – Beeler stated that their next meeting will be held next Wednesday night.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent so there is no report this month.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported that a meeting was held recently that included presentations from the State’s Attorneys and called board members’ attention to a Practical Guide to County Government Law Handbook provided by the United Counties Council of Illinois.
- **U of I** –Evan Young referred to U of I Extension Director Amanda Cole to give the report. Cole stated that the U of I Extension annual report is on everyone’s desk at the meeting and she praised Elisha Hughes who was with her and was able to borrow a 3-D printer from the University of Illinois for a few months and plan to have some workshops to teach some youth on how to use the equipment. Cole and Hughes gave each board member a cut out of the State of Illinois showing Montgomery County printed from the 3-D printer as a sample of what it can do. They also presented the board with a 3-D replica of the Historic Courthouse which will be put on display on the first floor of that building in the public display case.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that there is nothing to report.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that there will be a meeting on Thursday night.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst reported they are trying to schedule a meeting to go over the third quarter statistics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that there is nothing new to report and that he was told the coal mine continues to try to seal off the area with the fire and pump nitrogen in the area.
2. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **North Road Damage Update:** Miles reported that the committee met with the individual who was responsible for the damage on the North Road in the Hillsboro area and that he agreed that the damage was their fault, however he didn’t agree on the amount invoiced for the damages. Beeler stated that she spoke with the individual and he told her that he didn’t receive a copy of the police report and no one called him letting him know that he was going to have to pay for the damages. Miles said that the damage was done in May and the Highway Department completed the repairs in September. Miles stated that the responsible party will check with his insurance company and report back to the committee.
2. **Pine Street, Irving Update:** Miles reported that Phase one of the Pine Street project is complete and the amount of trucks using the road created a dust issue. Miles stated that a treatment to keep the dust down will be applied later this week.
3. **Nokomis Quarry Boring Project Update:** Miles stated that the committee discussed and approved issuing a \$50,000 surety bond to Nokomis Quarry so they can install a 12’ encased pipe under County Highway 7 (Taylorville Road).
4. **New Wave Phone Contract Update:** Miles reported that the committee approved a contract with New Wave Communications for phone and internet services for the Highway Department.

5. **P.E. Agreement, McDonough-Whitlow, P.C., 15-10120-00-BR, Nokomis Township, Cottonwood Trail Approval:** Miles stated that the Committee reviewed and approved the P.E. Agreement with McDonough-Whitlow PC for repairs to the bridge on Cotton Wood Trail near Nokomis that is scheduled for next year. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve the P.E. Agreement with McDonough Whitlow P.C. for an amount not to exceed \$61,900 for the bridge #15-10120-00 in Nokomis Township on Cottonwood Trail. Roll Call Vote: 20 Members Voting Yes = Bathurst, Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Gasparich, Graden, Hampton+Knodle, Hertel, Hopper, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Webb, Wendel and Young. One member absent = Nikki Bishop. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 289-294).**
6. **P.E. Agreement, Hurst-Rosche, 15-05120-00-BR, Fillmore Township, North 11th Avenue Approval:** Miles reported that the committee reviewed and approved the P.E. Agreement with Hurst-Rosche for an amount not to exceed \$41,000 for the bridge in Fillmore Township a mile south of Seven Sisters that has a 5 ton weight limit and is scheduled to be done next year. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve and recommend the P.E. Agreement with Hurst-Rosche for an amount not to exceed \$41,000 for the Fillmore Township Bridge #15-05120-00-BR. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 295-299).**
7. **Resolution #2015-11: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1128 B-CA, North 17th Avenue, Irving Township, 50% Road District – 50% County Approval:** Miles reported that the estimate is \$11,000 that will be split 50% each for an amount of \$5,500 each. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve Resolution #2015-11 to appropriate funds for 1128 B-CA North 1st Avenue in Irving Township in the amount of \$5,500. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 300-301).**
8. **Resolution #2015-12: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1129 B-CA, North 20th Avenue, Nokomis Township, 50% Road District – 50% County Approval:** Miles reported that the estimate is \$15,000 with the County portion of 50% in the amount of \$7,500. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to approve Resolution #2015-12 to appropriate funds for 1129 B-CA on North 20th Avenue in Nokomis Township in the amount of \$7,500. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 302-303).**
9. **Crude Oil Pipeline Approval:** Miles stated that the committee discussed the Dakota Access Crude Oil Pipeline project in regards to the surety bond and administrative fees. He said that the project is expected to start in the spring of 2016, will affect 29.5 miles of county roads and is expected to take two to four weeks to complete. He said that the committee recommends a \$25,000 administration fee and Engineer Smith stated that he checked with a few other counties and their admin. fee is \$10,000 and surety bond was \$3.5 million. Smith reported that the trucks will be legal on 80,000 roads and said that he is having a meeting today at 2:00 pm with Dakota Access and other engineers to talk about the map they presented for the project. Hampton+Knodle asked if the township commissioners will also be at today's meeting and Smith replied that he advised them of the map and meetings. Young asked if we have any control with the permit and Smith replied affirmatively and said that once we sign the road use agreement the two values that the board approves are included in it. Smith also stated that we can tell them what roads we want them to use for this project. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to set the administrative cost at a minimum of \$25,000 and the bond at \$3.5 million for the Crude Oil Pipeline project road use agreement. All in Favor, motion carried.**
10. **Above-ground Fuel Tanks Update:** Miles reported that the electricians have been back and a few things need to be checked out before the State Fire Marshall's Office can inspect the fuel pumps. Smith said he will make contact with the State Fire Marshall regarding this need.
11. **Other Business Update:** Miles reported that the road grater will need a new set of tires due to the work completed on the Pine Street project, and he said that the replacement cost will be about \$13,000 for the tires. Hertel commended the Highway Department for their work done on this project.

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

1. **Invoice to Install Radio, Lights and Canine Equipment Approval:** Sneed reported that the Sheriff's Department submitted an invoice for \$10,689 payable to Whiteside Communications to install radio, lights and canine equipment in the new vehicle. Sheriff Vazzi stated that his department received a grant last year for \$80,000 to purchase a new Chevy Tahoe, equipment, a canine and training for the dog and its handler. The canine officer will complete the training in November. **Motion by Beck and second by Gasparich to approve the invoice in the amount of \$10,689 to install a radio, lights and canine equipment in the new vehicle. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed reported that the north door of the Historic Courthouse will be painted this week and a deep cycle battery on the sump pump at the Annex building was replaced. He said that there was an air handler repaired at the Historic Courthouse and drainage problems with new coils at the Courthouse Complex were repaired at no charge.
3. **Proposal for Engineering Services to Review the Annex Building Issues Update:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed the work assessment report prepared by McDonough-Whitlow for the masonry renovation of the Annex Building and the chimneys of the Historic Courthouse. He said that there are different options where the contractors would submit alternate bids and McDonough Whitlow will advertise for bids. Sneed stated that the committee set a pre-bid meeting for Monday, November 9th, 2015 at 9:00 am in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse, the bids will need to be returned by Monday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m. and will be opened at the regular Building and Grounds committee meeting on December 4th, 2015 so that a recommendation to award a bid can be made to the Full Board on December 8th, 2015.
4. **Communications Tower Renovations Update:** Sneed reported that the Communications Tower has been painted and other renovations are moving along. He said that they hope the tower will be operational by the end of the month and they are working on some frequency issues so that space can be rented to the Hillsboro School District.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

Ambulance Call Reports:

Collections: Savage reported that \$96,228.84 was collected on the new system and there is nothing left to collect on the old billing system.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

EMA:

1. **Conference in Springfield Update:** Savage reported that Director Holmes attended a conference in Springfield where they talked about the importance of mitigation planning.
2. **Contact Information Update:** Savage stated that a test of the notification system in the aftermath of a disaster will take place on Wednesday, October 21st, 2015.
3. **Meeting/Exercise with Animal Control Update:** Savage reported that Holmes will be working with Animal Control on a plan to find and care for residents' pets and livestock in case of an emergency or disaster.
4. **MOU's Update:** Savage reported that the Memorandums Of Understanding (MOU's) were mailed out to 97 taxing authorities in the county and that 52 have been signed and sent back so far. Chairman Hertel asked Holmes to retrieve the signed MOU's so that the remaining taxing authorities can be contacted to sign and return their agreements also. Webb stated that he would like board members to get a list of the remaining taxing authorities so that board members can help retrieve them.
5. **Latter Rain Ministries Update:** Savage reported that the Latter Rain Ministries are in the process of installing a commercial kitchen in the former nursing home they purchased and that they have agreed to cooperate with us to distribute food and house emergency personnel in case of a disaster.

6. **Fire Extinguisher Training Update:** Savage reported that the fire extinguisher training for county employees is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th with two classes scheduled in the morning and two in the afternoon. Chairman Hertel stated that the insurance company requires every employee participate in the training so they know how to handle a fire extinguisher.
7. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Megan Beeler as follows:

1. **Nokomis Dispatching Contract Approval:** Beeler stated that Under Sheriff Robbins presented the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Nokomis for dispatching services and that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed and approved the dispatching service contracts with the Cities of Nokomis and Litchfield. **Motion by Beeler and second Graden by to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Nokomis for dispatching services. Gasparich abstains. All others in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 304-305).**
2. **City Of Litchfield Dispatching Contract Approval:** Beeler stated that the City of Litchfield has approved and signed their contract for Dispatching services with the County and that this contract has been reviewed and approved by Assistant State's Attorney Wilson. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bergen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield for dispatching services. All in favor, Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 306-308).**
3. **Inmate Health Care Contract Renewal with CHC Correctional Healthcare Companies, Inc. Update:** Beeler reported that the Sheriff's Department renewed the contract with CHC Correctional Healthcare Companies for Inmate Health Care needs and this contract was reviewed by Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson.
4. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler stated that Durston's report is in everyone's packet for review.
5. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the monthly coal revenue report is in everyone's packet and that the July payment was about \$125,000 and the September payment was about \$63,000. Beeler also noted that the revenue continues to decrease and there is no news on when the coal mine will re-open.
6. **New Wave Communications Company Contract for Phone and Internet Services Approval:** Beeler reported that County IT Representative Bill Purcell has been looking at other options for phone and internet services for the County buildings. Purcell and Assistant State's Attorney Wilson have reviewed and negotiated a three year contract with New Wave Communication Company for phone and internet services for the buildings in the County Complex, Animal Control, and the Highway Department. She said that there will be a substantial cost savings of about \$2,000 each month along with free long distance and faster internet. Beeler stated that the Health Department has already changed over to New Wave Communications and Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed and approved the final draft of the contract for full board action. **Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve the three year contract with New Wave Communications for Phone and Internet Services. All in Favor, motion carried.**
7. **Zobrio Accounting Software Implementation & Access for Supervisors Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed some of the issues with the Zobrio Accounting Software and will be having a joint meeting with the Personnel Committee on Wednesday, October 21st at 9:00 am in the County Board room. She said that the meeting will involve discussion making sure all the modules are being used and that there is read only access for supervisors to meet their needs. Beeler stated that we want to make sure that all County departments get what they need.
8. **FY 2016 Budget Changes/Recommendation Approval:** Beeler stated that the Committee made a few changes to the FY 2016 budget and a copy is on everyone's desk to review. Beeler reported that there will need to be a few more adjustments made to revise the salaries for the three union contracts that were just negotiated before the board approves the budget next month. Hampton+Knodle stated that she doesn't see any carry over funds in any of the reports and she wondered why they don't appear in the new budget. Chairman Hertel replied that whatever funds that are not spent in the budget at the end of the fiscal year do

not carry over, and office holders have to budget for the expenses the next year. Plunkett stated that we could get our account balances any day of the week and that we would have to budget each year for expenses that we want to spend. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to approve the changes and to recommend the Amended FY 2016 budget and to post it for 30 days at the entrance to County Clerk and Recorder's Office. All in favor, motion carried.**

9. **Adopt the FY 2016 Aggregate Levy Approval:** Beeler said that the committee discussed approving the adoption of the FY 2016 Aggregate Levy. She stated that last month the full board received the actual Tax Extension report and approved the estimated FY 2016 Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$5,396,558 which represents a 4.9983% increase. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to approve the FY 2016 Aggregate Levy in the amount of \$5,396,558 which is a 4.9983% increase. Moore voted no, all others present are in favor of the motion and the motion is carried.**
10. **Convey Parcel #10-33-362-010 to the City of Litchfield Approval:** Beeler said the committee reviewed the resolution to convey parcel #10-33-326-010 to the City of Litchfield. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to convey parcel #10-33-362-010 to the City of Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 309).**
11. **Convey Parcel #20-24-478-001 to the Village of Donnellson Approval:** Beeler said the committee reviewed the resolution to convey parcel #20-24-478-001 to the Village of Donnellson. **Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to convey parcel #20-24-478-001 to the Village of Donnellson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 310).**
12. **Convey Parcel #17-35-330-002 to the City of Coffeen Approval:** Beeler said the committee reviewed the resolution to convey parcel #17-35-330-002 to the City of Coffeen. **Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to convey parcel #17-35-330-002 to the City of Coffeen. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 311).**
13. **Convey Parcel #17-35-330-003 to the City of Coffeen Approval:** Beeler said the Committee reviewed the resolution to convey parcel #17-35-330-003 to the City of Coffeen. **Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to convey parcel #17-35-330-003 to the City of Coffeen. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 312).**
14. **Convey Parcel #17-35-406-013 to the City of Coffeen Approval:** Beeler said the Committee reviewed the resolution to convey parcel #17-35-406-013 to the City of Coffeen. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to convey parcel #17-35-406-013 to the City of Coffeen. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 14, page 313).**
15. **Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase Parcel #17-35-354-004 in East Fork Township Approval:** Beeler said the committee reviewed and approved the assignment of tax sale certificate of Purchase for parcel #17-35-354-004 in East Fork Township. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to assign the tax sales certificate for parcel #17-35-354-004 in East Fork Township. All in favor, motion carried.** Hertel said that the county now has assisted municipalities in acquiring 21 properties for \$810 each, and all will be cleaned up and placed back on the rolls.
16. **Agreement with the Village of Ohlman Regarding Acquisition and Cleanup Update/Approval:** The committee reviewed an Intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ohlman regarding the acquisition and cleanup of a property in the village. Gasparich stated that the Village of Ohlman has signed the agreement and that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed and approved it. **Motion by Beeler and second by Gasparich to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Ohlman to acquire and clean up the derelict property. All in favor, motion carried.** Chairman Hertel stated that there have been 21 properties in the County where the municipalities paid the minimum amount to the County Trustee so they could be cleaned up and put back on the tax rolls. **(See Resolution Book 14, pages 314-317).**
17. **Other Business Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee will continue to look at the makeup of the County Board.

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

1. Recycling Program and Events Update:

- **Electronics Recycling Drive in Litchfield this Saturday, October 10th, 2015:** Beck reported that BLH Electronics conducted a successful Electronics Recycling Drive in Litchfield last Saturday, October 10th. Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that she seen some TVs that that were dropped off at the Hillsboro recycling facility and asked if the Recycling staff took them to Litchfield and if so, who would pay the \$20 disposal fee. Beck replied that possibly someone dumped the TVs at the Hillsboro recycling facility and it costs \$20 to recycle TVs, but she doesn't think that the County would be charged by BLH in this circumstance. Plunkett stated that we need a permanent spot in our county for Electronics Disposal because he often gets TVs dropped off illegally at his apartments in Raymond. Chairman Hertel agreed that there is a concern about illegal dumping of TVs stated that this is a problem that we did not create.

- 2. Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck stated that things are going well at Animal Control and that there are plenty of kittens for adoption. Beck also reminded residents to get their pets rabies vaccinated.

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

- 1. MCEDC Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter created a visual handout regarding Montgomery County's Regional Job Performance from 2004 – 2014 and pointed out the numbers for various job statistics

- 2. Revolving Loan Fund Report Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the RLF monthly payments have been submitted on time.

3. Utilities Update:

- **Grain Belt and other:** Hampton+Knodle thanked Beck and Deabenderfer for attending the meeting in Raymond and stated that the Illinois Commerce Commission should be making a ruling in November about the Grain Belt utility status.

4. Business Sites and Development Update:

- a. Eagle Zinc Operable Unit 2:** Hampton+Knodle stated that plans are being finalized for phase two of the Eagle Zinc clean-up project and that Chairman Hertel will write a letter to legislators regarding the issues with the Contractor who worked on Phase One of the project.

- b. Electronics Recycling Pitch:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter talked to BLH Electronics Recycling regarding their relocation plans in the future and he offered assistance when they reach that point to consider Montgomery County as their relocation site.

- c. CEO Program:** Hampton+Knodle stated the CEO program is off to a good start and they are planning a networking event for November 16th, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn in Litchfield. Hampton+Knodle also reported that they are seeking Mentors for the students and they will be using the U of I Extension 3-d printer throughout the program. She said they are also working on the recruitment process for next year.

5. Tourism Update/Approval:

- a. Tourism South Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter is our primary contact with the Tourism Bureau and she said that Shalter sent the Tourism Bureau a list of County items to be included in their next publication and they are moving forward and pursuing the branding concept.

6. Planning Update:

- a. Planning Commission Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st.

- b. West Central:** Hampton+Knodle stated that we have not received the evaluation from the WCEDC Admin group yet and that Shalter attended their meeting last Thursday and learned that West Central was able to receive their federal funding but Community Colleges would not be receiving funding.

7. **Infrastructure Update:**

- a. **Broadband Opportunity:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Hopper and Shalter went to visit with representatives from the City of Highland which has their own municipally owned fiber system utility they started ten years ago. She said that Highland offers cable TV, phone and internet services and that we are looking into the possibility of offering a franchise like that here in Montgomery County. Hampton+Knodle reported that she and University of Illinois representative Chris Casey recently visited a private business in Taylorville which is a licensed utility provider with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Hampton+Knodle stated that we need to look at options of getting faster internet services to people's homes as well as businesses like Hillsboro's Care Otter that has the potential for hundreds of new local jobs. Gasparich commented that we should partner with the City of Litchfield since the fiber runs up I-55. Hampton+Knodle stated that the Economic Development Committee is working with the MCEDC to seek proposals with other Internet providers. Young stated that if we want to grow this county, we need to be serious about doing this because businesses rely on the internet.
- b. **Farm Bike Trail Sign & Intergovernmental Agreement Update/Approval:** Hampton+Knodle stated that Deabenderfer and Webb are working on signage for the bike trail with the Highway Department.

8. **Incentives – EZ, abatements Update:**

- a. **Enterprise Zone Legal Description:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the legal descriptions are complete.
- b. **Enterprise Zone New Application:** Hampton+Knodle stated that our EZ consultant Craig Coil contacted us and said that the State Enterprise Zone Board will not approve applications with expiration dates prior to 2018. She said that this administration is following the rule of applying two years before your application is due. Hampton+Knodle stated that she had a lengthy conversation with DCEO's Deputy Director regarding her concerns of our rural county waiting for two more years to apply when there are only so many slots. Hampton+Knodle stated that we can move forward with the legal descriptions additions and deletions, and to add Butler and Donnellson as units of government. Chairman Hertel stated that we had a signed contract with Craig Coil and he appreciates his honesty by telling us about the State's policy where we would need to apply in 2018 without charging us for services we may not need.

9. **CIPT – CEFS Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that CIPT Transportation Director Dennis Shiley has moved and that Kim Adair has been hired by CEFS as his replacement.

10. **Other Business Update:** Hampton+Knodle reported that Illinois Department of Transportation has officially transferred the oversight of the Route 66 Prairie to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. She said that the Prairie Grass project is near Interstate 55 and is maintained by the Natural Area Guardians.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:

1. **Local 397 Union Negotiations Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that the issues will be discussed further in executive session later in the meeting.
2. **Local 148 Union – Circuit Clerk's Office Negotiations Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that the committee is working with Circuit Clerk Lemons and the business agent for Local 148 to start the union negotiation process.
3. **Local 773 Sheriff Dispatchers/Jailers Dispute over Penalty for Pension Fund & Addendum Update/Approval:** Bathurst stated that issues with the pension fund for Local 773 have been resolved.
4. **Zobrio Human Resources Module Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that they will discuss this issue at a joint meeting with the Finance committee on Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 at 9:00 am.
5. **Review Draft of Personnel Manual Updates from ICRMT Update/Approval:** Bathurst reported that the committee will be recommending some changes to the Personnel Manual.

6. **Holiday Schedule for 2016 Approval:** Bathurst stated that the committee has approved and recommends the 2016 Holiday Schedule as presented. Beeler talked about the potential of closing the Courthouses for Old Settlers because it is not that busy and it would save money. Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that Court is never held on Old Settlers because there is no parking. Bathurst stated that it would be hard to do this logistically with all the unions' contracts since Holidays are set within their individual contracts. **Motion by Bathurst and second by Robinson to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 318).**

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Union Negotiations and Litigation Issues Approval: Motion to go into Executive Session regarding personnel issues, union negotiations and litigation.

Motion by Bathurst and second by Martin to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Union Negotiations and Litigation issues. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:30 am

Motion by Martin and second by Robinson to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:55 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Beck announced that the Animal Control Facility will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 17th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Beck stated that they will be serving pork patties and encouraged residents to attend and sign up to volunteer.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Hertel announced a Special Joint Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on October 21st, 2015 at 9:00 am.

APPOINTMENT APPROVALS:

1. **Motion by Graden and second by Hopper to appoint Randall Singler as a Commissioner to the Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of the Towns of Irving, Witt, Nokomis and Rountree. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Bill Schroeder asked about the contractor issues with the Dakota Access pipeline project and whether the County has any input on the bonding requirements for the utilities affected by these projects. Chairman Hertel stated that the utilities would have to negotiate their own bonding levels and he would bring up Mr. Schroeder's question at the upcoming meeting with the pipeline representatives at the Highway Department.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Plunkett and second by Webb to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. Voice Vote: In favor – 18, Against – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Young and second by Martin to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2015.**

RECESS: Motion by Gasparich and second by Miles to RECESS the Full Board Meeting until Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.