

# Montgomery County Board

## Minutes

For Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 19 members present, 2 members absent.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, 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, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

**Members Absent:** Bob Sneed and Mike Webb

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by member Chuck Graden.**

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:**

Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Chief Assessment Officer's Report** ---- Ray Durston was present for questions and reported that he has hired Cassidy Younker to fill the GIS Technician position in his office.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report** ---- Holly Lemons- was submitted.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions. Leitheiser informed members about the Rental Housing Surcharge Program (RHSP) that impacts the Recording fees of her office and requires a state mandated fee of \$9.00 per document be collected for the Rental Housing Surcharge Program which is then sent monthly to the Illinois Department of Revenue for distribution to qualifying landlords and programs statewide for low income housing needs with no stipulation that it be devoted to Montgomery County housing needs. Leitheiser shared that her office has collected \$430,326 for that fund to date and the state has full control over it, despite efforts made by the Recorders to require the funds be returned to benefit our own County residents. Leitheiser commended our CEFS organization, which has successfully applied and received about \$117,168 back for Montgomery County low income housing needs.
- 4. County Treasurer's Report** ---- Ron Jenkins was present for questions.
- 5. Health Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 6. Probation Office Report** ---- Bance Ulrici – was submitted.
- 7. Public Defender's Report** ---- Erin Mattson – was submitted.
- 8. Sheriff's Report** ---- Jim Vazzi- was submitted.
- 9. T.B. Department Report** – Becky Durbin was present for questions.
- 10. V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 10 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Young and second by Bathurst to approve the 10 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Hertel reported that many board members attended a breakfast at the Farm Bureau this morning before the County Board meeting and he stated that members appreciated the invitation and the fellowship. Hertel added that we have a great working relationship with the Farm Bureau and that the County Board is taking an active role to protect county roads with the two potential pipeline/transmission projects facing our county. Hertel then introduced Senator Tom Cullerton from Villa Park, Illinois who is the Montgomery County Farm Bureau's adopted Legislator and he addressed the County Board and answered members' questions regarding school funding and the issue of unvaccinated children in public schools. Hertel asked Cullerton about the status of state income tax reimbursement to counties and municipalities and stated that he would like to see it restored to the 10% level before 2025. Hertel said that the county used to receive 10% of the income taxes but in 2011 the formula was changed and counties and municipalities were lowered to 7%, and in January 2015 the income tax increase was allowed to sunset and the reimbursement level became 8% and was not restored to the 10% level. Senator Cullerton replied that he didn't think the income tax would be restored anytime soon because there are not any new revenue streams on the horizon for the State.

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **911 Board** – Webb was absent.
- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that CEFS is taking applications for scholarships and she shared an article that shows Montgomery County is one of four counties in Illinois on the poverty warning list. Robinson stated that the County Board needs to promote jobs and businesses to get us off this list.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that there is no new information at this time.
- **Health Department** – Martin reported that things are positive at the Health Department.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Plunkett and Bergen reported there is a state meeting scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> and that there is also a zone meeting in March that they plan to attend.
- **MCEDC** – Heather Hampton+Knodle reported that there were three accounts set up for the CEO Program where the MCEDC will serve as their fiscal agent. Hampton+Knodle also stated that the MCEDC is making plans for their 10 year anniversary and that Executive Director Lindsay Wagahoff recently received an offer for a job as a IL House Legislative aide in Springfield and will be leaving her position with the MCEDC as a result. Hampton+Knodle stated that this change creates some opportunities for the MCEDC and that she is meeting with their board this afternoon for further discussion.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that the weather has delayed installing water pipe around the County and that phase five is scheduled to be completed sometime this summer. He reported that the water meters will all be transitioned to more efficient radio read capability technology.
- **Planning Commission** – Beeler stated that the Planning Commission met and elected officers as well as discussed the structural notification permit process, storm water issues and the potential transmission line.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop reported that the Board will meet five times a year during the months of January, April, July, October and December. She stated that the Senior Citizen board will also look at addressing some parking lot problems at the Taylor Springs facility this spring when the weather is warmer.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported that the Governor Rauner and Dr. Kent Redfield spoke at their recent meeting.
- **U of I** –Evan Young reported that the next meeting will be held in March.
- **VAC** – Sneed was absent.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that they will have a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:**

1. **CEFS Central Illinois Public Transit Monthly Progress Report Update:** Chairman Hertel deferred to CIPT Transportation Manager Dennis Shiley and Mobility Manager Nathan Nichols who addressed the board regarding their monthly reports and progress on the B-Line route in Litchfield. Shiley stated that they held a quarterly meeting in January and that the overall transportation system is working well. He also reported that there was a 7 percent decrease in ridership for Montgomery County and that they would like to get more people on the buses to make the

best use of the funding. Shiley also reported that funding will not get any better from IDOT so CIPT is looking for more service contracts and ways to promote and advertise their services to promote ridership. He said that Shelby County exceeded their goal by 60 percent because they have large service contracts with CIPT for community services. Shiley also reported that they continue to work on getting the Litchfield B Line route established and stated that it would cost \$60,000 to \$65,000 to operate and they wondered if they will get enough ridership to offset the costs. Mobility Manager Nathan Nichols stated that he has been attending various community meetings to encourage people who need the transportation to use the system. Nichols added that they went to places in the county to put up advertising, he has sent out more than 85 mailings and he has met with the senior citizen groups to advertise their bus services. Beeler suggested that they reach out to the Montgomery County Housing Authority. Hampton+Knodle suggested reaching out to the Health Department and County Clerk's Office to provide their CIPT materials and stated that she was shocked to learn about the discrepancies in funding to the counties they serve. Leitheiser stated that she could provide information about the transportation program in her office and suggested it be added to the county website. Hampton+Knodle stated that this is an opportunity to communicate what these funding discrepancies mean to our legislators, program administrators and IDOT. She said that Montgomery County is allotted \$353 per mile while Macoupin County gets more than \$500 per mile. Shiley stated that the county will have to work to get the funding formulas changed at IDOT and he added that they are not allowed to lobby with legislators. Chairman Hertel stated that we need to get more equitable funding and he hopes they come up with a better formula in the future. Chairman Hertel also suggested they contact the school districts because they don't always transport their students which would allow them to contract to haul some of the smaller sports teams. Beeler asked about the types of contracts they have in Shelby County and Shiley responded that they work with Shelby County Community Service, after school programs, churches and senior citizen groups.

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

- 1. Zobrio Accounting Software Approval:** Beeler stated that she tabled this discussion at last month's meeting in order to iron out some details regarding the Human Resource and Timekeeping modules. She stated that the committee feels that we should hold off on purchasing those two modules for now. Hampton+Knodle asked about the six month price lock for the Human Resource module in order to give the committee more time to look at that component. Zobrio representative David Penrod was in attendance and replied that he will honor the six month price quote on the Human Resource module, however it is not written in the contract that way. Beeler stated that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed the agreement and stated it met her approval and Zobrio representative Penrod is on record as agreeing to that price hold. Deabenderfer asked if the new software is going to be worth the amount over the current software we have now and Treasurer Jenkins responded that the new system will have a new chart of accounts, offer better inventory tracking and a better payroll system. Jenkins said that the new software will bring us out of the stone age and is very user friendly. Clerk Leitheiser shared that the county will also see a benefit of digitizing voucher and invoice documents for easier access and archiving. Plunkett stated that the annual software maintenance for Zobrio is close to \$9,000 year less than what we are paying the current vendor now. **Motion by Beeler and second by Bathurst to recommend the approval of the purchase of the Zobrio financial and payroll software in the amount of \$57,875. Roll Call Vote: 19 yes and 2 absent, 0 no. Those voting yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, 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, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Those voting no: None. Those absent: Bob Sneed, Mike Webb. Motion carried.**
- 2. Circuit Clerk Audit Report from Patton and Associates Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee reviewed and recommends the approval of the independent audit report for Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons' Office that was prepared by Patton and Associates. **Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve Circuit Clerk's Audit report. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 3. Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the Coal Revenue reports are in the board packets for review.
- 4. Collection of all County Contracts/Agreements Update:** Beeler stated that the County Board office continues to collect all the contracts so they can be reviewed by Assistant State's Attorney Wilson.

5. **CEFS Ordinance #01-15 and Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Public Transportation Approval:** Beeler stated that the committee recommends the approval of the CEFS Ordinance and Intergovernmental agreement that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed. **Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to recommend the approval of the CEFS Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, pages 191-193).**
6. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcels 04-33-281-003, 004 Approval:** Beeler reported that there are two parcels in Harvel Township that the County Trustee seeks to convey to the Raymond/Harvel Fire Protection District. **Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve to convey deeds to parcels 04-33-281-003 and -004 in Harvel Township to the Raymond/Harvel Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 194).**
7. **State Income Tax Issues for Counties Approval for Letter:** Chairman Hertel shared some information regarding the Income Tax Situation in the State of Illinois and how Counties are losing funding since the state income tax went back to 3% from 5% as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Hertel would like permission to send a letter to legislators about our concern regarding the state income tax. Treasurer Jenkins cautioned the board about proceeding because we could lose the sales tax in Coffeen which is about \$500,000 per year. **Motion by Heather Hampton+Knodle and second by Bathurst that we write a letter requesting the restoration of the 10% State Income Tax formula given to local governments. All in favor, motion carried.**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Vice Chairman Nikki Bishop as follows:

1. **Tour of the Courthouse Complex Update:** Bishop reported that the committee started their meeting by touring the Courthouse Complex to look at issues that need to be addressed. Maintenance staff person Lloyd Meyer needs to work on the sash locks on the windows at the Courthouse Complex so they seal better and loose wallpaper needs to be removed in several areas. Sneed has a list of other concerns that he will provide Meyer so he can work on them.
2. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Bishop reported that a bearing assembly in the boiler of the Historic Courthouse be replaced by Heise Plumbing and Heating.
3. **Johnson Controls Maintenance Agreement Approval:** Bishop reported that the committee reviewed and approved the annual one year agreement with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$4,486 for the maintenance agreement on the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex. **Motion by Bishop and second by Graden to approve the one year Johnson Controls Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$4,486. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Schindler Elevator Maintenance Agreement Proposal, Approval to not Renew:** Bishop reported that the committee reviewed the Elevator Maintenance Agreement and decided to seek bids and stated that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson has reviewed the paperwork. **Motion by Bishop and second by Moore to notify Schindler that we are not renewing the current contract and we will be seeking bids for a one year contract for the Historic Courthouse Elevator. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Waggoner Depot Update:** Bishop thanked Ray Durston for working with the Village of Waggoner to take over the Waggoner Depot and preparing the paperwork for the parcel split. Assistant State's Attorney Betsy Wilson will review the final deed before it is recorded.
6. **Tuck-pointing Historic Courthouse Update:** Bishop reported that Western Waterproofing will come back when the weather is warmer to fix the issues on the Historic Courthouse and that the committee is looking into how much funding has been allocated in the FY 2015 budget for the remainder of the tuck pointing work.
7. **Communications Tower Update:** Bishop reported that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson received the survey from Carl Nail and gave the information to the Cervi Family Attorney to prepare the deed which she will review before it is recorded. Chairman Hertel thanked the Highway Department for cleaning the area to the tower and he asked Wilson to contact the Cervi's Attorney for a status on the deed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle as follows: Hampton+Knodle introduced Grant Writers Steve and Rita Bryant of Litchfield who are under contract with the MCEDC to do grant work. Steve Bryant stated that they took over the grant writing duties in December and they are currently working on three grants, which include a police car grant for Coffeen, a pickup truck grant for Taylor Springs and a request from Hillsboro for an EPA grant to stock fish in the lake.

1. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that there are no updates from the Company yet and that a letter was sent to the ICC stating the County's opposition to any potential eminent domain authority for this project. She stated that the City of Litchfield has not received any revised maps showing this project's pipeline path, which they had requested. Joe Gasparich asked that the board resend the ICC letter again in early April or May to oppose the eminent domain status for this pipeline project and stated that we are the only county that has sent such a letter for this proposed route. Chairman Hertel stated that other counties may be sending letters now because he received a call yesterday regarding this project and also agreed that when they apply for their application to the ICC we will re-submit the opposition letter.
2. **Clean Line Energy on Grain Belt Transmission Project Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the opposition group had a meeting recently at the Nokomis Parish Center and that County Board members Beck, Deabenderfer and Beeler attended. She stated that a Public meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday from 7:00 am to 10:00 am at the Raymond K C hall and Beeler plans to attend it. Hampton+Knodle stated that she provided a proposed transmission line map to Engineer Kevin Smith. She stated that a meeting is scheduled for tonight at the Farm Bureau's Hillsboro office for attorneys to meet with affected property owners about their landowner rights.
3. **Township Officials Meeting (1/28/15 at 7:00 pm) Update:** Hampton+Knodle thanked Engineer Kevin Smith for speaking to the township to officials and Beeler for chairing that meeting. She stated that Smith and Beeler shared information regarding the Pipeline and Transmission projects and the Road Use Agreement and Permit process. Chairman Hertel informed members that he appreciated everyone who attended and that we are concerned about the roads and want to make sure they are cared for. He also told the group that the County had sent letters to the ICC asking they not grant eminent domain status to either one of the companies that want to traverse the County. He said that everyone at the meeting wanted another copy of the agreement and the permit so he assured everyone that the County Board office would mail out copies to all supervisors and road commissioners.
4. **Priorities for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update:** Hampton+Knodle thanked her committee for their input in compiling list of priorities for workforce development, infrastructure and cultural issues to submit to West Central Planning to include in the CEDS document.
5. **Coal Dust Issues Approval:** Hampton+Knodle reported that since the last committee meeting she received information that there is still a problem with the coal dust and that there is a request for the IL EPA to have air monitor systems installed before the coal company constructs the wind fence so they can see how much difference the wind fence will make. Gasparich asked if we need a motion to write a letter and Chairman Hertel responded that if is this case we should do something as a board because the dust is an issue for our residents. Deabenderfer added that the City of Hillsboro will be addressing this issue as part of their nuisance ordinance at their upcoming meeting and Schram City will also be following this issue. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Beeler to write a letter to IL EPA requesting the installation of air monitoring equipment. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Project Update:** Hampton+Knodle reported that progress continues on the asbestos removal at the Eagle Zinc site and then they will then start on the demolition of the Eagle Zinc facility. She stated that there were some issues resolved relating to the Operating Engineers' laborer qualifications.
7. **Planning Commission Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that their meeting was held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and the election of officers took place where Tobin Ott was elected as the Chairman, Ruben Boehler was elected as Vice Chairman and Leitheiser will continue to volunteer as Secretary. Hampton+Knodle stated that their next meeting will be in April, 2015. She said that the Planning Commission discussed the Structural Permit fine and felt that \$500 amount is too high and they don't feel that attaching a fee to the Structural Permit will fix the problem or make it more efficient. Hampton+Knodle stated that the County

Ordinance was first passed in 1996 with a \$500 fine and she reported that the Planning Commission discussed the need for the County to enforce the ordinance now and that they did not vote on the issue but stated that before they make any recommendation to the County Board they would like to see what the fee and fine funds cover. She said that the Planning Commission also discussed storm water issues and the effect if there was a large amount of water on a concrete service area where the water couldn't go into the ground. She stated that they will continue this discussion at their next meeting.

8. **Revolving Loan Fund Report Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that she does not have an update yet from the MCEDC for the Revolving Loan however payments are being made on time.
9. **Economic Development Fund/Developing Guidelines for Long-Term Improvement Fund Update:**
  - CEO Program: Hampton+Knodle stated that plans are going forward for the implementation of the CEO program that will be offered to High School Students. She stated that they have received several applications for the Facilitator position and reported that the CEO board has met twice and also attended training in Effingham. She stated they are also planning a bus trip for high school students to attend the Effingham trade show on April 29<sup>th</sup> that showcases what businesses they are creating.
  - Hampton+Knodle stated that the workforce roundtable has been tabled until March.
  - Infrastructure: Hampton+Knodle stated they are still waiting on communication with Assistant State's Attorney Wilson.
10. **Population Recruitment Update:** Hampton+Knodle thanked member Jay Martin for working with the school districts to obtain databases to get information for the population recruitment project.
11. **Enterprise Zone and Mayors Meeting Update:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the next Enterprise Zone Mayors meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

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

**Ambulance Call Reports:**

Collections Update: Savage stated that the ambulance billing continues to be routinely collected.

**EMA:**

1. **County EOP for 2015 Update:** Savage reported that Tornado season is upon us and encouraged everyone to be prepared.
2. **County IMT Meeting Update:** Savage reported that the next County IMT (Incident Management Team) meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the County Health Department. He said that Madison County EMA Director Larry Ringling attended the last meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and gave the IMT group a lot of useful information from the Madison County IMT. Savage stated that this summer Madison County would like to invite Montgomery County to participate in one of their exercises where Montgomery County would provide backup to their IMT.
3. **Hazardous Mitigation Meeting Update:** Savage stated that the next Hazard Mitigation meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and Director Holmes will be sending out invitations this month.
4. **Tornado Exercise Scheduled Update:** Savage reported that a Tornado Exercise has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and that Director Holmes will send out information notices this month to schools, hospitals and nursing homes in the County.
5. **Dakota Access Pipeline Meeting Update:** Savage stated that the Pipeline meeting was scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:30 am. Beeler asked if Director Holmes attended the meeting and Savage replied that he did not know.
6. **Contract for the Five Area Ambulance Districts Update:** Savage stated that Director Holmes is checking on the status of the Litchfield ambulance contract and member Bill Bergen is facilitating getting the document for the EMA office.
7. **Memorandums of Understanding for Mutual Aid Agreement Update:** Savage stated that Assistant State's Attorney Wilson and Director Holmes are working on the MOU for mutual aid.
8. **Immunization for measles Update:** Savage talked about the importance of the MMR vaccine for school age children and that this issue affects unborn children.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Committee Chairman Beck deferred to Clerk Leitheiser who stated that everything is proceeding accordingly.
2. **EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that Gonet is working with Assistant State's Attorney Wilson to get a property cleaned up in the Village of Ohlman.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that the committee reviewed production logs for the month of January and the revenue and weights shipped for January along with the total weights and revenues for 2014.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program and Van Purchase Approval:**  
**Van Purchase:** Beck reported that they received one state bid from Wright Automotive for the 2015 Dodge Caravan in the amount of \$17,430 which included the trade in of the 1999 Astro Van in the amount of \$300 and the 2008 Crown Vic for \$1,900. She stated that some board members felt that this was a very low price for the 1999 Astro Van and they suggested that it be put out for bid separately, so this approval will not include the 1999 Astro Van trade in. **Motion by Beck and second by Miles to approve the purchase of a 2015 Dodge Caravan Van from Wright Automotive on the State Bid for \$17,730 that includes tax and title fees and the trade of the 2008 Crown Vic for \$1,900. All in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett asked if the money from the sale of the Astro van will go back to the Vanek Estate and Beck replied that it would. Chairman Hertel stated that he talked to the State's Attorney and the Dealer and they both said it was okay to not include the Astro Van in the transaction.
5. **Other Business Update:** At the end of Committee Chairperson Beck's report, Ron Deabenderfer inquired about whether the Electronics Recycling drive can be held because he has received phone calls inquiring about when the county is planning one. Chairman Hertel stated that the committee has been discussing this need, but the problem is that it now costs anywhere from \$20 to \$40 to recycle a television and that they can't go to the landfill. A recent feature article in the Journal-News about Montgomery County Recycling referred the public to Sangamon County for electronics recycling, but Deabenderfer stated that when he called an electronics recycling vendor in Springfield he was told that they only accept recycling from Sangamon County residents. Mike Plunkett stated that even if the residents have to pay to dispose of the televisions, the county should still host the recycling drive.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice-Chairman Jay Martin:**

1. **Request for Qualifications for Employee Health Insurance Approval:** Martin stated that the committee had a joint meeting with the Finance Committee where they invited our third party administrator Consociates Care Group to answer questions regarding our employee health insurance program. He stated that the committee discussed the issue of not knowing if Consociates is getting us the most savings on employee claims. Martin stated that the committee also discussed getting proposals for a fully funded insurance program and that they would start out by getting a list of qualified vendors. **Motion by Martin and second by Bathurst to seek qualified bidders for a fully funded health insurance plan. All in favor, motion carried.** Bathurst further explained that we are only going out and looking for qualified professionals to get us some costs so we can compare them to our partially funded insurance. She said that every few years our TPA brings us a number from a fully funded program to compare to our partially funded program and Bathurst stated that we will do this process on our own this time. Hampton+Knodle asked if the request for qualifications will be sent out to all insurance companies and Bathurst replied that it will be sent out to Montgomery County insurance companies and it will also be advertised in the newspapers.
2. **Resolution #02-15 to Terminate the Deferred Compensation Plan between the County and VALIC Approval:** Martin reported that the full board had month to consider the resolution that was distributed at the January's meeting. **Motion by Martin and second by Bathurst to Approve Resolution #02-15 to Terminate the Deferred Compensation Plan between the County and VALIC. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 195).**

3. **Local 773 in the Sheriff's Department Update:**

- **Jailers:** Mediation took place and a tentative agreement was reached with the Jailers.

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

1. **2015 MFT Rock Letting Approval:** Miles reported that they had a special meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> to open bids for the Rock letting and the figures were reviewed by Engineer Smith. **Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to approve the lowest bidders on the rock letting. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **Bid Letting for Backhoe Purchase Approval:** Miles reported that the committee also opened bids for a 2014 John Deere 320 SK backhoe. The committee reviewed and recommends the bid from ERB Equipment Company of Illinois Inc. of Mitchell, IL who submitted the lowest qualifying bid of \$94,000 less the Trade-In Value of \$45,000 for the old backhoe which would result in amount due of \$49,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to go with ERB Equipment Company of Illinois, Inc. for \$49,000 which includes trading in the old back hoe.** Plunkett asked Miles why the committee did not pick the lower bid from Sievers Equipment in Hillsboro and Miles responded that a few things didn't meet their specs like the horse power was less and they asked for true four wheel drive and the Sievers bid was not. Hampton+Knodle asked about maintenance concerns and Miles replied that the Highway Dept. mechanic will do the maintenance work when the warranty is done. Plunkett asked if we are confident that the JCB wouldn't do the job we need it to do. Engineer Smith stated the he is not an expert on the machinery and he had his qualified staff look at the specs and they decided what would work best because they have to work with the equipment. Young stated that he is in support of the John Deere purchase because it is made in America whereas the JCB is made in England. Engineer Smith also explained that they asked for a 96 horse power engine and Sievers submitted a bid for a 91 horse power, and if it were accepted another company could state that they could have gotten us an 85 horsepower for even less money. Graden stated that he thinks the continuous four wheel drive is an advantage. Chairman Hertel asked Assistant State's Attorney Wilson if the county can restrict acceptable bids to only those who meet their exact specifications and she replied that the County can do this, in fact they can even reject bids if they don't meet their specifications. **Roll Call Vote: 19 yes and 0 no, 2 absent. Those voting yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Nikki Bishop, 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, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Those voting no: None. Those absent: Bob Sneed, Mike Webb. Motion carried.**
3. **Hydraulic Hammer Purchase Approval:** Miles asked Engineer Smith to explain this equipment purchase. Smith stated that this is a jack hammer that goes on the back of the back hoe and he had asked the Highway Department Mechanic Murzinski and Assistant Engineer Sefton to do the research and after doing so, they said they preferred the NPK hammer. Smith reported that Sefton found out that the NPK is less costly to re-build so he asked the committee to purchase the one that they want without having to bid it out. Smith said that Martin Equipment has one for \$15,600, however the committee still wanted Smith to look at other companies for a price. Smith reported that the ERB price for the same hammer is \$17,500 and that there are only three dealers in the state of Illinois that can sell this NPK hammer. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to purchase a NPK hammer at the lowest possible price and for Engineer Smith to research other vendors for this same model hammer. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Resolution #2015-06: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1123 B-CA, Wonder Trail, Bridge Pile Repair, 50% Road District - 50% County Approval:** Miles reported that this resolution is for the replacement of six timber piles on this triple span bridge with a 9 ton weight limit restriction and once the bridge is fixed the weight limit will come off. **Motion by Miles and second by Hampton+Knodle to approve Resolution #2015-06 to appropriate funds for 1123 B-CA, Wonder Trail, Bridge Pile Repair, 50% Road District - 50% County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 196).**

5. **Resolution #2015-07: Resolution to appropriate funds for 1124 B-CA, Seven Sisters, Bridge Pile Repair, 50% Road District - 50% County Approval:** Miles reported that the total for this three span bridge will be \$15,000. **Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve resolution #2015-07 to appropriate funds for 1124 B-CA Seven Sisters, Bridge Pile Repair, 50% Road District - 50% County. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 14, page 197).**
6. **Walshville Trail Bridge R.O.W. Purchase Update:** Miles reported that both land owners have agreed to the right of way purchase price to gain easements on the Walshville Trail project.
7. **Damaged Guard Rail near Nokomis on the Fillmore Blacktop Update:** Miles reported that the Highway Department will be fixing some damaged guardrail on the Fillmore Blacktop that curves into Nokomis.
8. **Meeting with Village of Irving regarding Pine Street Update:** Miles stated that he and Engineer Smith are planning to attend the next Village of Irving meeting to discuss what the Village is willing to pay toward fixing Pine Street and to come up with a schedule to work on it.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Hertel announced the following:

1. **Members may purchase County Board group portraits. Please sign up on the sheet located on the front table.**

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Chairman Hertel announced the following:

1. **Special Personnel meeting with Sheriff's Dispatchers Local #773 on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** University of Illinois Extension Director Amanda Cole referred members to the latest Extension publication on their desks, and stated that a survey was recently mailed by the Extension Office to residents so that they can let them know what the Extension can do for them. She said that this survey is also available online and will be in their next newsletter.

**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 Martin to pay any invoices for Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards. **Voice Vote: In favor – 17, Against – 0, Absent – 2 (Sneed, Webb), Abstain -2 (Moore, Beck). Motion carried.**
2. **Motion by Wendel and second by Bishop 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.**

**ADJOURN:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. **Motion by Robinson and second by Savage to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.