

# Montgomery County Board Minutes

For TUESDAY, September 10th, 2002 – 8:30 AM

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 10th, 2002 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

**The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Mike Havera.**

**Roll call was taken, 21 members present, 0 absent.**

**Members Present:** Nelson Aumann, Bonnie Branum, Joe Cordani, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Jamee Dunn, Robert Durbin, Charles Hampton, Mike Havera, Edward Helgen, Keith Horn, David Jackson, Dennis Jagodzinski, Frank Komor, Roger Myers, Dale Ogden, Glenn Painter, Don Petty, William Sielschott, David Webb, Dale White.

**Members Absent:** No members absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:**

**Motion by Branum, second by Aumann to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of 7 Committee Reports from August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Board Meeting:**

**Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Painter to approve the 7 Committee Reports from August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 County Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

After the above approval of 7 Committee Reports was given, Branum asked that a correction be made to the Road and Bridge report from the previous County Board meeting to read as an engineering “estimate,” not a “bill” for the Fillmore Resurfacing project. **Motion by Branum, second by Myers to approve the Minutes of the Previous Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 13th, 2002 as amended. All in favor, motion carried.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Circuit Clerk’s Report – was given.**
- 2. County Treasurer’s Report – Ron Jenkins was present for questions.**
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.**
- 4. Sheriff’s Report – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.**
- 5. Health Department Report – Mark Dugger was present for questions and gave an update on the recent grant the County Health Department has received to provide mosquito control assistance against the West Nile Virus, and reported a second confirmed case of West Nile Virus in Montgomery County. Dugger also reported that many sources of Health Department funds will decrease in the upcoming budget year.**
- 6. T.B. Department Report – was given.**
- 7. Public Defender’s Report – was given.**
- 8. Probation Office Report – was given.**
- 9. 911 Report – was given.**

## **APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion by Sielschott, second by Cordani to approve the 9 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

1. **PBC Building and Parking Situation:** Chairman Havera reported that the County is still working toward the purchase of properties on North Main and Brailley Streets for county parking. Havera recommended that the Board refer all research to acquire any or all of these properties to the Public Building Commission. **Motion by Jackson, second by Horn** to refer property research to the Public Building Commission. Member White inquired about the Buildings and Grounds Committee doing the research instead, but Havera stated that the Coordinating Committee determined it would be more appropriate for the Public Building Commission to work on this project. Dale Ogden asked if the County would incur any costs from the PBC for their assistance, and Havera stated that no cost would be incurred. **20 Members for, 1 member against (Dale White). Motion carried.**

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

1. **Drainage Problem for City:** Branum stated that the committee agreed to work with the City of Hillsboro on a drainage problem near County property within city limits.
2. **Projects for 2003:** The Committee is looking into the purchase of a sprayer for weed control for next mowing season. Branum stated that the Highway Department currently has a sprayer, but it is in deteriorating condition.
3. **Meeting Dates for 2003:** The meeting dates for 2003 for the Road & Bridge Committee were approved. The new meeting dates for Road & Bridge will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM instead of the previous 8:00 AM start time.
4. **Motor Fuel Tax:** The annual motor fuel tax audit was received from the State and is available for review at the Highway Department and at the County Clerk's office.
5. **Health Insurance:** Branum reported that Engineer McNeal received information from the local union representative about different health insurance coverages that could be offered at a lower premium rate. McNeal stated that she had contacted the Union Insurance representatives and referred them to Treasurer Jenkins, who coordinates County Employee Health Insurance benefits.
6. **Tandem Truck:** The committee approved proceeding with the bidding process for a new tandem truck needed to replace a 1988 model with over 100,000 total mileage. The estimated cost for the tandem truck will be about \$70,000, and the purchase should be finalized in February-March, 2003.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Bill Sielschott as follows:

1. **FY 2003 Budget:** Sielschott reported to the board that the county budget was reviewed by the committee and should be adopted at the November, 2002 County Board Meeting. He directed members to a draft version of the Budget in their packets, and asked that they review this information prior to the October County Board meeting, and to let the Finance Committee know of any questions they may have.
2. **Estimated 2003 Levy:** Sielschott reported that the County was able to stay under the 5% Tax Levy and will adopt FY 2003 Tax Levy for 4.99% at the October County Board Meeting, and will meet Truth in Taxation requirements.
3. **G.I.S. Cost Study:** Sielschott reported that Patton and Company has prepared the G.I.S. Cost Study, and that all expenses and revenue projections that were submitted justify a \$10.00 Recording Fee increase to help implement a G.I.S. System.
4. **Recording Fee Ordinance:** Sielschott reported that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board pass an Ordinance to increase recording fees from \$15.00 to \$25.00. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Painter** to increase recording fees from \$15.00 to \$25.00 to start setting aside funds for the G.I.S. Geographical Information System. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 190-193).**
5. **Colt Coal Company – Revised Option Agreement:** Sielschott stated that a Colt Coal Company representative addressed the committee regarding an Amended Option Agreement to include the management of methane gas extraction and financial compensation for the removal and marketing of the Methane gas in Coal Beds. Dale White questioned if the surface property owner has any rights to the methane gas or if the County owns them. Sielschott stated that this would need to be further researched

and State's Attorney Roberts will review an Amended Coal Option Agreement from Colt Coal Company and compare it to the original contract. Roberts will then report his findings at the next Finance Committee Meeting and be brought up again at the October County Board Meeting.

**6. Resolution for Tax Deed:**

**Motion by Sielschott, second by Downs** to pass Resolution 02-22 to convey Tax Deed for Parcel ID # 06-000-901-00 in the Village of Panama, Illinois. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, pages 194-195).**

**Motion by Sielschott, second by Webb** to pass Resolution 02-23 to convey Tax Deed for Parcel ID # 12-000-570-00 in the Village of Waggoner, Illinois. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, pages 196-197).**

**7. Additions to Prepaid Vendors List: Motion by Sielschott, second by Cordani** to approve the addition of Delinquent Property Maintenance Fund to the Prepaid Vendors List. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 198).**

**HWE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Bob Durbin as follows:

- 1. Animal Control:** Durbin stated the committee interviewed applicants for the Animal Control Warden and approved the hiring of Muryl Haines of Irving to serve in that capacity.
- 2. Recycling Update:** The committee approved the research of companies and prices for carports as Recycling drop offs. The committee decided that they would not be obtaining the Old Kerr McGee station in Raymond for a Recycling drop off area. Durbin reported that he had gone to Effingham Carport Manufacturing to look at the construction of carports.
- 3. Abandoned Cemeteries:** Durbin reported State's Attorney Roberts had researched what the county's involvement should be when cemeteries are abandoned, and found that the County could implement a Cemetery District and allocate tax money for the purpose of abandoned cemetery cleanup. There are currently approximately 110 cemeteries in Montgomery County and 25 of those are considered abandoned. The committee will be researching this further before taking any action.
- 4. West Nile Virus Update:** Durbin stated that Health Department Director Dugger had relayed information to him regarding the grant money that has become available to the county to aid in the control of the West Nile Virus.
- 5. General Election Update:** Durbin stated that County Clerk Leitheiser reported to the Committee that her office has received a court order to put a public question on the November 2002 General Election ballot proposing the creation of a Nokomis Area Fire Protection District, which includes the municipalities of Nokomis, Coalton, Wenonah and Ohlman as well as the designated unincorporated area. Leitheiser also informed the committee about upcoming important dates for the General Election.
- 6. DCCA Recycling Congratulations Letter:** Durbin read a letter from Pam McDonough, Director of DCCA regarding the Recycling program Montgomery County has implemented.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman John Downs as follows:

- 1. Health Insurance:** Downs reported the committee discussed Health Insurance coverage for County Employees and that State's Attorney Roberts is researching whether the Health Department can utilize an insurance carrier other than the carrier used by other county employees. Health Department Director Dugger will also send the Board Health Insurance quotes he has received for their review.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Glenn Painter as follows:

- 1. Roof Update:** Painter reported that the committee reviewed the cost estimates for the replacement of the Historic Courthouse Roof. The roofing companies will be contacted to get an assessment of the work needing done.
- 2. Air Conditioning at Jail:** Painter stated that Neuhaus Heating and Air Conditioning will be installing the new air conditioning unit at the jail during the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.
- 3. Historic Courthouse Security:** Painter reported that Wendy Keller from Wareham Security attended the Committee meeting and reported her company's findings concerning Historic Courthouse security and safety.

**ESDA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Dennis Jagodzinski as follows:

1. **Ambulance Call Report:** A summary of monthly operations for August, 2002 is as follows: Total calls: 321; Total amount billed: \$59,336.50; Total amount collected: \$45,328.84.
2. **Historic Courthouse Security:** Chairman Jagodzinski reported that the committee also discussed the Historic Courthouse Security and Safety issues at their monthly meeting. Wareham's will provide estimates on security lighting and fire alarms. Panic buttons will be installed at the Historic Courthouse and will cost \$1,500.
3. **Ambulance District Resolutions:**
  - **Resolution #02-24 -Raymond-Harvel:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Hampton to appropriate \$33,360.00 to the Raymond-Harvel Special Service area for FY 2003. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 199-200).**
  - **Resolution #02-25 -Nokomis-Witt:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Durbin to appropriate \$62,437.00 to the Nokomis-Witt Special Service Area for FY 2003. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 201-202).**
  - **Resolution #02-26 -Hillsboro:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Downs to appropriate \$101,000.00 to the Hillsboro Special Service Area for FY 2003. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 203-206).**
  - **Resolution #02-27 -Farmersville-Waggoner:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Ogden to appropriate \$53,250.00 to the Farmersville-Waggoner Special Service Area for FY 2003. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 207-208).**
  - **Resolution #02-28- Litchfield:** Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Horn to appropriate \$95,000.00 to the Litchfield Special Service Area for FY 2003. **All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 3, page 209-210).**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Chairman Joe Cordani as follows:

1. **Enterprise Zone:** Cordani reported that the final legal descriptions and map for the Coffeen expansion were received from the mapping company and Coordinator Daniels will finalize the application and send it to DCCA for their approval soon. Cordani stated that the committee approved sending Daniels to attend an annual training and conference held by the Enterprise Zone Association on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to keep the county updated about Enterprise Zone rules and regulations.

**APPROVAL OF 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Motion by Aumann, second by Komor** to approve the committee reports. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Given by Chairman Mike Havera as follows:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Nokomis High School Parking Lot in Nokomis, Illinois.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** The HWE Committee will meet on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 8:30 AM instead of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 for their regular monthly committee meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Motion by Jagodzinski, second by Webb** to appoint Ms. Theresa Lynn Shepherd to the Emergency Telephone System Board to replace Nancy Blasko, who resigned. Ms. Shepherd's term will expire in November, 2005. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Webb, second by Ogden** to appoint Jim Engelman to the Emergency Telephone System Board due to an open seat on the Board. Mr. Engelman's term will expire in November, 2003. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**PAY BILLS:** Motion by Painter, second by Horn to pay all approved bills. **All in favor, motion carried.**

For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2002.

**RECESS: Until October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting at 8:30 AM.**

**Motion by Downs, second by Myers** to recess the Full Board Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting recessed at 9:25 AM.