

Montgomery County Board Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

For Monday, December 1st, 2008 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of the Re-Organization meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Monday, December 1st, 2008 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser.

Members Present: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Edward Helgen, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Sharon Kuchar, Joyce Matthews, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Dale Ogden, Mike Plunkett, William Sielschott, Richard Wendel.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Official Verbal Oath administered to all elected and re-elected members by Circuit Judge Kelly Long. The following members were sworn in by Circuit Judge Kelly Long: Nelson Aumann, Mary Bathurst, Robert Durbin, Edward Helgen, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Joyce Matthews, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett.

Roll call: 21 members present, 0 absent.

Temporary Chairman Nomination: Clerk Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a temporary Chairman of the County Board. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship** that John Downs be elected temporary County Board Chairman. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Close Nominations: Clerk Leitheiser asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Branum, second by Kuchar** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

County Board Chairman Nominations: Temporary Chairman Downs took his position and called for a nomination for County Board Chairman. **Motion by Ron Deabenderfer, second by Gene Miles that Mike Plunkett be nominated as County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.**

Temporary Chairman asks 3 Times for Nominations: Temporary Chairman Downs asked **three more times if there were any other nominations for Chairman.** No other nominations were submitted.

Close Nominations: Temporary Chairman Downs asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Hertel, second by Aumann** to close the nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Election of Chairman by Acclamation: Temporary Chairman Downs asked for a motion to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by acclamation. **Motion by Durbin, second by Bone to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by Acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman Addresses Board: The newly elected Montgomery County Board Chairman Mike Plunkett addressed the board and thanked them for their trust and confidence in his leadership as he returns for a second term as County Board Chairman. Plunkett stated that tremendous challenges and a heavy workload for all members lie ahead, and said that he appreciates the opportunity given to him by his fellow board members and that he will do his best to serve Montgomery County as County Board Chairman for the next two years. He appointed John Downs to serve as Vice-Chairman of the County Board.

County Board Manuals: Manuals were distributed to all Board Members. County Coordinator Chris Daniels gave a brief overview of the new County Board manuals' contents.

Committee Assignment Review: Plunkett briefly reviewed the committee assignments of the Chairmen of each committee.

Rules Committee: Plunkett asked for a motion to appoint Ron Deabenderfer, John Downs and Mary Bathurst to the Rules Committee of the County Board. **Motion by Matthews, second by Helgen to approve the appointments of Ron Deabenderfer, John Downs and Mary Bathurst to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett then announced that the Rules Committee will briefly meet after today's re-organization meeting to discuss when they will meet before the next full board meeting to review the County Board Rules of Order.

Next meeting: Plunkett reported that the next County Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9th, 2008 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room.

Adjourn: Motion by Bathurst, second by Branum to adjourn the re-organization meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Time Adjourned: The Re-Organizational Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.