

**Montgomery County Board
Minutes**

For Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

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

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

Members Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mileage and Per Diem Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Bathurst, second by Downs to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **911 Coordinator's Report** – submitted.
2. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – submitted.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Holly Lemons was present for questions.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions and reported that the Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census is in place and they are waiting for promotional information to begin distribution.
5. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was present for questions and stated that the second due date for Real Estate taxes is this Thursday, September 10th, 2009, with the distribution of tax dollars to taxing bodies going very smoothly.
6. **G.I.S. Coordinator's Report** – submitted.
7. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and reported that the Health Department met with the county school superintendents at the Regional Office of Education concerning the H1N1 flu. Satterlee urged Office Holders to consider devising a plan to maintain services should the majority of their staff get the flu. Member Hertel inquired if the new vaccine is ready for market, and Satterlee responded that it is still being tested, and that the flu would affect children more than adults or teachers. Satterlee stated that they are looking at mid October for the vaccine to become available.
8. **Probation Office Report** – Banee Ulrici was present for questions.
9. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
10. **Sheriff's Report** – Jim Vazzi was present for questions.
11. **T.B. Department's Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
12. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

APPROVAL OF 12 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Hitchings, second by Kuchar to approve of the 12 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **Update - Open Meetings Act Tele-Institute:** Chairman Plunkett distributed information on the Tele-Institute Conference for Open Meetings was distributed to board members. The Tele-Institute conference will be held on September 10th, 2009 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at all Illinois County Extension Offices, with the local Hillsboro Cooperative Extension office participating.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Terry Bone as follows:

1. **Update - Annex Building Project:** Bone stated that discussion took place during the Building and Grounds Committee meeting on front end documents which direct the contractor on prevailing wage and contractor work requirements and any requirements for HVAC, plumbing, etc... As requested, a low visual screen will be added at the entry way of the annex building for the Regional Office of Education. The renovation work for the annex building will be bid out Tuesday, September 22nd. Hurst-Rosche Engineering will handle the public notices and newspaper advertising. There will be a pre-bid meeting Thursday, October 1st at 10:00 AM in the County Board room to go over the general requirements. Bids must be submitted to Hurst-Rosche Engineering by 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th, 2009. The winning bid will be given to Building and Grounds on Friday, October 9th, 2009 at their regular meeting and the full board can take action on Tuesday October 13th, 2009. Bone reported that the committee discussed coming up with a long term Building Plan for each of the county buildings.
2. **Update - Telephone System Bid Specs:** Bone reported that Hurst-Rosche Engineering is looking into specs for a new phone system. The engineering company is looking at an IP Voice Override Hybrid System. If the IP system is used then there would have to be some reconfiguration to the data in the network. A Network Consultant could be upwards of \$20,000. The committee will meet in a special meeting on Friday, September 18th, 2009 at 8:30 AM to review building specifications that will be bid out and to review phone system specs. The contract will be awarded on October 13th, 2009 then it will take about three months to complete the work. The new phone system will need to be installed in conjunction with the building remodeling across the street.
3. **Update - Maintenance Issues & Maintenance Report:** Chairman Bone reported on maintenance issues:
 - **Cleaning the GIS Office:** Bone reported that cleaning the GIS Office in the Farm Bureau building will be done once a week by the Sheriff's Office custodial staff.
 - **Moving stop sign at the south end of the Historic Courthouse:** Moving the Stop Sign on the south side of the Historic Courthouse will be the City of Hillsboro's issue to re-route. Hertel reported that the Lincoln Statue Committee will contact the City of Hillsboro in regards to the moving the stop sign.
 - **Removing tree stump & replacement tree:** The tree on the southwest side of the Historic Courthouse that was damaged due to storms during Old Settlers has been cut down, but still needs to have the stump removed. The committee agreed to replace the tree with a new hard maple.
 - **Handicap automatic door opener for Historic Courthouse:** Bone reported that the committee discussed putting the automatic door and door opener for the Historic Courthouse out for bid.
 - **Johnson Controls – Compressor:** Johnson Controls will be at the Courthouse Complex on Saturday, September 19th, 2009 to change out the number 3 compressor, which is the final compressor needing replaced. The other two were replaced last year.
4. **Update - Siding Coming Off at Old Depot in Waggoner:** It was reported that Lloyd Meyer has fixed the siding issue at the old depot in Waggoner.

5. **Approval - Hillsboro School District Disaster Plan :** State's Attorney Chris Matoush wrote an Emergency Preparedness Plan with Hillsboro School District. The School District is to provide mutual cooperation in response to a major emergency or incident which may render the courthouse buildings and/or county Jail inoperable. In cooperation with the school district, the new portable generator may be used at the Witt School if needed. **Motion by Bone, second by Matthews to approve entering into an agreement with Hillsboro School District - Unit #3 for an Emergency Disaster Plan. All in favor, motion carried.** The school district will also allow the county to use Witt School for the courts system, should the need arise. **(See Resolution Book 9, pages 218-219).**
6. **Update - Historic Courthouse Stimulus \$100,000 funding request:** Bone reported that the committee reviewed a letter to Senator Demuzio requesting stimulus funding for \$100,000 from the State of Illinois' Capital Bill.

EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman George Blankenship as follows:

1. **Update - AMBULANCE REPORT:** Ambulance Call Report for August will be submitted at the October Full Board meeting.
 - **Collections:** Collections for the month of August 2009 were at \$190,943.36.
 - **Availity:** Blankenship reported that they have been approved by Availity for electronic billing, but are waiting on the login and password that Availity will supply for them.
 - **Aging Reports:** Some of the reports that the new billing software is producing were distributed by EMA Director Diana Holmes to board members to review. Member Bathurst asked Holmes if the reports show what has been paid, and stated that it would be a more valuable report if payments were included on the aging reports. Holmes responded that not many payments have been entered in the new system yet, and the quality of the reports should improve in time. Hertel asked if they are getting all the information they need for the reports. Holmes responded that they are having difficulty getting all the information required from some ambulance districts especially Litchfield. Plunkett stated that the reports need to provide total collections from each Ambulance District, not just county-wide, and eventually will have more data once the old card system is phased out.
 - **Billing Office Opening:** Selena Brazel resigned her position in the Ambulance Billing Office and has taken the open position in the Circuit Clerk's Office.
2. **Update – EMA Report: _____**
 - **Search and Rescue Classes:** Training is being planned for Search and Rescue Classes on November 7th and 8th, but they still need to find a place to hold the class.
 - **H1N1 Flu:** Holmes reported that they are planning for several meetings with the Montgomery County Health Department in preparation for the H1N1 Flu.
 - **Damage Assessment and Debris Management Class:** Blankenship stated that a total of 12 people attended the Damage Assessment and Debris Management Class, with some coming to the class from the Wisconsin area. Dr. Terry Donat from DuPage County attended both days. He and other physicians in the county are writing a plan for the hospitals in that area. Roxanne Kahan from Manitowoc County, Wisconsin for ARC emergency planning attended. It was suggested that Montgomery County should add a new annex to their E.O.P. on debris management. Janet Spencer (EMA volunteer) also took the class and will help in writing the annex along with Ruben Boehler and Director Holmes.
 - **ICS or NIMS 300 and 400 Classes:** There will be a refresher class for anyone who has had the ICS 5 day class or has completed the NIMS 300 and 400 on October 1st at the Montgomery County Health Department from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The class will be scenario based and it will be taught by IFSI Instructors Joe Gasparich and Les Albert.

- **COOP & COG:** The County may not have to do much with the Continuity of Operations Plan (C.O.O.P.) and Continuity of Government (C.O.G.). Most of the information that is asked for is already in the County's E.O.P. The county may want to add the plan for the County's Judicial System, as an addendum to the current E.O.P., when it is completed and in place.
 - **Impoundments:** Discussion took place on having the County require impoundments when the party responsible for a spill does not pay in a timely manner.
3. **Approval - County EOP:** The County's Emergency Operating Plan has been approved by IEMA and the committee, but will need approval from the board. When all parties have made their approval Director Holmes can issue copies to the areas that need one. **Motion by Blankenship, second by Hitchings to approve the County's updated Emergency Operating Plan Manual. All in favor, motion carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ron Deabenderfer as follows:

1. **Update - Enterprise Zone Projects – Legal Descriptions:** The Enterprise Zone Council met on Thursday, September 3rd. Mary Purcell was contacted to make new GIS maps according to the original Enterprise Zone maps from 1990 located by Coordinator Daniels. Daniels had received information from the Legal Department at DCEO regarding the criteria for writing legal descriptions and has some cost estimates to share for the preparation of legal descriptions for Raymond and Nokomis.
2. **Update - County Comprehensive Plan:** The next Planning Commission meeting is September 10th at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office. The commission is on schedule and hopes to have a Comprehensive Plan ready for review within the next 10 months.
3. **Approval - West Central Development Council Resolution:** Heather Hampton+Knodle has reviewed the West Central Development Council report and will submit some corrections when complete. The committee decided that the board should go ahead and approve the West Central Resolution. **Motion by Deabenderfer, second by Hertel to approve the West Central Development Council Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, page 220).**
4. **Update - MCEDC Revolving Loan:** The minor changes to the Revolving Loan Policy and Procedure have been submitted to the County Board for review and the board will look to approve at the October full board meeting.
5. **Update - Mine Update:** Plunkett, John Downs and Journal-News editor John Galer went on a tour of the Deer Run Mine-Patton Mining site on Thursday, September 3rd. Hillsboro Energy will give an update on the progress of the mine project at a future County Board meeting.
6. **Update - Night of Networking:** MCEDC will have a Night of Networking on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. There is a golf outing scheduled with a T-time of 3:00 PM.

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

1. **Update - Real Estate Taxes:** The Supervisor of Assessment's Office is working on 2009 Real Estate Taxes. The office has received about 150 complaints, which is normal according to Supervisor of Assessments Ray Durston. A 2009-2010 Property Tax Cycle Timeline will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

2. **Update - Montgomery County Probation State Funding:** It was reported that the allocations from the State of Illinois to reimburse Probation Officer salaries were cut by 48% for Montgomery County and the short fall for Fiscal Year 2010 is projected at \$132,000. During a meeting last Friday with Judge Schwarm, he stated that he does not want Probation Officers laid off and is checking into why Montgomery County received such a huge cut in State reimbursement allocations. Chief Probation Officer Ulrici stated that she can not keep the programs offered through her office if there is a reduction in staff. The normal short fall which happens every other year is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. Judge Schwarm reported at the meeting last Friday that the only salary increase will be 2.8% for cost of living and there will be no merit increases this year for Probation Officers.
3. **Update/Approval Circuit Clerk Request:**
 - **Shelving Units Update:** Sielschott reported that Circuit Clerk Chief Deputy Stephanie Keiser addressed the committee with information submitted by Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons for proposals to digitalize historic documents. Proposals for the new shelving units were reviewed by the committee and it was stated that the shelving units should be put out for bid, with the bid to be awarded at the October Full Board meeting. All funding for the shelving units will come from the Circuit Clerk document storage fund.
 - **Microfilming/Digitizing Approval:** The committee reviewed a proposal from HOV for microfilming/digitizing historic documents in the basement of the Courts Complex. These are valuable documents and are becoming fragile, so there is a need to digitize. The proposal was for five different case types for a total of \$189,882.31 to digitize about half of the first storage room. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Beck to approve the microfilming of Probate B drawers in the amount of \$12,705.80. All in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Raising Document Storage and Automation Fees Update:** Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons asked the Committee to raise the fees for document storage and the automation fund, excluding traffic related cases, from \$5.00 to \$15.00. The State statute that supports the increase in fees was distributed, and a resolution will be presented at the full board meeting in October.
4. **Approval - County's Starting Salary:** Sielschott reported that the committee discussed raising the current starting salary of \$17,750 to a starting rate of \$18,250 for non-union employees, effective beginning in the next fiscal year, FY 2010, December 1, 2009. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Hitchings to establish the starting salary for non-union position from \$17,750 to \$18,250 effective beginning the next fiscal year, FY 2010, December 1, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Update - Countywide Public Communications for 911/ESTB:** Sielschott reported that there are a couple of concerns holding up the negotiations to consolidate the 911 and Sheriff's Dispatchers, including issues on managing the 911 employees plus seniority issues. 911 will research raising fees to keep the department on its own, but they will continue to work on the consolidation.
6. **Update - 2010 Budget & Levy Discussion:** Sielschott reported that the 2010 Budget will be posted after the October Full Board meeting and approved at the November, 2009 board meeting and said there have been many decreases in revenues from State reimbursements to the county's budget. Some of the county offices impacted include Highway, EPA, Probation, etc... The county anticipates assuming the expense where the State has eliminated their reimbursement for the next fiscal year. In the meantime, to offset the extra EPA expense, Bond County will be contacted to see if they would be willing to have the Montgomery County EPA Inspector inspect their landfill. Sielschott also stated that Probation took a huge 48% decrease in cuts from the State, the county did not do well on insurance last year, and the Highway Department has been saving money for bridges, which will be spent this year. Also, county employees' salaries went up an average of 4%, new Sheriff's radios, Animal Control facility costs are now included, as is Public Defender's Office increases. All in all, the County 2009 Levy will be under the Truth in Taxation 5% limit with no hearing needed. Plunkett stated that he appreciated everyone's help on the 2010 budget.

7. **Approval - ROE Quarterly Report:** The Regional Office of Education presented their quarterly report to the committee. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Sharon Kuchar to approve the R.O.E. quarterly report. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Approval - of Estimate of Taxes to be Levied:** A report prepared by Treasurer Ron Jenkins was reviewed for the Real Estate Tax Levy/Extension Summary. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Aumann to approve the estimated taxes to be levied in the amount of \$4,160,257.00 for Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Approval - of Third Conflict Public Defender:** A letter from Judge Long was reviewed regarding the need to hire a third Conflict Public Defender under a contract instead of paid by the hour. The compensation will be \$24,000 and no benefits will be received as an employee of Montgomery County. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Hitchings to approve hiring a 3rd Conflict Public Defender to be compensated in the amount of \$24,000 with no benefits. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

1. **Update - Elections:** Durbin reported that County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser updated the committee on the following new laws that will be in place for the February 2nd, 2010 General Primary Elections.
 - **Grace Period Update:** HB0267 Public Act 96-0441, which will be effective January 1st, 2010, will extend the grace period registration from the current 14 days before the election or primary to 7 days before the election or primary.
 - **No-excuse Absentee Voting Update:** No-excuse Absentee Voting, SB2022 Public Act 553, which became effective August 17th, 2009 states that a person voting an absentee ballot does not have to specify why they will not be able to vote on the day of the elections.
 - **Election Judge Pay Update:** According to the County Clerk Association Lobbyist, the State will reimburse ½ of the \$45.00 for Election Judge Pay (\$22.50 per Judge) for future elections and the county will pick up the other half to keep election judges.
 - **Non-Contested Race Cost Savings Update:** Leitheiser continues to research and get other States' information regarding saving costs in non-contested races in Consolidated Elections.
 - **Hauling Election Equipment Update:** Discussion took place on moving the lever for the lift gate on the white recycling truck up to be able to access it easier. The truck is utilized during election time to deliver and pick up voting equipment.
2. **Update - Meeting with Bond County to Inspect Landfill:** Durbin and Bill Gonet will make an appointment with Bond County Chairman Jill Franks to discuss an agreement with them for Montgomery County to inspect their landfill. An Intergovernmental Agreement with Bond County will be considered to help offset some of the EPA Office's salary.
3. **Update - Appraisals of County Buildings:** Nelson Aumann will update appraisals on all county buildings for insurance purposes. It has been about 5 years since the appraisals were updated, and the appraisal cost is in the 2010 budget. Durbin stated that Treasurer Jenkins sends out a form each year for every office to inventory and keep it updated for insurance so that if any loss occurs the inventory can be replaced at proper reimbursement levels.
4. **Update - Insurance:** Durbin received a report from Treasurer Jenkins listing the entire inventory for the County. If anything is not on the inventory then it will not be reimbursed.
5. **Update - Animal Control Facility and Program:** Durbin reported that the Animal Control Facility is now complete and animals are now housed there. Board members will need to look over policy and procedures soon.

6. **Update - Public Act 096-0314:** Durbin reported that the committee reviewed Public Act 096-0314, which was signed into law and amends the Animal Welfare Act by requiring dogs and cats be spayed or neutered and microchipped when they are adopted out. The new owner has 30 days from the adoption to get the services performed. Member Moore inquired who pays for the spaying or neutering, and Plunkett stated that the owner would pay for the service but the county would hold a \$50.00 deposit until the animal has been spayed or neutered within the allotted time. Once proof has been shown to Animal Control that the animal has been spayed or neutered then the deposit will be refunded.
7. **Update - Recycling Program:**
 - **Electronics Recycling Update:** Durbin reported on the free Electronics Recycling Drive will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 2009 from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM and Friday, September 18th, 2009 from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM at the Montgomery County Recycling Center in Hillsboro. Montgomery County Recycling has partnered with Com2 Recycling for the drive. Com2 will follow federal and state regulations and Department of Defense Standards when destroying electronic components and information will be handed out to the public on the destruction security that Com2 provides during the drive. Helgen asked if a Household Waste Recycling Drive will be held again, and Durbin responded that unfortunately, it will not be held due to State of Illinois budget cuts.
 - **Farmersville Drop Shed Update:** Durbin reported that the Farmersville Mayor has staked out a location for the new drop shed, which will be located near the water treatment plant. Construction should begin in the next couple of weeks.
8. **Update – UCCI:** Durbin reported that UCCI will host a seminar at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois on October 23rd and 24th, 2009.
9. **Update – HHW Collections:** Member Ed Helgen inquired about Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Durbin reported that the State has cut funding for Household Hazardous Waste Collections, so there are no Collections at present.

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

1. **Update - Circuit Clerk Personnel:** Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons has hired EMA employee Selena Brazel as a Deputy Clerk. Director Holmes ran an ad in the newspaper for the position now open in Ambulance Billing office.
2. **Approval - Authorized Drivers and Motor Vehicle Record Check Policy and Procedure:** There has not been any negative feedback from offices on the Authorized Drivers and Motor Vehicle Record Check Policy and Procedure that was sent out to offices last month. **Motion by Downs, second by Kuchar to approve the Authorized Drivers and Motor Vehicle Record Check Policy and Procedure. All in favor, motion carried.** The policy will be effective October 1st, 2009. Downs will have a letter sent out to all offices informing them of the newly adopted policies and procedures.
3. **Approval - Employee Hiring Policy and Procedure:** There has not been any negative feedback from offices on the Employee Hiring Policy and Procedure that was sent out to offices last month. **Motion by Downs, second by Beck to approve the Employee Hiring Policy and Procedure. All in favor, motion carried.** The policy will be effective October 1st, 2009. Downs will have a letter sent out to all offices informing them of the newly adopted policies and procedures.
4. **Approval - Drug Testing Policy Implementation:** There has not been any negative feedback on the Drug Testing Policy that was sent out to offices last month. **Motion by Downs, second by Bone to approve the Drug Testing Policy Implementation. All in favor, motion carried.** The policy will be effective October 1st, 2009. Downs will have a letter sent out to all offices informing them of the newly adopted policies and procedures.

5. **Update - Reduction in County Board:** A brief discussion took place on the possibility of reducing the county board size. The committee discussed factors that are considered when reducing the number of county board members. This must be voted on by June 2011. Once a number of members is selected, then districts could be changed accordingly in 2012. The committee will continue to look into this matter.
6. **Update - IMRF for County Board Members:** Discussion took place on an IMRF Policy for board members to review. Board members who work 600 or more hours a year for the county could receive IMRF. Treasurer Jenkins is researching this issue with IMRF and Downs will bring back information as it is received.
7. **Update - Per Diem Policy:** A written clarification of Per Diem Policies were sent out to board members.

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

Update - Used Equipment Letting: Bids were opened at the committee meeting for the Used Equipment Letting and were awarded as follows:

- **1995 GMC C3500 Crew Cab Diesel.** Sold to Raymond Akeman for **\$951.00.**
- **1998 Ford F150, Gasoline.** Sold to Witt Township for **\$2,651.99.**
- **1998 International 4900 Single Axle 10' Dump Truck.** Sold to Grisham Township for **\$15,552.50.**
- **7' Wide, Ground Driven Road Broom.** Sold to Fillmore Township for **\$1,529.00.**
- **Gravity Flow Tar Pot.** Sold to Bill Ellinger for **\$30.00.**

Motion by Branum, second by Miles to approve the sale of the used equipment to the highest bidders. All in favor, motion carried.

Update - Resolution #18-09: A Resolution to Appropriate funds for 1080 B-CA, Crabtree Trail, South Litchfield Road District, Total Cost = \$40,000, 50% RD-50% County Project. Branum reported that the committee discussed the project and decided to put it on hold until Niemanville Trail (Walton Park Bridge) is opened to traffic.

Approval - Section 08-00128-00-BR: Discussion took place on a Local Agency Agreement for federal participation of construction of the bridge on Fillmore Trail crossing the east fork of Shoal Creek (formerly known as Down's Bridge). Total construction cost for this project is estimated at \$550,000. Federal stimulus funds will pay for \$462,000 of the project with the remaining \$88,000 to be paid by the County. The Letting for this project is scheduled for November 2009. The County has to obligate the funding for this project no later than March 2010 or the County could lose the funding. Boehler is currently finalizing right of way acquisition.

Motion by Branum, second by Durbin to approve the Local Agency Agreement for federal participation of construction of Fillmore Trail over the East Fork of Shoal Creek. Voice Vote = 20 Ayes, 1 Present (Jarod Hitchings), 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, pages 221-225).

Update - Walton Park Bridge: The consultant has received IDOT approval for the Bridge Condition Report. The next step is to obtain approval from IDNR and IDOT for the hydrology and hydraulic design of the spillway and bridge. The Construction Letting is planned for June 11th, 2010.

Update - Probst Bridge Problems: Engineer Boehler received a letter from the Nokomis School Superintendent regarding the recent closure of the Probst Bridge located on Nokomis Road where it crosses Hurricane Creek. The closure has caused long bus detours and creates safety issues on the narrow township roads. As a compromise, Boehler agreed to leave the road closed but stagger the barricades so a bus could get through safely. The bridge is structurally safe as long as the posted weight limits are obeyed. If it becomes a safety issue with trucks and thru traffic disobeying the weight limits or moving or damaging the barricades, the County will have to close the road again. Boehler has expedited the design phase and is nearly a year ahead of schedule. The bridge should be let for construction in November or January depending on IDOT's schedule. Branum reported that the committee agreed to the compromise as planned.

Update - Airport Bridge: The Highway Department started removal of the Airport Bridge on Monday, August 24, 2009, and test piles were driven Friday and final grading for the new abutment caps was completed Tuesday, September 1st, 2009, with the project currently ahead of schedule. Concrete beams are to be set on

September 28th and the bridge should be open by mid October, 2009. The bridge closure has also been announced on WSMI Radio.

APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES: Motion by Blankenship, second by Downs to approve the 8 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

There will be a Special Building and Grounds meeting on Friday, September 18th, at 8:30 AM to go over bid specs for the annex building and the phone system.

Also, a reminder was issued that the Finance Committee will meet early next month on Monday, October 5th, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board room.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Motion by Hitchings, second by Ogden to approve the appointment of Dave Heaton to the Montgomery County Housing Authority Board. All in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Invoice from Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore:** Motion by Aumann, second by Bathurst to pay an invoice for Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 20, Against – 0, Present -1 (Jim Moore), Absent – 0. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Sielschott, second Branum to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2009.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Sielschott, second by Bone to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.