

# Montgomery County Board

## Minutes

**For Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 - 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 Jay Martin. Chairman Hertel asked for a moment of silence for Deputy Bruce Sanford's son Arin who recently passed away.**

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting: Hampton+Knodle asked that the previous month's County Board minutes need to be corrected to state the new Enterprise Zone's application will also include adding territory to the existing Enterprise Zone. **Without Motion and second, Vote was taken to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.** Minutes will need to be officially approved at the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 County Board meeting.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Animal Control Report ----** Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 2. Circuit Clerk's Report ----** Holly Lemons was present for questions and stated that all delinquent claims have been submitted to the State Comptroller's Office in hope of collecting unpaid fees and fines.
- 3. County Clerk and Recorder's Report ----** Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 4. Health Department Report ----** Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 5. Highway Department Report ---** Kevin Smith was present for questions.
- 6. Probation Office Report ----** Banee Ulrici – report was submitted.
- 7. Public Defender's Report ----** Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
- 8. Recycling Report ----** Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
- 9. ROE Report –** Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
- 10. Sheriff's Report ----** Jim Vazzi report was submitted.
- 11. SOA Report ----** Ray Durston – report was submitted.
- 12. T.B. Department Report –** Becky Durbin – report was submitted.
- 13. Treasurer's Report ----** Ron Jenkins – report was submitted. Chairman Hertel asked board members to review the bank balance report that was submitted by Treasurer Jenkins.
- 14. V.A.C. Report ----** Dave Strowmatt – report was submitted.

**APPROVAL OF 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bathurst and second by Graden to approve the 14 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

- 911 Board –** Webb stated that the 911 board will meet next week. Chairman Hertel stated that Under Sheriff Robbins will need to be replaced because it has been discovered that it is a conflict for any Deputy in the Sheriff's Office to serve on this board. Gasparich asked if the 911 board could be combined with the EMA committee in the future or if this committee can be combined with the Finance Committee because they deal mostly with financial business. Webb stated that they will need to look into this with the Illinois

Commerce Commission because they have rules and regulations regarding who can serve on the 911 board. Chairman Hertel stated that the State has legislation regarding the requirement that phone companies pay \$.85 per landline and cell phone. He said that voters in Montgomery County approved \$2 per line years ago and this new state law will greatly impact local 911 services. Chairman Hertel asked Assistant State's Attorney Wilson to look into this.

- **CEFS Board** - Robinson stated that she was unable to attend the last meeting.
- **CIEDA** – Hampton+Knodle stated that the CIEDA board is looking into the topic of open meetings compliance for electronic voting methods and she stated that there are not any new projects to report.
- **Health Dept.** – Martin stated that they will be meeting next week.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett, Bergen – Plunkett reported that he was advised of two pieces of legislation through a press release that could affect counties. He stated that the first change is that the State reduced the amount that governing bodies can hold in their Capital Improvement fund from 5 percent down to 3 percent of the equalized assessed value of property in the county. Plunkett stated that we currently have about \$1.2 million in that fund now and based on the new legislation we can potentially save about \$12 million in the Capital Improvement fund. Plunkett stated that the second piece of legislation he found requires the county to provide a paper copy of the budget to everyone in attendance at the County Board meeting when we pass the budget.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they will be meeting at the end of the month and deferred to MCEDC Executive Director Will Shalter who shared a graph that shows local jobs and wages from data he pulled from the US census survey in 2013. Shalter said that railroad, education and government job information was not included in the report and Chairman Hertel stated that it would be interesting to see this data for our County. Shalter stated that he will need to look at a different data set for this information. Bathurst asked if the banking industry was reflected in this report and Shalter stated that he thinks banking job data is included in this report. Shalter also reminded members to get their advertising ready for the Tourism South Bureau for their summer publication and said the deadline to reserve advertising space is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **MCWC** – Deabenderfer stated that they did not meet in December.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that the Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **Senior Citizens Board** –Bishop was absent.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they will meet later this month and there will be seminar in February.
- **U of I** – Young stated that the U of I Extension Council met in December and that their next meeting is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Young also reported that the U of I Extension did not dip into their reserves at all during this last year despite budget cuts from the State. He stated that the graduation rate among students in the 4-H Program is 100 percent, which is a great compliment to their services.
- **VAC** – Sneed stated that the VAC Board will start meeting quarterly.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they will meet next month.
- **Wellness Committee** – Bathurst stated that there is nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. **CIPT Mobility Report by Manager Nathan Nichols and Director Kim Adair Update:** Chairman Hertel introduced CIPT Mobility Manager Nathan Nichols and Director Kim Adair. Nichols stated that they just added Christian County to their services and also just added same-day service and expanded coverage to include some holidays in Montgomery County. Nichols explained that they have two full time and four part time drivers in six vehicles in Montgomery County and that ridership increased by 800 rides from 2014 to 2015. Nichols also reported that he spoke with our Health Department regarding resources for transportation and the services they offer. Nichols introduced new Transportation Director Kim Adair who brings 18 years transportation services experience from positions she held in North Dakota and Kentucky. Adair stated that she is big on customer service and that they are looking to identify their strengths and

weaknesses so they can see if changes need to be made. Adair asked that if anyone has issues with services to please call her or Nichols. Chairman Hertel stated that he would like for them to meet with all the Illinois Department of Human Services Offices and remind them about their services as their staff has changed in the past few years. Hampton+Knodle asked whether CIPT can take passengers out of State due to insurance issues and Adair stated she will check on this possibility with CEFS Director Paul White.

2. **Montgomery County Housing Authority Report by Kelly Moroney Update:** Chairman Hertel introduced Montgomery County Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer Kelly Moroney to give their annual report. Moroney stated that they have the approval and financing to build 37 new units throughout Montgomery County. She said that the closing date is set for April 1<sup>st</sup> and they hope to break ground in Hillsboro, Witt and Nokomis soon after closing. Moroney stated that the units will be for senior citizens that are 55 years of age and older and will consist of one and two bedroom homes with garages. Moroney said that this will be the first phase for rehabilitation and that it will take about 10 years to get all housing units replaced. Graden asked if they will use local labor and Moroney replied that that main contractor will hire some local labor for sub-contracting. Moroney reported that efforts were made to not displace current residents of units due for demolition and stated that there are only 12 single households that were relocated to units in Hillsboro and Litchfield so their units can be torn down. She also stated that about eight to ten residents will be permanently displaced because they do not meet the age requirement for the new housing units. Plunkett asked how many units they currently have and Moroney replied that they have 235 total units and 89 section 8 vouchers for the County. Moroney also stated that Christian County converted all their public housing to multi-units so they now have 172 vouchers to give away to other counties, and she is in the process of gathering more information about attaining some of these vouchers. Chairman Hertel stated that hopefully we can get some of those 172 vouchers in Montgomery County and also asked when the Long Avenue units were built in Hillsboro. Moroney replied that they were built in 1952. Chairman Hertel thanked Moroney for bringing this good news to the County Board.
3. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he doesn't know exactly what the coal mine plans to do about re-opening or how long they will be closed. He stated they will seal up the mine to safely seal the fire and said that to date our revenue has gone from \$250,000 per month down to \$20,000.
4. **Law Suit – Montgomery County vs. State of Illinois Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that our law suit against the State to get reimbursed for the salaries for the Supervisor of Assessments, State's Attorney and Public Defender went to court for their first appearance on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
5. **Executive Session to Review Closed Session Minutes Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated this will be held at the end of the meeting
6. **Soil Conservation Meeting Approval:** Chairman Hertel stated he met with staff and board members of the Soil and Water Conservation District who voiced concerns that their budget has been cut from \$15 million to \$6 million. He said that the County is required by law to have a Soil and Water Conservation board, but if they lose funding they will also lose their employees. Hertel asked for a motion to write a letter to support leaving the \$6 million in their budget. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve that Chairman Hertel writes a support letter to Governor Rauner in support of the SWCD. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel announced that the Farm Bureau has invited County Board members and officials to a breakfast meeting before the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 board meeting.

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

1. **2016 Fuel Letting Approval:** Miles reported that we received one bid from M&M Service for gas and diesel fuel. **Option #1:** Gas = M&M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. Diesel = M&M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. **Option #2:** Gas = fixed price for the year of \$2.001 per gallon and Diesel = fixed price for the year of \$1.926 per gallon. The committee discussed the two alternatives and is recommending the fixed price. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve Option #2, the fixed price from M&M Service of \$2.001 per gallon for gas and \$1.926 per gallon for diesel.** Hampton+Knodle asked if the Sheriff's Department can still get gas at a gas station when it is cheaper and Chairman Hertel replied yes and that we get a rebate. Hertel also stated that he is working on M & M to give us a rebate as well. Engineer Smith

stated that these proposed gas prices are \$.15 cheaper and proposed diesel prices are \$.57 cheaper than what we are paying right now. **All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **North Road Tile Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the request from last month regarding the county helping with some tiling issues on the North Road by the Witt Road intersection. Engineer Smith stated that they are looking at all the possible options and he does not want the county to get into the tiling business or having other property owners approach the county with their tiling issues.
3. **Simpson Bridge Construction Update:** Miles reported that the committee is very happy with the progress and that the deck beams are set and transverse ties are complete and said that with the current winter weather, the contractor has shut down for the winter, but might be able to continue work if the weather warms up. Miles also reported that the committee was thankful that the major work was up out of the water after the recent rain and flooding issues. He stated that several members had visited the bridge and observed the work.
4. **Above-ground Fuel Tanks Update:** Miles stated that the above-ground tanks are running and fully operational. Engineer Smith stated that the Highway Department will use the new tanks for one week to get the bugs out.
5. **MFT Funding Update:** Miles reported that the county received \$216,888 for the time frame from June through November and we should continue to get our Motor Fuel Tax allotment from the State on a regular schedule.
6. **2016 Rock Letting Update:** Miles stated that the Rock letting will take place at the next Road & Bridge Committee meeting.
7. **New Equipment Purchase Update:** Miles stated that the committee discussed the need to replace one tandem truck and trade in an old single axle truck. He said that the price of a new International truck from the state bid is approximately \$123,000. Miles stated that the Highway Department mechanic is checking on a different truck bed so the salt doesn't get in there to deteriorate the truck.
8. **Resolution Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer Approval:** Miles stated that the committee recommended an IDOT resolution requesting consent to reappoint the incumbent as county engineer. Engineer Smith's six year term expires March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. **Motion by Miles and second by Webb to approve the Resolution Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 75).**
9. **Other Business Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he sent a letter to IDOT asking for funds for I-55 frontage roads but he doesn't expect anything to come of it. Beeler reported that they have been surveying frontage roads in the northern part of the county.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update: Cleaning Hours at the Courthouse Complex Update:** Sneed reported that Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons attended their meeting to discuss the amount of part time cleaning done at the Courthouse Complex. She said the position allotted 20 hours for one individual and stated that this is not enough hours. Sneed said there were five hours per week more (25 hours per week total) put in the budget and the committee will give a 60 day trial for these extra hours to see if this helps for some of the additional cleaning needs. Lemons also suggested adding new signs at the front doors to signify which is the employee entrance and which door is the public entrance. Sneed also reported that the maintenance staff was painting and patching areas at the Courthouse Complex.
2. **Annex Building Project Update:** Sneed stated that he will be observing the annex building project at no cost to the county and said that the Committee reviewed and approved an agreement from McDonough-Whitlow in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to do the administrative work for the construction project pending review of the State's Attorney's Office.
3. **Communication Tower Renovations Update:** Sneed reported that everything is hooked up on the tower now and said that some equipment needs to be moved from the current tower to the new tower. He said that the new tower should be operational in the next month

4. **Elevator Proposals Update:** Sneed reported that the committee reviewed elevator proposals from two companies for a one year and a three year maintenance agreement to service the two elevators at the Courthouse Complex and the one elevator at the Historic Courthouse. He said the proposals need to be checked out and the committee will act on this next month.
5. **Johnson Controls Maintenance Agreement Update:** Sneed reported that the committee discussed and approved the one year maintenance agreement submitted by Johnson Controls for the HVAC system at the Courthouse Complex in the amount of \$4,680.
6. **Other Business Update:** Sneed reported that they will be looking for a small P.A. speaker for the County Board room because the one that was borrowed last month from Clerk Leitheiser seemed to work well.

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

- **MCEDC:** Hampton+Knodle stated that we have already heard about the MCEDC report earlier. She said that the Revolving Loan Fund report is in members' packets.
- **Incentives Approval:**
  - **Revolving Loan Fund:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the RLF report is in everyone's packet and that one loan is almost 2/3 paid off. She said that Shalter will be talking with an existing business regarding the RLF.
  - **Enterprise Zone** – Hampton+Knodle thanked SOA Durston and GIS Technician Younkers for working through some technical issues with the files and maps that were provided by McDonough-Whitlow for the Enterprise Zone project. She said that these issues will need to be worked on so that Coordinator Daniels can get the paperwork together to start the application.
  - **C & C Heating and Cooling of Nokomis:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the owner of this business met with Chairman Hertel and Daniels regarding his business plans to build a new structure for a work shop and retail store on the Nokomis property that he purchased which will hire two additional employees. She said that the City of Nokomis will receive sales tax on the retail part of the business and that the cost of the building will be about \$250,000. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Martin to approve the Ordinance for a four year General Abatement for C & C Heating & Cooling of Nokomis. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 76).**
- **Planning Approval:**
  - **Planning Commission** – Hampton+Knodle stated that Tony Marcolini from Hillsboro has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission to fill a spot that was vacated by Rueben Boehler. Marcolini has a business and used to work for Hurst-Rosche Engineers. **Motion by Hampton+Knodle and second by Tim Hopper to approve the appointment of Tony Marcolini to the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Infrastructure Update:**
  - Hampton+Knodle stated that the Grain Belt continues to move forward with their project pending a ruling from the Illinois Commerce Commission.
  - **Fiber RFP** – Hampton+Knodle asked board members to read pages 4 and 5 of the U of I Extension handout to better understand the needs and function of internet services for the future. She said that we need to make a wise investment to get better internet so that people can live here comfortably and conduct business.
  - **Eagle Zinc** – Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a letter regarding the cleanup progress at Eagle Zinc and that they discovered drainage patterns were different than what they had planned and that access to the rail spur and future uses were going forward. Hampton+Knodle stated that she received a complaint about the smell of burning coal and that she put in a message to EPA and EPA responded that they passed it on to DNR and are waiting for DNR response. She also reported the complaint to IDNR and is waiting on an answer.
- **Tourism Update:**
  - **Tourism South Submissions** – Hampton+Knodle stated that Shalter is gathering information that is due in February for the publication.

• **Workforce Update:**

- CEO Program – Hampton+Knodle stated that the current CEO class has been going to the county high schools to talk to students about the program and that 20 interested students reported to Litchfield, Hillsboro and Nokomis high schools. She invited everyone to attend the Brushville concert CEO class business event scheduled for Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Hillsboro High School gym. She also stated that the CEO trade show is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at LLCC in Litchfield from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

8. **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 collections continue in a routine fashion.

December Collections: New System \$108,875.50 Old System \$23.00 Total \$108,898.50

**AMBULANCE REPORT:**

1. **Ambulance Contracts Update:** Savage reported that the ambulance contracts were mailed December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and that we have received Nokomis contract back.

**EMA:**

1. **AED Training January 14<sup>th</sup> Update:** Savage reported that AED training will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup> in the County Board room and he stated that the sessions are two hours long and the classes will be held at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the County board room.
2. **Weather Spotter Class Update.** Savage stated the Weather Spotter class will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Moose. Holmes stated that since food will be served she will need to know how many plan to attend.
3. **MOU's received Update:** Savage stated that Memorandums of Understanding signatures are still coming in.
4. **Rain Event 2015 Update:** Savage stated the committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the heavy rain event from earlier this year and they will study the use of social media for public safety when there is a natural disaster. He said that people call the local or state police with updates but there was a lot of pictures and real time information on social media as things were unfolding.
5. **Other Business Update:**
  - Savage reported that the Hazard Mitigation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Chairman Hertel thanked the Nokomis Fire Department and other emergency personnel who responded to the house fire a few weeks ago in Nokomis where a baby was rescued from a second floor bedroom. Gasparich gave an overview of the event and stated that a press conference was held yesterday and that the media responded kindly to the first responders. Gasparich also stated that emergency responder trainings are very important and worthwhile because a little girl is alive today because of that training.

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

1. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler reported that due to the lack of revenue from the coal royalties, there has not been any money put in the Capital Improvement fund. She stated that we have got to change our operating model now as a County Board. Beeler also stated that she would rather give up things and not people, and she said we need to look at the categories of the number of precincts, polling places, recycling, animal control, and public safety to name a few. Chairman Hertel stated that the Finance committee needs to set up meetings with all the county officials and department heads to see how we are going to cut. Hertel also stated that without the coal royalty revenue, we will need to cut about \$800,000 in the budget. Young asked if there is a goal on what to cut and Hertel replied that he would like to cut as much as possible so we can leave some money in the bank, and he said that we have to pay for our buildings out of our \$6 million reserves. Hertel also added that we are not going to raise taxes. Moore asked if there is consideration to amend the current

budget and Beeler responded that she doesn't know the answer to that and that the committee had just found out about the coal mine situation through a press release the morning of the Finance Committee meeting. Beeler stated there is not enough money and that we can't continue this way, and also said that she wants to address the budget concerns now. She informed members that although cuts were made during the budget hearings, those reductions were lost with salary increases. Beeler stated that she would feel better about operating on a true budget and that big cuts will need to be made because there is just not enough money to go around.

2. **New Wave Phone and Internet Implementation Update:** Beeler stated that there were some issues on the providers end and that the conversion to New Wave should be complete by the end of the month.
3. **Zobrio Accounting Software Implementation & Access for Supervisors Update:** Beeler reported that the Treasurer's office has been happy with the training provided by Andrew Hubbard from Zobrio, and they will start training on the Zobrio Human Resources module after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Beeler also reported that the committee received a new invoice from Zobrio for next year's maintenance and they are currently negotiating the price.
4. **County Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance Update:** Beeler stated that the information was sent over to the State's Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance for the Hotel/Motel Tax.
5. **Mileage Reimbursement Approval:** Beeler stated that the Committee discussed the revised IRS mileage rate of \$.54 per mile that became effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and recommends lowering it. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to change the mileage reimbursement to \$.54 per mile effective Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel ID # 03-28-205-006 in Pitman Township to the Village of Waggoner Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Young to convey deed 03-28-205-006 in Pitman Township to the Village of Waggoner. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 77).
7. **Resolution to Convey Deed to Parcel ID # 13-06-286-011 in Witt Township to Elizabeth Watkins Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hampton+Knodle to convey deed 13-06-286-011 in Witt Township to Elizabeth Watkins. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 15, page 78).
8. **Tom Day Invoices for Copy Maintenance Update:** Beeler reported that she will meet with Tom Day representative Dale Smith on Tuesday after the board meeting to ask questions regarding the copy machine maintenance agreements.
9. **Capital Fund (SB 87/PA 99-0019 – Senator Pamela Althoff) Update:** Beeler stated that Plunkett gave an update earlier.
10. **County Budget Public Hearing (HB 2474/PA 99-0273) Update:** Beeler stated that Plunkett gave an update earlier.
11. **Open Bids for Sheriff's Vehicles Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee received a State Bid for two Chevrolet Tahoes in the amount of \$77,580 from Roger Jennings in Hillsboro. She said there are three cars that will be traded in for a total of \$6,000 so it would leave a balance of \$71,580 to pay for the two new vehicles. **Motion by Graden and second by Beck to approve the purchase of the two Tahoes from Roger Jennings for \$71,580 with \$60,000 coming out of the Sheriff's Budget Office 80 and the balance out of one of the other Sheriff's Department funds.** Moore stated that it is a good time to stop spending now because this is coal money. Gasparich stated that he made the motion to recommend the purchase for the Tahoes and accept the trade-ins in the Finance Committee because the three Crown Victoria cars will soon start racking up expensive repairs and that we will eventually buy new vehicles anyway. Miles asked how many miles the trade in vehicles have on them and Robbins replied that they have approximately 81,000 to 90,000 miles on them. Miles said that one of the Crown Victorias is currently in use, one is in the shop with mechanical problems, and one not in use. Beeler stated that the maintenance warranty on these vehicles has reduced from 100,000 miles to 50,000 miles. Robbins stated that the police cars last about three years or 80,000 miles before repairs and mechanical issues start and he added that the 2012 Chevy Tahoe has about 95,000 miles on it with very little maintenance and that we could get 1 or 2 more years out of it. Robbins also stated that he understands the gloom and doom of the financial situation, but he wants the deputies to be as safe as possible to assist our citizens. Beeler stated that she is not

comfortable with purchasing these two vehicles now and added that we are one month into a new budget year and we have no idea where the money is going to come from to replace the coal revenues. Miles stated that he used to deal in used squad vehicles and a vehicle with 80,000 mileage was considered low mileage. Miles said that he doesn't know why the current vehicles won't run longer. Sneed asked about the total number of vehicles in the Sheriff's department and Robbins replied that all the deputies have a vehicle to drive and they currently have two spare vehicles. Robbins said the two spare vehicles are 2009 and 2010 Explorers with 80,000 to 130,000 miles on them. Gasparich stated that sometimes you have to spend money to save money and that the prices may go up for 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe models and the trade ins may not be taken. Beeler stated that it is time to start thinking differently and time to look at a different option of vehicle because Tahoes are going up in price. Graden called for the question. **ROLL Call Vote: Voting Yes - 11, Voting No - 9. Absent - 1. Those voting Yes: Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Richard Wendel. Those voting No: Megan Beeler, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Roy Hertel, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Bob Sneed, Mike Webb, Evan Young. Those absent: Nikki Bishop. Motion carried.**

12. **UCCI Opinion Concerning Unknown Parcels Title Search Update:** Beeler stated that there is a handout in everyone's packet from UCCI regarding their Legal Opinion concerning the parcels with unknown owners.

13. **Other Business Update:** Circuit Clerk Lemons stated that she has now turned over all the felony cases to the Illinois State Comptroller's Office for possible reimbursement to the county through their free State Income Tax Refund program.

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

1. **Animal Control Facility Program Update:** Beck reported that there was a large attendance of people who attended their last committee meeting regarding the draft of the animal control ordinance. She stated that it was a nice meeting and they learned a lot about breeders and hunting dogs. Beck said that copies of the proposed animal control ordinance are now not going to be used and can be recycled and that the committee will instead draft an ordinance that mirrors the state ordinance for animal control. She stated that the HWE committee will be having a special meeting with a few of the visitors who volunteered to work with the committee on the ordinance. Chairman Hertel stated that we are hoping to present the new ordinance in March or April and he added that with the new year underway, all pet owners should check to make sure their animals are up to date on their rabies shots. He also said that according to state law these pets must also obtain a registration tag with the county and that if all pet owners would comply, it would help fully fund the animal control program.

2. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Mary Bathurst:**

1. **Local 148 Union – Circuit Clerk's Office Negotiations Update:** Bathurst stated that a mediation meeting has been set on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm with members of Local 148.

2. **Local 773 Pension Update:** Bathurst stated that a grievance was dropped by members of Local 773 regarding payments to the pension fund. Bathurst also reported that a meeting was held with some local 773 employees and the pension group representatives to discuss overpayments made from October, 2012 through December, 2014. She said that the pension fund will be sending a refund to the county and the employees for which taxes will have to be withheld because it was sent to the pension fund pre-taxed.

3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

**Executive Session for Reviewing Executive Session Minutes, Personnel /Approval:**

**Motion to enter into Executive Session by Bathurst and second by Martin to review executive session minutes. Time 10:55 am.**

**Motion by Young and second by Bathurst to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 11:02 am.**

**Motion by Plunkett and second by Wendel to open the minutes from 5/13/14, to leave the minutes from 4/2/14, 4/8/14, 7/2/14, 7/8/14, and 1/12/15 pending until the next review for all others listed to be Forever Sealed. All in favor, motion carried. (For full list of Executive Session minutes reviewed, see Resolution Book 15, page 79).**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Hertel reminded members about the AED Training – January 14<sup>th</sup> and encouraged them to sign up with EMA Director Holmes, and also reminded members about the Farm Bureau Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 am before the board meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Tony Marcolini was appointed to the Planning Commission earlier in this meeting as part of the Economic Development report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Bill Schroeder stated that on the budget issue board members should ask themselves what if there wasn't a coal mine and find ways how the county would provide services. He asked if we can go back to the budget before the coal mine came here. Chairman Hertel stated that we need to evaluate the situation and these times are different now because the State has cut funding to the local governments, plus revenues were better then. Hertel added that Circuit Clerk revenue, income tax and sales tax has stayed the same and coal money was used to bridge the gap. Hertel also stated that we must have businesses to sustain and generate revenues and we must factor in what is happening on the Federal level also. Hertel also stated that we have a few more programs that the public wanted that cost us some money. Young stated that the cost of employee health insurance has doubled over the past few years.

**PAY BILLS:**

- 1. Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams, PC or Books & Moore and to Point of Light Awards: Motion by Bathurst and second by Young 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 Sneed and second by Young to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2016.**

**Adjourn: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Gasparich and second by Moore to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.**

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