

Montgomery County Board Re-Organization Minutes

Date: Monday, December 5th, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board

Room

Clerk Leitheiser called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Resident Circuit Judge Jim Roberts.

Official Verbal Oath was administered to the following elected and re-elected County Board members by Judge Roberts: Connie Beck, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Jeremy Jones, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Glenn Savage and Richard Wendel.

Roll call was taken, with 20 Member present, 1 Absent. Those present were: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ron Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel and Evan Young. The member absent was Earlene Robinson. Leitheiser stated there was a quorum to conduct business.

Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a Temporary Chairman of the County Board.

Motion by Graden and second by Miles that Joe Gasparich be elected temporary County Board Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Leitheiser asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Young and second by Wendel to close the nominations. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Temporary Chairman Gasparich then called for nominations for County Board Chairman.

Motion by Hopper second by Beck that Roy Hertel be nominated as County Board Chairman. Temporary Chairman Gasparich asked three (3) more times for nominations and heard none. Gasparich then asked for a motion to close the nominations. **Motion by Sneed, second by Bergen to close the nominations. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Gasparich asked for a Motion to Elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman. **Motion by Beck, second by Jones to elect Roy Hertel as County Board Chairman by acclamation. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

County Board Chairman Hertel addressed the board and expressed his appreciation at the confidence placed in him to continue as County Board Chairman. He stated that it has come to the County Board's attention that according to 55 ILCS 5/2-1003 the County Board should elect the Vice Chairman of the Board rather than the past practice of the Chairman appointing the Vice Chairman. State's Attorney Matoush was in attendance and agreed with the need to elect the Vice Chairman rather than appoint that person.

Chairman Hertel then called for nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. **Motion by Beeler and second by Savage that Evan Young be nominated as County Board Vice-Chairman.** Chairman Hertel asked three (3) more times for nominations and heard none.

Motion by Martin and second by Deabenderfer to close the nominations for County Board Vice-Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Motion by Bishop and second by Clark to elect Evan Young as the County Board Vice-Chairman. All in Favor, Motion Carried. Vice Chairman Young thanked the members for their support and pledged to work hard to support Chairman Hertel and make everything go as smoothly as possible.

Chairman Hertel then named the Committee Chairmen and Coordinating Committee as follows: Personnel - Jay Martin; Building & Grounds - Bob Sneed; Economic Development - Tim Hopper; EMA/Ambulance - Glenn Savage; Finance - Megan Beeler; Health, Welfare & Elections - Connie Beck; Road & Bridge - Gene Miles. Hertel announced that handouts with Committee assignments will be available after the meeting. Chairman Hertel asked each newly elected County Board members Kirby Furness, Dillon Clark, Glenn Bishop and Jeremy Jones to introduce themselves to the membership and state brief information about their background, which they did.

Chairman Hertel asked each Committee Chairperson to announce their Vice-Chairpersons and committee members, which was announced as follows:

Building and Grounds Committee: Chairman Bob Sneed announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Chuck Graden, Members- Glenn Bishop, Ron Deabenderfer, Gene Miles, Richard Wendel

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Tim Hopper announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Jeremy Jones, Members- Megan Beeler, Dillon Clark, Ron Deabenderfer, Jay Martin

EMA/Ambulance Committee: Chairman Glenn Savage announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Joe Gasparich, Members Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper

Finance Committee: Chairman Megan Beeler announced her committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Mike Plunkett, Members Kirby Furness, Jim Moore, Connie Beck, Bob Sneed.

Health, Welfare and Elections Committee: Chairman Connie Beck announced her committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Chuck Graden, Members Joe Gasparich, Jeremy Jones, Earlene Robinson and Richard Wendel.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Jay Martin announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman- Evan Young, Members Joe Gasparich, Mike Plunkett, Kirby Furness and Bill Bergen.

Road and Bridge Committee: Chairman Gene Miles announced his committee members as follows: Vice Chairman Earlene Robinson, Members Bill Bergen, Jim Moore, Glenn Savage and Evan Young.

Hertel stated that the members need to appoint a Rules Committee-Ad Hoc Committee to update the County Board Rules of Order, and asked that members Gasparich, Plunkett and Bergen be appointed to the Rules Committee. **Motion by Martin and second by Graden to appoint Gasparich, Plunkett and Bergen to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried.** Hertel stated that the Rules Committee will meet after the next County Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at approximately 10:30 AM.

Chairman Hertel reviewed the accomplishments of the County Board from 2013-2016 with members and also informed them about the challenges the County faces in the future. Hertel reminded members that they represent all the people of Montgomery County, and for the good of the county we need to hold together and do what is right for the citizens. He stated that members may have disagreements and close votes, but he encouraged the Board to focus on keeping the budget low, the need for the jail to have a new roof, to push for more jobs and economic development and to repair county roads with limited funds. He thanked members for their hard work and asked them to contact him if they have a question or issue. Hertel then announced that the next County Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at 8:30 AM. He also announced that after the Full Board meeting new Board Members will get their picture taken for their ID badges and there will also be a group photo taken.

Motion by Plunkett and second by Beck to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

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