

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd 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: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Member Absent: Mike Plunkett

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Megan Beeler.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Wendel and second by Graden to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – Report was submitted. Savage stated the Ambulance billing is going well.
- 2. Animal Control Report** ---- Amanda Daniels – report was submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk’s Report** ---- Holly Lemons report was submitted.
- 4. County Clerk and Recorder’s Report** ---- Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 5. Health & TB Department Report** ---- Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 6. Highway Department Report** --- Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
- 7. Probation Office Report** ---- Bane Ulrici – report was submitted.
- 8. Public Defender’s Report** ---- Erin Mattson – report was submitted.
- 9. Recycling Report** ---- Ben Bishop – report was submitted.
- 10. ROE Report** – Julie Wollerman – report was submitted.
- 11. Sheriff’s Report** ---- Jim Vazzi report was submitted. Undersheriff Robbins was present and stated there was nothing new to report.
- 12. SOA Report** ---- Ray Durston – report was submitted.
- 13. Treasurer’s Report** ---- Ron Jenkins – report was submitted.
- 14. V.A.C. Report** ---- Dave Strowmatt was present for questions. Strowmatt stated that he will submit several pieces of legislation for next month’s board meeting. Strowmatt also reported that Captain Nimmo and the VAC is putting together a preparedness response team to work on emergency situations.

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

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **708 Board** – Robinson stated that the 708 Board met last night and they approved the mission statement and that IT Manager Watkins will create a link to the county’s website so the 708 Board can post their guidelines and applications to the public. Robinson said that the final draft should be ready to approve in March.
- **911 Board** – Gasparich reported they did not meet last month and will meet next month.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Bergen stated there is nothing to report at this time.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that the Annual MCEDC Dinner will be on April 16th at 6:00 pm at the Broad Street Grill.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they will meet next on March 21st, 2017.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported the Senior Board approved a bid from Lessman Excavating to expand the parking lot at the Senior Center at its current location.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that they had a short meeting this past month and he has nothing to report.
- **U of I** – Young stated that they will meet tonight.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that the WCDC board will meet this Thursday. Jeremy Jones stated that he attended a recent meeting and said WCDC is working on putting together a website at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Roy Hertel as follows:

1. **Coal Mine Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that there has been some drilling activity at the coal mine. Jones reported that he talked to Hillsboro Energy representative Roger Dennison and they have drilled an air hole so they can get quality air down by the longwall machine site.
2. **Overweight Trucks Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that he has to work with the State’s Attorney on this ordinance. Hopper stated he will get Hillsboro’s City Ordinance to Chairman Hertel for his review.
3. **Moving Ambulance Line Update:** Chairman Hertel asked Miles if he was able to talk with the county resident about his concerns with the Nokomis Ambulance district response times and Miles responded that he has not talked to them yet.
4. **Solar Farm Ordinance/Inquiry Update:** Chairman Hertel stated that this issue has been assigned to the Economic Development Committee and that they are reviewing a draft of a solar farm ordinance from Whiteside County. Hopper stated that he and Megan Beeler will reach out to county solar energy business owner David Ronen regarding current legislation for solar farms.

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

1. **2017 MFT Oil Letting Approval:** Miles stated that the committee reviewed and approved the low bid for the Oil letting that was held on Monday, February 6th, 2017. **Motion by**

Miles and second by Young to approve the low bid from Louis Marsh for the county oil purchases at \$1.57 per gallon. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Miles and second by Savage to approve the low bidders for the townships that are posted. All in favor, motion carried.

2. **2017 Pipe Culvert Letting Approval:** Miles reported that two bids were opened on Monday, February 7th, 2017 for the 2017 pipe culvert letting. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the low bids from Metal Culverts on both groups. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. **Section 14-04117-00-BR – SN: 068-3192 Deck Beam Replacement – N. 6th Ave. (TR 371) over Coffeen Lake, East Fork Township TBP, Engineering Services Approval:** Miles reported that the committee approved to recommend a proposal from Hurst Rosche Engineering to do the engineering work for an amount not to exceed \$16,100 to replace the deck beams on North 6th Avenue over the north end of Coffeen Lake. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to approve the engineering agreement with Hurst and Rosche for an amount not to exceed \$16,100 for the engineering work on North 6th Ave. over Coffeen Lake in East Fork Township. All in favor, motion carried.** Moore stated that to his knowledge there is no plan to mine under this bridge. **(For copy of document, see Resolution Book 16, pages 67-69.)**

4. **Section 17-05121-00-BR – SN: 068-3212 Bridge Replacement – Wonder Tr. (TR 457) over Dry Fork Creek, Fillmore Twp., TBP, Engineering Services Approval:** Miles stated that this bridge was scheduled to do some piling work and after the bridge inspection they found concerns with the concrete on the deck. Greenwood stated that he contacted IDOT regarding the issues with the poor condition of the deck and they recommended replacing the whole bridge. He said that this will be an 80/20 cost share with Fillmore Township. Greenwood stated that he received a proposal from McDonough Whitlow for the engineering work in the amount of \$69,600. Engineer Greenwood stated that the estimate cost to replace the bridge will be approximately \$325,000 and this would be a spring 2018 project. **Motion by Miles and second by Young to approve the proposal from McDonough Whitlow to do the engineer work for the Wonder Trail Bridge in the amount of \$69,600. ROLL CALL VOTE – 20 voting Yes and 1 member absent. Voting Yes were Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Glenn Bishop, Dillon Clark, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Roy Hertel, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. Mike Plunkett was absent. Motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 70-76).**

5. **Section 09-00133-00-BR – SN: 068-3017 Bridge Replacement – Walshville Trail (CH 11) over Middle Fork Shoal Creek, Engineering Services Supplement Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed options of straightening out the road to the Walshville Bridge that is slated for replacement in 2021. Miles stated that Engineer Greenwood will ask the Engineering firm for a cost to complete the feasibility study since.

6. **Equipment Purchase Approval:** Miles reported that they received a price for the truck bed for the Mechanic's Truck. He said that the total cost for the road foreman's pickup truck, mechanic's pickup truck and the mechanic's service body is \$74,465. **Motion by Miles and second by Furness to purchase the truck bed in the amount of \$11,654 from Koenig Body and Equipment, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. **Small Equipment Purchase Approval:** Miles reported that the committee discussed and approved to replace the copy machine at the Highway Dept. with the low bid from CDS in the amount of \$5,279. **Motion by Miles and second by Moore to accept the low bid from CDS for a new copier in the amount of \$5,279. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Farmersville Drainage on C.H. 17 (Mine Ave.) Approval:** Miles stated that the committee discussed and is satisfied with the letter the Village of Farmersville submitted from an Engineering Company to approve the work they completed on the ditch on the county right of way in that area.
9. **Ford Ave., City of Witt, Road Repair Cost Estimate Approval:** Miles stated that Young is working with the City of Witt to see if the county will repair Ford Avenue and then take over the maintenance of this road like was done with the Irving Road project.
10. **Red Ball Trail (CH 9) Approval:** Miles reported that he and Engineer Greenwood met with Attorney Stephen Kaufmann regarding litigation on the Red Ball Trail. That attorney advised them that he can't represent the County due to a conflict of interest. Miles said that Kaufmann suggested that we seek an independent review and he provided contact information for a few other attorneys to consider. Miles said that State's Attorney Matoush will review this list and make contact with an attorney on the county's behalf.
11. **Credit Card for Small Purchases Approval:** Miles stated that the committee approved that Engineer Greenwood get a credit card with a limit of \$1,000 to order parts that can be purchased cheaper online. Engineer Greenwood said he will be signing off on the purchases.
12. **County Engineer Salary Program Approval:** Miles stated that the committee discussed the IDOT County Engineer Salary Program and said that the Finance and Personnel Committees will also be looking at this program.
13. **Other Business Update:** Miles stated that they are working on a legal situation where damage was done to a Frontier Cable while the highway department was out doing ditching work in the county.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin:

1. **Mediation with the Sheriff's Department Fraternal Order of Police Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with the FOP on January 27th, 2017 to try and complete the union negotiations for the contract that ended on November 30th, 2016. He stated that there was no agreement reached so another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the county board room
2. **Meeting with Local 148 Regarding Grievance Update:** Martin reported that the committee met with Attorney Chris Walters and Local 148 Business Agent Patrick Lynch Friday, January 27th, 2017 at 12:00 pm. He said that an agreement was also reached with Local 148 regarding that union's employee health insurance.
3. **Employee Health Insurance Update:** Martin reported that Health Alliance is maxed out on individual policies and can't take on any more customers through the Affordable Health Care Act exchange, and that Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only health insurance company that will sign up individuals
4. **Zobrio Human Resource Module Training & Implementation Update:** Martin stated that he met with Treasurer's office payroll clerk Liz Holcomb and they spoke with a Zobrio representative concerning the Human Resource Module that we were sold a few years ago which will not work for us in getting all employees' time off in the

payroll system to print on the pay stubs. He said that the committee discussed that at the time we purchased the Human Resource Module from Zobrio we were told by Zobrio sales representative Penrod that we would get 20 logins for supervisors to enter their time off, however we have since found out that these individuals would also have access all the areas of the payroll software, which is not acceptable due to the private information contained. Martin said that the committee discussed getting the meeting audio to show that we were promised that the office holders would only have access to the time off reporting function of the payroll software and not the entire payroll system. Martin stated that he will contact Zobrio CEO John Veradian to discuss this issue. The committee also discussed other payroll options such as outsourcing the payroll function in order to get time off balances on the pay stubs.

5. **Travel Reimbursement Voucher Form:** Martin explained the new Travel Voucher form which simplifies the reporting process now required by state mandate and the recently passed county ordinance. He stated that the form will be available both on the county website for county board members and on the employees' intranet site as a fillable form which will calculate the totals needed. **Motion by Martin and second by Hopper to approve the revised Travel Reimbursement Voucher Form. All in favor, motion carried.** Beeler thanked Martin for his hard work on this form.

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Project Approval:** Beeler stated that Gene Stuard of the Forrestal Group has been in touch with the Dynegy Attorneys and they are compiling data at this time.
2. **IMRF Presentation Update:** Beeler stated that IMRF Representative Mandy Beedie gave a very informative presentation that shared information on our current position with an updated financial aspect of the recent retirees and how it impacts our different pension funds. Beedie also explained the three different funds and the impact it will have when we have a very large retirement. Beeler stated that a few more follow-up questions have been asked to get a better understanding for our pension system.
3. **County Highway Engineer Salary Program Update:** Beeler stated that they will table this issue until the other three members of the Finance Committee are here and that the Personnel Committee is also updated. Beeler reported that she and Highway Engineer Greenwood have been talking about this program and she said that this probably won't be made available in this budget year. Beeler stated that the revenue and expense line items would need to be amended and this request doesn't fit into the category of emergencies that must be met to amend the budget.
4. **Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report Update:** Beeler stated that the monthly coal report submitted by Treasurer Jenkins is available.
5. **2017 Mileage Rate Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed and approved to decrease the mileage reimbursement to \$.53 per mile so that those who are receiving the reimbursement are not subject to paying income tax on the extra ½ cent. The 2017 IRS Mileage rate has been set at \$.53.5 cents per mile. **Motion by Beeler and second by Martin to change the mile reimbursement to \$.53 per mile. All in favor, motion carried.**

6. **EMA Budget Amendment Update:** Beeler stated that there are ongoing conversations and questions regarding who is in charge of the Hazmat Team and she said that there will be no budget amendment at this time because the \$3,500 they are requesting doesn't qualify as an emergency to amend the county budget. Beeler explained that if it is found that the Hazmat Team is an entity of Montgomery County then we will take the money out of a contingency fund. Nimmo stated that he is in the process of trying to determine the structure of this organization and said that the equipment is funded and maintained by MABAS and the County owns and insures the trailer. He said that Hazmat is an all-volunteer team and if we don't find storage for this trailer we will have to give up the trailer to another county and this would be detriment to Montgomery County due to all the railroads, I-55, fertilizer storage etc. that may require Hazmat services in a timely manner. Bishop stated that he talked with Macs Fire and Safety from Litchfield and they said for \$100 per month they could provide storage with electricity and security cameras. Beeler stated that if this is a county entity then the county board needs to make appointments to this organization. Gasparich stated that these volunteers have signed an oath for EMA and are legitimate, and said they are actually county emergency volunteers right now and not a liability.
7. **U of I Extension Annual Agreement Approval:** Beeler called upon U of I Extension Director Amanda Cole to present the annual agreement in the amount of \$154,910. Cole explained that this funding levy has been the same amount for several years and that U of I Extension hasn't received any state match since 2015 but their unit is still operating OK. Cole stated that there are 21 positions in her four county unit and ten of those positions are in Montgomery County. Cole invited board members for lunch and shared some brochures for the programs they are offering. Cole reported that a group of graduate students are coming this Friday to the recycling facility to work with Ben Bishop and Connie Beck on different options to recycle. **Motion by Beeler and second by Young to recommend the approval of the annual agreement with the U of I Extension to levy the amount of \$154,910. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 16, pages 77-78).**
8. **Gmail Hosting Options Update:** Beeler reported that she is working with the County IT Department to switch the email hosting site in the future and said that this will be a good move for the employees because it will allow access to emails when employees are offsite.
9. **Vice-Chairman of County Board Stipend Update/Approval:** Beeler stated that Vice Chairman Evan Young is not a committee chair and therefore does not get the annual stipend nor is he compensated a per diem for the committee meetings that he is attending. She said there is currently no mechanism in the Rules of Order for compensating the Vice Chair when that person is not a committee chairman. Deabenderfer stated that he would feel better if there was better language to address this in the Rules of Order. Beeler asked that the Rules Committee review this issue. Beeler stated that the Finance Committee approved that Young should get a stipend. Beeler signed a voucher for \$450 to compensate Young for his Vice-Chairman role.
10. **Public Safety Tax Budget Allocations Update:** Beeler reported that she met with Young, Gasparich and Undersheriff Robbins to discuss the Public Safety Tax question for the April 4th, 2017 election. Beeler stated that the Public Safety sales tax revenue would be used to take the burden off the general fund and to help fund items that were cut

from the Sheriff's Department such as two new vehicles per year, an increase to their training budget, and part time administrator and tele communicator positions. She said this money could also be used to make a onetime software purchase of the 911 equipment, to replace radios that need to be updated from analog to digital, and to address the overcrowding situation with the female population at the jail. Robbins shared concerns that there was no plan on where the money will go and pointed out that they lost a tele communicator and part time administrative person when the budget was cut and they would like to utilize this money for Sheriff's Vehicles and to add money to the training budget. Robbins also shared that they lost a full time maintenance person and they could use some Public Safety tax money for this position. Beeler said that 1/3rd of the Public Safety money would be to fund the new roof on the jail as well as updating the software for 911 and communications. Robbins stated that there was a question on whether this sales tax money could be paid out to county fire districts and he found in the state statute that it could be used. Chairman Hertel stated that a committee would be set up much like the 708 Board to review the applications for funds from the various police, fire and ambulance districts. Discussion took place about the application review process which would be done by the County EMA. Beeler stated that Gasparich is setting up a fact sheet and will start going to local organizations to explain how the Public Safety tax will work. Jones asked that we don't deplete any funds from the Sheriff's Office in the future. Gasparich stated that this funding will help replenish the funds that were cut from the Sheriff's Office. Beeler stated that if this tax were in place today, they would have had \$328,000 left over and that money would be left to maintain the Sheriff Department salaries and not endanger positions to be cut due to budget constraints. Beeler stated the plan is for the county budget to maintain the budget at the current level and also give them a few things that we can't budget for now, like vehicles or software updates. Bishop asked if the money not used by those purchases will go back to the General Fund. Beeler responded that there will be \$478,000 that we won't have to spend out of the general fund to pay for Sheriff and Jail expenses. Bishop stated that if this is done, you should not promote this as a Public Safety tax, you have to say it is a general fund tax. He said it is untruthful that this Public Safety money will be going to first responders. Beeler stated that no one stated that all the money is going to first responders. Gasparich stated that without this tax, next year there will have to be cuts in the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Hertel stated that 1/3 or \$400,000 will be given as new money to help the county's first responders. Bishop stated that if we promote this you need to say this and not say it is a first responder tax. Robbins stated that this is not what the public saw last time the Public Question was on the ballot, so it didn't pass. They would be gaining back more of a full staff than they have today. Gasparich stated that he has never said it was a first responder's tax, and has only referred to it as a Public Safety Tax. Hertel stated that sales tax is the most fair tax since everyone pays on a sales tax, and said that the cities of Litchfield, Nokomis and Hillsboro have increased their sales tax rates. Gasparich stated that we have used coal mine money to run this county for the past several years and this should be spent instead to benefit this county for the next 20 to 30 years from now and not pay for day to day operations. He said that we would use this sales tax to pay for Public Safety instead of using the coal money revenue that should be used for investing in the future of this county like fixing our roads and bridges and laying high speed internet. Chairman Hertel stated that we are going to be up front with the citizens of this

county as this sales tax question is promoted so they will be clear on where the new tax dollars will be spent.

11. **708 Board Disbursement Process Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed the disbursement process for the new 708 Board and said that the money will be collected by the County Treasurer and deposited in the Community Mental Health Fund and then dispersed when it is vouchered. She said that this fund will also be audited.
12. **Budget Hearing Dates for FY 2018 Update:** Beeler stated that they are looking at conducting Budget Hearings on two Mondays instead of three mornings, and the committee is looking at Monday, July 24th, and July 31st at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update/Approval:** Leitheiser stated that early voting will start on February 23rd, 2017 and all Election preparations have been going smoothly.
2. **EPA Report Update/Approval:** Beck stated that Gonet got an email that the state funding is being processed for his program.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update/Approval:** Beck reported that she and Bishop met with the U of I Extension students who are going to do a class study on the recycling program. Beck also reported that the Electronics Recycling Drive is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Hillsboro facility.
4. **Animal Control Facility Program Update/Approval:** Beck reported that two people came to the committee meeting including local citizen Bill Schroeder and they had a nice discussion regarding the Animal Control Ordinance. She said that the committee discussed that there should be language in the ordinance regarding abuse and neglect. Beck stated that the committee will review language from the Macon and Macoupin County Animal Control Ordinances and she also reported that the committee discussed and took out the entire "Breeder" section in the ordinance and she said that they hope to have something to present to the board next month. Furness stated that he feels that we didn't have an animal control facility 20 years ago so why make government bigger and asked why this ordinance needs to be addressed now. Furness also stated that the animal control facility should be self-funded. Chairman Hertel replied that if everyone bought their rabies dog tags as required by State Law the facility would be self-funded. Furness stated that this ordinance gives county animal control too much power to enforce local requirements that are beyond the state statutes. Jones stated that they discussed this in committee and details of cases would go to the State's Attorney's Office for review so the animal control officer would have a checks and balances. Graden stated that we don't want animals abused and the State has investigators but they can't get to a severely abused dog or cat immediately. Graden added that there are checks and balances currently with animal control staff. Beck invited everyone to the next HWE Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 to further discuss the proposed animal control ordinance.

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

1. **Maintenance Issues and Report Update:** Sneed stated that there is about a \$150,000 of coal money to be spent on the Jail this year, which is money that we could have used for future generations.

- 2. Radon Testing and Mitigation at the Historic Courthouse Approval:** Sneed reported that the temporary fan used to mitigate the radon in the basement of the Historic Courthouse has to be vented outside and will cost about \$10,000. He said that the law says that the pipe has to go to the top of the building, but Sneed stated that he signed a waiver for the pipe to go up to the second story windows and it will look like the downspouts that are on the building so it will blend in with the other parts of the building. **Motion by Sneed and second by Furness to approve the proposal from Radon Services in the amount of \$7,750 for the radon mitigation in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. All in favor, Motion carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Tim Hopper as follows:

- 1. MCEDC Update:** Hopper stated that MCEDC Director Belusko's report is in the packet and that there will now be two grant writers on board.
- 2. Tourism Update:** Hopper stated that IllinoisSouth Tourism Visitors Guide had some errors in it so they will now give us 24 hours' notice to review the tourism publication and give us some free advertisement to compensate for these errors.
- 3. Branding Brainstorm Update:** Belusko stated that IllinoisSouth Tourism continues to work on the branding name for Montgomery County.
- 4. Illinois Bicentennial Update:** Hopper stated that the committee reviewed and discussed the letter from Tonya Larnia, Deputy Director of IL Bicentennial. He said that the committee wants to compare this correspondence with what was received a few months ago before deciding our level of participation.
- 5. Incentives Document Update:** Hopper stated that the committee will discuss this next month after the MCEDC Board of Directors reviews the documents and gives their input.
- 6. Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Hopper stated that there is no update at this time and we are still being paid on a regular basis.
- 7. Enterprise Zone Update:** Daniels stated that the Department of Agriculture is completing their review today and will send a letter to DCEO regarding the proposed farm ground to be added and deleted from the County Enterprise Zone.
- 8. Planning Commission Update:** Hopper stated that he and Heather Hampton+Knodle met with the Planning Commission and presented the county fiber project. He said that the next meeting is scheduled for March 21st, 2017 at 5:30 pm.
- 9. Broadband Infrastructure Update:** Hopper reported that they met with the City of Hillsboro's Planning Commission to present the broadband project, and stated there will be a meeting with Hillsboro and Litchfield soon on this same topic.
- 10. Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper stated that there are no liens on the property at this time and ownership remains with T.L. Diamond at this time. Clerk/Recorder Leitheiser reported that the subcontractor lien was released in 2016.
- 11. West Central Development Update/Approval:** Hopper asked if everyone got their response letter from West Central Development and said he plans to put the past behind them and said that everyone needs to work together. Jones stated that the goal is to work on getting a website with the help from Blackburn College and Louis and Clark Community College, and there will be a meeting on February 23rd at Blackburn College for ideas to update the WCDC website.

- 12. CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper stated that the CEO program will host a fundraiser on February 18th, at the Litchfield High School where the band Brushville will be playing. He said that the deadline for new students to enroll in the CEO Program will be March 15th, 2017.
- 13. Monthly Committee Meeting Dates and Time Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the committee discussed changing their monthly meeting date to the first Monday of the month at 5:00 pm. after their February committee meeting.
- 14. Other Business Update/Approval:** Hopper asked Dillon Clark if there is any update on the rail overpass in Litchfield and Clark replied that there is nothing to report at this time.

E.M.A./AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Glenn Savage as follows:

- 1. EMA Job Description Update:** Savage stated that the committee will make a recommendation to approve the EMA Job Description next month when Captain Nimmo is back from training.
- 2. Training and Meetings Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo attended several trainings and meetings with the Red Cross, Veterans Assistance Commission and the LEPC Coordination group. Nimmo is also working to set up emergency conference calls with County Public Safety Officials.
- 3. County Board Emergency Preparedness Training Update/Approval:** Savage reported that the committee discussed and approved that Nimmo will conduct two county board emergency preparedness trainings per year.
- 4. Ambulance Billing Office Update/Approval:** Savage stated there was a glitch in the billing software that they caught and some money didn't come in immediately. He stated that the situation was corrected and money will be collected.
- 5. Other Business Update/Approval:** Jones asked if we have agreements in place for others to help us in emergency management and Nimmo responded that we have an Emergency Operation Manual in place for this purpose. Nimmo stated that he is working on training sessions for board members and departments to know their role in emergency planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chairman Herten stated that the Farm Bureau Breakfast Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 am. Those wanting to attend should RSVP with County Board Administrator Daniels.**

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Hertel stated that there will be a Personnel Committee meeting with FOP on Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the County Board room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Schroeder shared a concern about Attorney Steven Kaufmann regarding the Red Ball Trail issue. Miles stated that he was just a consultant and not the county attorney. Chairman Hertel stated that he didn't charge us any money for being here for two days while discussing the Red Ball Trail. Schroeder asked if we know for sure if the 6th Street bridge will be not be undermined by the Deer Run Coal Mine because his maps show that this area will be mined, and encouraged the County to get something is writing that assures us that they will not mine this area. Jones stated that the coal mine will have to submit another cutting plan and that will have to be reviewed prior to mining taking place in that area. Schroeder also asked about Treasurer Jenkins' health and Chairman Hertel stated that he seems to be doing fairly well.

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and to Point of Light Awards:** Motion by Miles and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods, Point of Light Awards and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor – Against – 0, Absent – Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. Motion by Graden and second by Sneed to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Gasparich and second by Young to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.