

Montgomery County Board

Minutes

For Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 – 8:30 AM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July, 11th, 2017 in the County Board Room, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

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

Roll call was taken - 17 members present, 2 members absent and 2 open seats.

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Glenn Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young

Members Absent: Bill Bergen, Dillon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Judge Doug Jarman.

Appointments: County Board Members: District 2 - Sandy Johnson and District 6 - Mark Hughes

Chairman Young read a letter from Republican Central Committee Chairman Terry Richmond that recommended Sandy Johnson for District 2 and Mark Hughes for District 6. (For a copy, see Resolution Book 16, page 181). Motion by Graden and second by Miles to approve the appointment of Sandy Johnson to fill the vacancy in County Board District #2 (due to Joe Gasparich's resignation). All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jones and second by Bishop to approve the appointment of Mark Hughes to fill a vacancy in County Board District #6 (due to Roy Hertel's passing). All in favor, motion carried.

Judge Jarman administered the Official Oath to Sandy Johnson and Mark Hughes.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO INCLUDE NEWLY APPOINTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS:

Members Present: Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Glenn Bishop, Ronald Deabenderfer, Kirby Furness, Chuck Graden, Tim Hopper, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Jay Martin, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Mike Plunkett, Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed, Richard Wendel, Evan Young. – **19 members present, 2 members absent.** **Absent:** Bill Bergen, Dillon Clark.

State's Attorney Chris Matoush addressed the full board regarding his resignation and expressed his appreciation of working with the citizens of Montgomery County since he started in the State's Attorney's Office in 1999. Matoush stated that he was appointed as an associate judge in the Fourth Circuit effective August 1st, 2017. Matoush stated that a successor from the same political party will need to be appointed to fill his seat upon his appointment. Matoush also stated that since there are more than 28 months remaining in his term, his successor will serve until the next General Election to be held in November, 2018.

Motion by Martin and second by Moore to accept the letter of resignation from State's Attorney Matoush contingent upon his appointment to an Associate Judgeship on August 1st, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Democrat Central Committee Chairman and County Board member Jim Moore addressed the board and stated that the Montgomery County Democratic Party is recommending the appointment of Bryant Hitchings who has started employment in the State's Attorney's Office this week as an Assistant State's Attorney. Moore stated that Hitchings is from Waggoner, Illinois, and he has served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Coles County along with private law practice.

Motion by Moore and second by Deabenderfer to appoint Bryant Hitchings as the Montgomery County State's Attorney on August 1st, 2017 contingent upon the appointment of State's Attorney Chris Matoush to an Associate Judgeship. All in favor, motion carried.

Bryant Hitchings addressed the board and stated that he welcomes the opportunity to serve Montgomery County. **(For copies of appointment documents and Matoush's resignation letter, see Resolution Book 16, pages 182-188).**

Mileage and Per Diem Approval: Motion by Graden and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Voting yes were Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. None voted no. 19 Yes and 2 members absent (Bergen and Clark). Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting:

Motion by Sneed and second by Hopper to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Ambulance Billing Report** -- Sherry Greenwood – report was submitted.
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** ---- Jodi Perkins 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 for questions.
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.

APPROVAL OF 14 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wendel and second by Savage 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 to elect officers and review seven applications for the FY 2017 grant funding. Officers were elected at follows: President – Bruce Sanford, Vice President – Chrissy DeWerff, Secretary – Ed Schumacher and Treasurer - Brian Gaskin. Robinson reported that they awarded funding totaling \$574,926 of the potential \$640,500 to six of the seven applicants. She stated that FAYCO was awarded \$214,000, the Montgomery County Health Department was awarded \$251,500, the Continuing Recovery Center in Irving received \$27,310, the Unified Child Advocate Center received \$10,000 funding, the Autism Support Connection (TASC) was awarded \$8,000 and the Hillsboro School District was awarded \$64,116. Robinson reported that one application for the Nokomis Christian Mission/SAAD organization in the amount of \$150,000 was denied and the board encouraged them to apply again next year. She said that the applications will be filed in the County Clerk's Office for review. Board Member Jones asked about the Hillsboro School District funding and Robinson replied that it will be used for a social service worker position, and she said that the school district is aware that the funding level may not be available every year. Hopper stated that he was pleased to see the Unified Child Advocate Center receive some funding because they provide needed counseling services to child sexual abuse victims and those victims are currently taken to Jerseyville. Robinson said that they plan to open a local facility soon.

- **911 Board** – No report this month.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- **IL Association of County Officials** –Plunkett stated that discussion took place about the State budget and the 911 funding. He said that the state passed legislation for a \$1.50 fee per land lines and cell phones to fund 911 so it is safe for another year.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that this update will be given during the Economic Development Committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they met and worked on the solar farm ordinance.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that the flag pole at the Taylor Springs facility was replaced at no charge and the parking lot was repaved there at a cost of \$4,999. He said that the Senior picnic was held on June 27th at the Lake and about 40 people attended, with the Hillsboro Sertoma Club grilling.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that there will be no meeting held in June and a seminar is scheduled in Galena on July 24 – 25, 2017.
- **U of I** – Young stated that the U of I is running smoothly and their budget levy meeting is today at noon at the Hillsboro U of I Extension office.
- **WCDC** – Wendel stated that they met but did not have a quorum. Jones stated that they have the WCDC website almost completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:

1. **Other Business Update:** Young stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **Section 16-09116-00-RR Garold Trail Rail Road Crossing, Irving Township Bid Letting Results**
Approval: Miles stated that that the bid letting was held last week and Kinney Contractors was the low bidder at \$38,988.20. **Motion by Miles and second by Martin to approve the low bid from Kinney Contractors in the amount of \$38,988.20 to work on Section 16-09116-00-RR Garold Trail rail road crossing in Irving Township that will be reimbursed at 100%. All in favor, motion carried.** Bishop asked about which crossings were covered and which roads are reimbursed at a certain percentage. Greenwood stated that this project is 100% reimbursed because the State has funds for rail road crossings at this time.
2. **Section 14-04117-00-BR – SN: 068-3192 Bridge Replacement – North 6th Avenue over Coffeen Lake, Engineer Services Approval:** Miles reported that we were going to repair this bridge, but IDOT stated that we needed to replace the bridge. He said that Hurst-Rosche can prepare the engineering work for the bridge replacement on North 6th Avenue over the Coffeen Lake in the amount of \$60,000 and the work is scheduled for 2018. **Motion by Miles and second by Robinson to approve the Engineering Services with Hurst-Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$60,000 with the County share being \$6,000 for the North 6th Avenue bridge replacement over Coffeen Lake. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Agreement, see Resolution Book 16, pages 189-192).**
3. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood has been working with the townships, and they are putting together cost estimates to fix certain areas that were damaged during the project.
4. **CH 7 (Nokomis Rd.) / East 23rd Road Update:** Miles stated that the committee has decided to move forward with the project to extend the Nokomis Blacktop to Route 16 and that it will take quite a bit of time and money.
5. **Dedication of Abandoned I.C.R.R. property to IDOT Update:** Miles stated that the IDOT wants this property because IDOT doesn't want to replace the bridge and the committee is waiting for IDOT to appraise the property. Jones asked what IDOT's intentions are, and Engineer Greenwood said that IDOT will remove the bridge and fill in the void.

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

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

1. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler stated that they are in the appraisal stage and that the report should be done in September.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated that this report tracks the coal expenses and revenues.
3. **FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update:** Beeler stated that they held budget hearings yesterday and the committee will be back next Monday to complete these hearings. Beeler stated that as it was presented, if approved the budget would be at a minimum of \$600,000 in the red without the health insurance costs that we know will go up.
4. **Tax Sale Parcels Update:** Beeler reported that Chairman Young spoke with a representative from County Trustee Meyer and Associates after last month's meeting and she stated that an amount was negotiated for the fee for Mr. and Mrs. Fenske to obtain the tax deed property. She said that Fenskes agreed and paid the amount for the parcel and were pleased with the outcome.
5. **Change August Finance Committee Meeting Update:** Beeler reported that the August Finance Committee meeting has been changed to Friday, August 4th at 9:30 am.
6. **Pay Invoice to FAYCO in the amount of \$24,000 Approval:** Beeler stated that this amount was in the budget and their fiscal year is different than ours. **Motion by Beeler and second by Moore to pay the Invoice to FAYCO in the amount of \$24,000. Voice Vote: 17 members in favor, motion carried.** Plunkett and Hopper abstained.
7. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Elections Update:** Beck deferred to Clerk Leitheiser who stated that county voters should have received their new voter cards by now and she encouraged voters to check the contact information on their cards and to contact her office with any questions. Leitheiser reported that there were about 16,000 cards mailed out and about 1,000 voter cards have been returned so far.
2. **Ohlman – Old School Property Update:** Beck deferred to Graden who reported that Ohlman representatives Dennis Aumann and Jackie Rakers were present at today's meeting and he said there were five bidders interested in submitting a price for the tear down of the old school and removal of the old vehicles. Village President Jackie Rakers stated that they appreciate the board's work on this project.
3. **Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that the committee is still reviewing the recycling study submitted by the U of I Extension Recycling Graduate Students and the presentation done by Jeremy Jones and West Central Development Council. Jones stated that the grants were filed last night and we should hopefully hear news soon. Graden reported that he will be going out with the recycling staff on their routes soon to see if the work can be streamlined.
4. **Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that there are currently 13 dogs and 15 cats down at animal control in case anyone wants to adopt them.
5. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update/Approval:** Sneed reported that there are no maintenance issues at this time.
2. **Jail Building Roof Estimates Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee opened one bid from Lipe Construction for the Roof replacement at the Jail building. The committee decided on the 279# shingle bid in the amount of \$74,950. **Motion by Sneed and second by Graden to recommend the bid from Lipe Construction in the amount of \$74,950 for a shingle roof at the Jail. Roll Call Vote: 19 Yes – 2 absent.** Voting yes were: Beck, Beeler, Bishop, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden,

Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, and Young.

3. **Other Business Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

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

1. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper reported that CTI is coming to the Hillsboro area over the next two years and said this is a great opportunity for high speed internet in our area. He said that the CEO Annual meeting will be held on August 15th, 2017 and will include a reception to welcome the CEO Class of 2018.
2. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:** Hopper reported that work continues with IllinoisSouth Tourism to create a logo and slogan for Montgomery County and that they should be finished by this fall.
3. **Planning Commission Update:** Hopper stated that the Planning Commission gave input on the revised Solar Farm Ordinance and the committee is working on the final draft at this time.
4. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Hopper stated that the next Mayor's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 6:00 pm talk about the Enterprise Zone re-application at the beginning of the year.
5. **West Central Development Update:** Hopper stated that they are working on their website at this time.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **AED Batteries/additional units Update:** Savage reported that safety grant funds will be used to order the three new AED units and batteries.
2. **EMA/911 Meetings/Responses Update:** Savage reported that Nimmo conducted an LEPC Meeting at St. Francis Hospital to plan for emergencies with hazardous materials in the County. Savage reported that Nimmo is working on the aftermath of a severe weather event that happened in Nokomis last night where straight line winds were reported at 11:00 pm. Savage said that Nimmo is working on a damage report for Nokomis. Savage also reported that a County Board In-service meeting was held on June 13th, 2017.
3. **LEPC Tabletop Exercise Update. Approval:** Savage reported that Greg Nimmo is leading and coordinating this exercise that is scheduled for October 2017.
4. **Approval of the five ambulance district contracts Approval:**
Motion by Jones and second by Wendel to approve the Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Hopper and second by Moore to approve the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve the Litchfield Area Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Graden and second by Furness to approve the Nokomis/Witt Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to approve the Raymond/Harvel Ambulance Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Jay Martin as follows:

1. **Employee Health Insurance Presentations Update:** Martin reported that the committee discussed the nine insurance providers who came and made presentations over the past three months and that he said they will entertain the three finalists' proposals at their next meeting. Martin said he has invited the three insurance company representatives to come back to the July 27th, 2017 meeting.
2. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin reported that the committee will start Highway Department union negotiations at their August committee meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Chairman Young stated that the Finance Committee meeting date is changed to Friday, 8-4-17 at 9:30 am and will be held in the County Board Room in the Historic Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Young stated he received a request for the re-appointment of Bill Fleming to the Litchfield Airport Authority for five years. **Motion by Sneed and second by Beck to re-appoint Bill Fleming to the Litchfield Airport Authority for five years. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PAY BILLS:

1. **Approval to Pay Any Invoices to Adams PC, Books & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping:** Motion by Martin and second by Wendel to pay any invoices for Adams, PC Book & Moore, Paris Frozen Foods and Beck's Lawn Care & Landscaping. Voice Vote: In favor- 16, Against – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 3 (Moore, Beck and Hopper). Motion carried.
2. **Approval to Pay all other Bills:** Motion by Hopper and second by Furness to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Miles and second by Bishop to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.