

**Montgomery County Board  
Minutes**

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**For Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 Evan Young at 8:30 AM.**

**Roll call was taken - 19 members present, 2 members absent.**

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

**Members Absent:** Mark Hughes and Glenn Savage

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chuck Graden.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:** Motion by Wendel and second by Furness to approve the mileage and per diem.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Savage, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 19 Members- Yes, 0 Members- No, 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Re-Organization County Board Meeting:**

**Motion by Hopper and second by Graden** to approve the Minutes of the Previous County Board Re-Organization Meeting held on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:**

**Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Beck** to approve the Minutes of the Previous Regular County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 11th, 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** ---- Banee 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. Rick 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 Hopper and second by Bishop 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 discussed changing their fiscal year to coincide with the county’s fiscal year per the recommendation from the Auditor. Robinson also stated that they received another application for consideration and will advise next month.
- **911 Board** – Bill Bergen reported that the 911 Board Meeting was moved to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- **Health Department** – Martin stated that they have not met yet.
- **IL Association of County Officials** (Plunkett,Bergen) - Plunkett reported that some problems were solved at the State level to approve a budget.
- **MCEDC** – Hopper stated that they will be meeting on Thursday and that he will give his report during the Economic Development Committee report.
- **Planning Commission** – Young stated that they are finishing the solar farm/garden ordinance at this time.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer reported that they met recently and he had nothing to report at this time.
- **UCCI** – Miles stated that he attended a seminar in Galena recently and he reported on a session regarding an active shooter on the county buildings’ premises. Miles reported that the Speaker shared films about the subject and shared about the liability the county may have in this circumstance.
- **U of I** – Martin stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **WCDC** – Wendel reported that they will meet next week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Given by Chairman Evan Young as follows:**

1. **Emergency Office Coordinator for the County Board Update:** Young reported that County Board Member Tim Hopper will serve on the EOC (Emergency Office Coordination) Committee that meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the County Board Room.
2. **2020 Census LUCA Update:** Leitheiser stated that we received a LUCA packet for the 2020 Census and we need to get all Montgomery County, Illinois, population counted that we can. Leitheiser reported that some of our municipalities had issues receiving their packets and she is helping them upon request. Leitheiser also stated that our GIS mapping software will be a great tool to help review this information.
3. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Sale of Used Highway Equipment Approval:** Miles reported that the committee received and opened three bids for the used pickup truck. He said that D C Waste & Recycling submitted the highest bid in the amount of \$5,501. **Motion by Miles and second by Graden to sell the used pickup truck to the high bidder DC Waste & Recycling for \$5,501. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **Special Bridge Match Fund Update:** Miles reported that the committee discussed the \$97,000 balance in this fund from the sale of 118 acres to the State to build the prison back in 1978. Cody is going to remove \$30,000 from this account and place into the fund to spend on oil and chipping more roads in FY 2018.
3. **Dakota Access Pipeline Update:** Miles reported that Engineer Greenwood has submitted the costs to repair 26 miles of county roads for approximately \$800,000, which is about \$30,600 per mile. He said that the Townships have also submitted their amounts, and it is now up to Dakota Access Pipeline to review this information.
4. **HSIP Program Funding Update:** Miles stated that this program is for guard rail repairs in the amount of \$801,000 and if requested, the county would have to come up with 10% of costs and engineering fees. Miles stated this is a federal project so we can use Federal Aid to match these funds and we have to use these funds by July 2020. Miles said we will bid these projects out through the IDOT bidding process.
5. **Highway Department Mechanic Salary for FY 2018 Update/Approval:** **Motion by Miles and second by Sneed to enter into executive session to discuss salaries. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:50 am.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD.**  
**Motion to come out of executive session by Miles and second by Martin. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:05 am.** Miles reported that the Road and Bridge Committee approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for an annual salary increase of \$4,160 and a county cell phone for the Highway Department Mechanic after discussion took place in executive session.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Maintenance Work at the Health Department Update:** Beeler stated that the Health Department is a separate entity of the county and something in writing will be drafted to show which duties the maintenance staff will perform at the Health Department Building.
2. **Pictometry Fly Over Proposal Update:** Beeler stated that the committee discussed the new flyover and the change finder function will be a good tool for the SOA Office and the Assessors. She said that the imagery will be delivered to the county in the fall of 2018. Beeler said the committee discussed and approved splitting up the invoice evenly over the three year period for an amount of \$37,561 for each year.
3. **Forrestal Group – Power Plant Assessment Proposal Update:** Beeler stated that the appraisal will be done by the end of September and that negotiations can then take place after we receive the appraisal.
4. **SOA Report Update:** Beeler reported that Clerk Leitheiser gave an update on the LUCA information needed to complete the 2020 census and stated that we want to use GIS data to supply this information.
5. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beeler stated that this report doesn't reflect the payment back to the General Fund which was made in July. She said that money was transferred in June to the General Fund and then transferred back in July.
6. **FY 2018 Budget Hearings Update:** Beeler reported that there is a new Expense and Revenue Budget summary dated on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She provided the following changes: the flyover expense will be moved to office 375 from the GIS Fund; the

Highway Department had a change; \$650,000 was added for employee insurance, which was a 10% budget increase from last year; and the ROE expenses were added in for a total General Fund expenditures of \$6,353,780. Beeler stated that the FY 2018 revenues projected are \$5,800,000. She said that FY 2018 expenses increased by \$172,223 and revenue decreased by \$292,998 as compared to the FY 2017 budget. She said that the total projected deficit for FY 2018 is \$464,396. Beeler stated that the Animal Control budget was moved out of the General Fund and the HWE committee also discussed moving the recycling program out of the General Fund. Beeler stated that the committee needs a special meeting to further discuss the budget issues. She reported there is \$750,000 already budgeted for FY 2018 from Coal Office 375. Beeler also stated that the committee scheduled a special meeting to discuss the FY 2018 budget which will be held on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

7. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-24-480-005 in Grisham Township to Shayla Lamar Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-24-480-005 in Grisham Township to Shayla Lamar. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 194).
8. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-27-204-012 in Irving Township to Mark Fenske Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-27-204-012 in Irving Township to Mark Fenske. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 195).
9. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-455-005 in Irving Township to Carl E. Taylor, Timmy D. Taylor Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-455-005 in Irving Township to Carl E. Taylor, Timmy D. Taylor. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 196).
10. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-458-002 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-458-002 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 197).
11. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-485-004 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 12-22-485-004 in Irving Township to the Village of Irving. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 198).
12. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-22-431-047 In Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-22-431-047 In Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 199).
13. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-27-203-002 in Nokomis Township to Jason K. Engelhart Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 08-27-203-002 in Nokomis

- Township to Jason K. Engelhart. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 200).
14. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-479-005 in North Litchfield Township to Thomas A. Vincent Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-479-005 in North Litchfield Township to Thomas A. Vincent. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 201).
  15. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-001 in North Litchfield Township to George A. Small Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Sneed to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-001 in North Litchfield Township to George A. Small. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 202).
  16. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-004 in North Litchfield Township to Wanda Benton Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Bishop to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-32-482-004 in North Litchfield Township to Wanda Benton. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 203).
  17. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-33-337-019 in North Litchfield Township to Steve Dougherty Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 10-33-337-019 in North Litchfield Township to Steve Dougherty. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 204).
  18. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 15-04-176-013 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Coatney Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Wendel to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 15-04-176-013 in South Litchfield Township to Kevin Coatney. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 205).
  19. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-02-476-021 in Hillsboro Township to Saul Quiroz Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-02-476-021 in Hillsboro Township to Saul Quiroz. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 206).
  20. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-12-111-006 in Hillsboro Township to Calvin Truman LLC Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 16-12-111-006 in Hillsboro Township to Calvin Truman LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 207).
  21. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-07-209-009 in East Fork Township to George L. Blankenship Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-07-209-009 in East Fork Township to George L. Blankenship. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 208).
  22. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-35-155-006 in East Fork Township to Calvin Truman LLC Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 17-35-155-006 in East Fork

- Township to Calvin Truman LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 209).
23. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-22-379-015 in Grisham Township to Lynn Eyman Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Plunkett to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 20-22-379-015 in Grisham Township to Lynn Eyman. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 210).
24. **Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 21-19-352-001, 002 East Fork Township to Lynn Eyman Approval:** Motion by Beeler and second by Miles to approve the Resolution to Convey Deed on Parcel ID# 21-19-352-001, 002 East Fork Township to Lynn Eyman. All in favor, motion carried. (For Copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 16, page 211).
25. **Village of Ohlman Old Bank Building Demolition Approval:** Beeler reported that the committee discussed a policy and procedure for the cleanup of derelict properties within Municipal boundaries. She said that the Village of Ohlman needs to get an asbestos inspection before they can send out bids. Graden stated that Village President Jackie Rakers is working on the bids for the demolition. **Motion by Beeler and second by Graden that the county will pay for the asbestos inspection of the Ohlman School project not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid out of Office 375 contingency fund. All in favor, motion carried.**
26. **708 Board Vouchers Approval:** Beeler reported that a meeting was held with members of the 708 Board, County Clerk Leitheiser, Evan Young and herself regarding a procedure for processing vouchers from the 708 board. She said that the auditor recommends that we make payments in two disbursements to larger awards. According to the state statute, the county is the governing body for the 708 board. **Motion by Beeler and second by Beck to pay the 708 Board Voucher to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$53,500. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, and Young. 17 Members Yes, 0 Members No, 2 members abstained: Hopper and Plunkett. 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Furness to pay the 708 Board Voucher to Continuing Recovery Center in the amount of \$27,310. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Graden to pay the 708 Board Voucher to Unified Child Advocacy Network in the amount of \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Hopper to pay the 708 Board Voucher to The Autism Support Connection in the amount of \$8,000. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Motion by Beeler and second by Jones to pay the 708 Board Voucher to the Montgomery County Health Department in the amount of \$62,875. Roll Call Vote:** Beck, Beeler, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Deabenderfer, Furness, Graden, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Robinson, Sneed, Wendel, Young. 19 Members Yes, 0 Members No, 2 members absent, Hughes and Savage. **All present in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Beeler and second by Clark to pay the 708 Board Voucher to the Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 in the amount of \$16,029.** Voice Vote: 3 members Voted No- Deabenderfer, Graden and Bergen. All others present voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Deabenderfer cautioned members that he doesn't think that a school district should receive this grant which is for a position that may not be sustained, and said it is unconscionable to set up a position that isn't funded long term. Robinson stated that the 708 Board acknowledged this and Hillsboro School District was told not to expect this grant every year. She said that the 708 Board expects other school districts in the county to apply for this funding next year. Beeler stated that applicants for grant funded positions should be aware of this possibility, and Martin said that the possibility of a short term position is a decision for the school district and not this board.

**27. KEB and FY 2016 Audit regarding "Cash Basis" of Auditing Update/Approval:**

Beeler stated that KEB Representative Paul Osborne called her regarding an issue with the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office due to the audit using the "Cash Basis" version of accounting rather than "Accrual Basis." She said the county received a letter stating that the State of Illinois audit for 2016 was accepted with exceptions. Beeler reported that our fiscal year 2017 audit which currently uses the "Cash Basis" accounting could be rejected by the State of Illinois, and said that Osborne shared with her that the State Auditors Association is looking into this issue.

**28. Sheriff's Office Voucher for Vehicle Maintenance Update/Approval:**

Beeler reported that the committee discussed the \$7,500 invoice for the damaged Sheriff's vehicle. She also said the insurance check was deposited and credited back to the vehicle expense line item.

**29. Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

- 1. Elections Update:** Clerk Leitheiser stated that Petition packets for county offices for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, General Primary Election will be available for circulation on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and will need to be filed at the County Clerk's office between November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2. EPA Report Update:** Beck reported that EPA Inspector Bill Gonet will be meeting with IL EPA on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- 3. Recycling Program and Events Update:** Beck reported that Recycling Coordinator Bishop is working with Hillsboro Electric to get a quote for an exhaust fan for the work area at the Hillsboro Recycling facility. Beck reported that Bishop, Graden, Johnson and Miles will be attending an upcoming Nokomis City Council meeting to discuss the trash pickup at the recycling facility. Jones reported that his efforts continue in looking for grants for the recycling program.
- 4. Animal Control Facility/Program and Animal Control Ordinance Update:** Beck reported that the new State's Attorney Bryant Hitchings will be reviewing the county animal control ordinance. Beck also stated Animal Control had advertised for a \$7,000 a year part time kennel cleaning position when the position became vacant; but after the ads ran, she was told not to hire anyone at this time. Moore asked if a salaried employee is receiving overtime and Beck replied affirmatively. Beeler said that overtime for this

salaries employee was paid from the Vanek Estate, not the general fund. Graden stated we need to hire a part time employee for Animal Control instead of paying overtime.

5. **FY 2018 Budgets Update:** Beck reported Animal Control was taken out of the general fund at the budget hearings and discussion took place to also take Recycling out of the general fund, and Beck said that the committee did not have a problem with recycling revenues and expenses being removed from the General Fund.
6. **Other Business Update:** None at this time.

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

1. **Illinois Local Government Conservation Energy Act Presentation Approval:** Sneed reported that the committee listened to the presentation by Smart Watt, and this company offered to do a free feasibility study to see if we can save some money. Plunkett asked if there is a contract required for the feasibility study and Sneed responded that we will not sign anything unless we have them do the audit. Beeler asked if we have to bid for the service to complete the audit. Plunkett suggested having the State's Attorney review all the paperwork before anything is signed. Bishop stated that Ameren sponsors this program in the area and they have to agree to this for energy savings. Sneed stated that the committee realizes that this company is a performance contractor and they will tread lightly and proceed to get legal advice first and will only participate if it saves the county money. **Motion by Sneed and second by Bishop to approve the feasibility study by Smart Watt which will be at no cost to the county. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **LED Lighting Replacement Program Update:** Sneed reported that A & D Electric representative David Ronen wants to submit a proposal for the LED Lighting Replacement Program. Sneed stated that he received a spreadsheet with the potential cost savings from Ronen and will receive more information soon.
3. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Sneed stated that the cleaning issues at the Courthouse Complex are still ongoing and that he will call the owner of the cleaning service to discuss the issues. Sneed reported that the water bill at the Courthouse Complex doubled due to a boiler issue and that issue has since been remedied.
4. **AED Units and Batteries Update:** Sneed reported that three new AED units were ordered this week for the Highway Department, Recycling and Animal Control facilities. He stated that one replacement battery was ordered for the current units and the costs will be paid from the Safety Grant.
5. **Jail Building Roof Replacement Project Update:** Sneed reported that the contract was signed with Lipe Construction and the project should be completed by the end of this fiscal year.
6. **Other Business Update/Approval:** None at this time.

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

1. **Solar Energy Sample Ordinance Update:** Hopper reported that the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Commission members met for about two hours. He said that the county board members reviewed and discussed the draft of the



solar farm ordinance and now have only two issues pending. They are now under review at the State's Attorney's Office.

2. **MCEDC Update:** Hopper reported that the MCEDC will be meeting this Thursday.
  - **Revolving Loan Fund Update/Approval:** No report at this time.
  - **CEO Program Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the CEO annual dinner is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Aumann Auctions in Nokomis and that two students have dropped out of the program due to class conflicts.
  - **Broadband/Fiber Project Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that the City of Nokomis hit 20% signups for the fiber project and the build out will start in Nokomis this October and then come to Hillsboro.
  - **Business Retention Visits Update/Approval:** Hopper reported that MCEDC Director Valerie Belusko will start doing business retention visits.
3. **IllinoisSouth Tourism Update:** Branding Brainstorm Update/Approval: Hopper reported that Belusko attended an IllinoisSouth Tourism Board Meeting and they continue to work on a logo and branding name for the county.
4. **Eagle Zinc Cleanup Update:** Hopper stated that they are still working on the cleanup efforts.
5. **Enterprise Zone Update:** Hopper reported that the next Mayor's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm here in the County Board Room. Information regarding the EMA, Law Enforcement, EZ and Census will be on the agenda.
6. **West Central Development Update:** Hopper reported that West Central Development is working on their web site. Jones stated that we are getting an updated grant list and other items to be posted on the WCDC's new website.
7. **Dereke Farm, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation Public Information Meeting Option Approval:** Hopper reported the county received notification of a proposed 1,920 unit hog farm to be constructed about two miles east of Farmersville. Citizen Phil Borgic was present and stated that Dereke Farms will be working with Borgic Farms and he gave a breakdown of the Public Hearing Process and Livestock and Pork Production. Hopper stated that the county has no zoning in place to stop this project and in past practice the County Board has requested the public hearing. **Motion by Hopper and second by Deabenderfer to notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture that the County Board is requesting a public hearing for the Dereke Farm, Inc./DAD Rental, Inc. Livestock Management Facility Operation near Farmersville, pending review of the process by the State's Attorney's Office.** Hopper stated that this hearing or any County Board vote will not have any bearing on the decision by the Department of Agriculture. Deabenderfer stated that he feels we should request a hearing so that people can be heard and give them the opportunity to vent. Jones stated that he lives one mile east of the proposed facility and that the neighbors have concerns about it being so close to their homes. Bishop stated that it is not our job to set up a hearing and this is not our fight. Bishop thinks the citizens should request the hearing if it is to be held. Beck stated that we represent the citizens and Jones agreed, saying that we want to help the citizens to be heard. Plunkett stated that after the hearing is held, we will be asked to make a recommendation to deny or approve the facility; and the last time we had a similar request for a proposed hog confinement facility in rural

Walshville, we recommended not to approve it, but the Department of Agriculture approved it anyway. It was not built in rural Walshville. Voice Vote: 2 Members (Furness and Bishop) voted No. All others present voted yes. **Motion carried.** (For copy of application and proposal documents, see Resolution Book 16, pages 212-228).

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

**E.M.A/AMBULANCE REPORT:** Given by Committee Vice-Chairman Bill Bergen as follows:

1. **LEPC TTX 10/21/17 Update:** Bergen reported that Captain Nimmo will be conducting an exercise on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, between 8:00 am and 12:30 pm at the Grand Magnusson Hotel.
2. **County Building In-service Trainings Update:** Bergen reported that the Historic Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to conduct an in- service safety training for employees housed in this building. Bergen reported that the Courthouse Complex will also be closed on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for an in-service safety training for employees there.
3. **EMA/911 Meetings/Responses/Training Update:** Bergen reported that Nimmo and county forces responded to the Nokomis Wind Storm incident on July 10<sup>th</sup> and he praised everyone for their work. Bergen stated that Nimmo will have the Emergency Operations Center open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, for the Solar Eclipse event.
4. **Ambulance Billing Report Update:** Bergen reported that Savage will be meeting with a City of Litchfield representative and KEB Auditor Representative Paul Osborne regarding the ambulance billing on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the EMA Office in Hillsboro.

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

1. **Employee Health Insurance/Provider Presentations Approval:** Martin stated that the committee met and now recommends the approval of the Broker of Record for the County Employee Health Insurance. **Motion by Martin and second by Furness to change our Agent/Broker of Record for the employee insurance to CIBC representative Tony Johnston.** Bergen stated that the health insurance costs were increased to the employees as a result of the county board's actions and not because of Scheller Insurance agent Shannon Hall. He said that in the Personnel Committee meeting he voted against changing the insurance agent to someone other than Shannon Hall. Bergen stated that Tony Johnston of CIBC did a great job in his presentation, but he wanted more time to compare the figures; however the committee voted to send this to the full board for a vote. Bergen stated that Scheller Insurance has done nothing wrong and he doesn't think we need to change insurance agents at this time. Bishop stated that we have a local company with Scheller and that CIBC is based in Champaign, and he said he doesn't want to kick Scheller Insurance to the curb. Martin responded that Hall's proposal in 2017 is \$1.2 million and Johnston's was \$972,000, and the county needs to save the money. Beeler stated that CIBC is also a local company because Nokomis insurance representative Jack Tosetti is affiliated with the company. Beeler stated that Martin is asking the board to vote on an agent today, and

the agent will then bring us a health insurance plan to approve. Clark stated that he wants to do what is best for the employees and asked which plan is better for the employees. Beeler stated that the employee premiums could potentially go down if we go to a higher deductible and we need to find some cost savings as the County is facing a \$400,000 plus deficit. She said that Johnston's proposal includes a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) which will help both the county and the employees. She said that the county buys a HRA so the employee will still get the \$1,500 deductible and the county will cover the cost of the higher deductible amount up to \$6,000. Furness stated that because Johnston is not the agent on record at this time, he can't get the insurance numbers to give us more accurate estimates. Deabenderfer stated that board actions last year with the insurance premiums hurt the employees and a change might be in order to help the employees. Graden asked if the coverage is identical and Young replied affirmatively. Bergen stated that Hall gave the estimates for the BCBS renewal information and he said there is no reason a change in agents should be made today. Hall stated that she could give Johnston the BCBS numbers today and said we have to look at the numbers to make a legitimate decision. Johnston stated that his numbers are not hard numbers because only one agent can be assigned to the insurance and he is not the present agent. Martin stated that the agent of record is the motion to be considered. Johnston said that even with not knowing the hard numbers to match the current costs, he shows that there would be a \$250,000 savings in premiums by going to a higher deductible plan with an HRA. Johnston also stated that today's discussion is about choosing the agent and who could bring a plan to the county which would lower the individual premiums and the county's cost. He said he could bring another insurance company to the table that Hall didn't bring, and he feels that could also be a savings to the county. Bergen stated that we are trying to make a judgement on assumptions and we have an agent already and have no complaints about her services. Miles asked if the committee recommends the change in agents and Martin replied affirmatively. Clark asked if we can see a side by side comparison of numbers of each plan and what it would save the county. Beeler stated that these companies have done what the Personnel committee has asked them to do by bringing their best proposal to them. She said we are under a time crunch and she doesn't think it is possible to wait for further proposals and still stay on schedule so the insurance can be implemented. Martin said that rates from a competitor would only be good for 60 days. Plunkett stated that he has sympathy for Hall and asked Johnston if he needs to be the agent of record. Johnston replied that this needs to be changed for 30 days in order for his company to obtain the numbers to give us a definite plan. Deabenderfer stated that we should go with the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and called for the question. **Roll call vote: Voting Yes were Beeler, Deabenderfer, Furness, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, Martin, Miles, Moore, Plunkett, Wendel and Young. Voting No were Beck, Bergen, Bishop, Clark, Graden, Robinson and Sneed. Absent were Hughes and Savage. 12 Yes, 7 No and 2 absent. Motion carried.**

2. **ICRMT Sample Employee Manual Updates for Review Update:** Martin stated that ICRMT provided the county with some sample employee manual changes and he said he wants the State's Attorney's Office to review these sample recommendations and advise us where these should go in the Personnel Manual.

3. **Union Negotiations/Strategy Planning Update:** Martin stated that the committee will start union negotiations with the Highway Department in August.
4. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Union Negotiations and Litigation Issues Update/Approval:** Held earlier in the meeting.
5. **Other Business Update/Approval:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Young stated that County Board member Tim Hopper has volunteered to participate and attend the EOC monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Chairman Young stated that the Finance Committee has scheduled a special meeting to discuss the FY 2018 budget on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Young stated that he received correspondence from the Three County Public Water District Board requesting that Paul Pershing be appointed to that Board. **Motion by Graden and second by Hopper to appoint Paul Pershing to the Three County Public Water District Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None at this time.

**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. Motion by Furness and second by Hopper to pay all other approved bills. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:55 am. Minutes respectfully submitted and recorded by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.