

## Montgomery County Board Minutes

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For Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5:30 PM

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Evan Young at 5:30 PM.

**Roll call was taken:** 18 members present, 3 members absent.

**Members Present:** Russell Beason, Connie Beck, Bill Bergen, Ronald Deabenderfer, Doug Donaldson, Tim Fogle, Ken Folkerts, Mark Hughes, Sandra Johnson, Jeremy Jones, David Loucks, Gene Miles, Ethan Murzynski, Andy Ritchie, Earlene Robinson, Bob Sneed, Patty Whitworth and Evan Young

**Members Absent:** Megan Beeler, Richard Wendel and Donna Yeske

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by EMA Director Kevin Schott.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:** Motion by Fogle and second by Beason to approve the Mileage and Per Diem. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beason, Beck, Bergen, Deabenderfer, Donaldson, Fogle, Folkerts, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Loucks, Miles, Murzynski, Ritchie, Robinson, Sneed, Whitworth and Young. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous County Board Meeting:** Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the Minutes of the Previous Regular County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Folkerts and second by Deabenderfer to approve the Minutes of the Previous Special County Board Meeting held on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **All in favor, motion carried.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Ambulance Billing Report** – Mona Lewis – No report submitted.
- 2. Animal Control Report** – Emily Gerl – No report submitted.
- 3. Circuit Clerk's Report** – Report submitted. Daniel Robbins was present for questions.
- 4. Coroner's Report** – Randy Leetham – No report submitted.
- 5. County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Report submitted. Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
- 6. Health & TB Department Report** – Report submitted. Hugh Satterlee was present for questions.
- 7. Highway Department Report** – Report submitted. Cody Greenwood was present for questions.
- 8. Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici – No report submitted.
- 9. Public Defender's Report** – Erin Mattson — No Report submitted.
- 10. ROE – Monthly, Quarterly & Annual Reports** – Julie Wollerman – Report submitted.
- 11. Sheriff's Report** – No report submitted. Rick Robbins was present for questions.
- 12. SOA Report** – Ray Durston – Report submitted.
- 13. State's Attorney Report** – Report submitted. Andrew Affrunti was present for questions. He stated he filed a lawsuit in Montgomery County court recently to have the Safe-T Act declared unconstitutional on behalf of his office and the Sheriff's office. He said other counties are also filing lawsuits and they are moving on this before the Act takes effect in January.

14. **Treasurer's Report** – Report submitted. Nikki Lohman was present for questions.

15. **V.A.C. Report** – Report submitted. Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 9 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Whitworth and second by Ritchie to approve the 9 items on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- **708 Board** – Robinson reported the 708 board will award funds next month.
- **CEFS Board** – Fogle reported the CEFS LIHEAP program is up and running, and they are currently taking applications.
- **911 Board** – Bergen stated there is nothing new to report.
- **Health Department** – Sandra Johnson stated there is nothing new to report.
- **IL Association of County Officials** – Bergen stated there is nothing new to report.
- **MCEDC** – Young stated there is nothing new to report.
- **Planning Commission** – Ritchie stated there is nothing new to report.
- **Senior Citizens Board** – Deabenderfer stated there is nothing new to report.
- **UCCI** – Miles reported there will be a special weekend at the end of this month with a dinner which will also include an educational session.
- **U of I** – Beck reported Amanda Cole is present and can answer any questions.
- **WCDC** – Whitworth stated there is nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. **Information Systems Report Update:** Young reported the Information Services office increased their tech services 5.6 percent. He said they are still working on their network monitoring project with CTI, and their next project will be the multifactor authentication.
2. **EMA Report Update:** Young reported EMA will hold a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
3. **Committee Structure Update:** Young stated there is nothing new to report.
4. **Carbon Capture and Storage Update:** Young stated Bergen will talk more about this topic during the Development and Personnel Committee briefing.
5. **EPA Report Update:** EPA Administrator Daniels reported they have been busy doing reports and conducting inspections. She stated there is a derelict property near Witt due to receive EPA citations soon.
6. **West Central Development Council/Job Center Board/CEO Board Update:** Young said there is nothing new to report.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Gene Miles and Committee Member Bob Sneed:

1. **Detour Agreement with Hillsboro Energy Approval:** Miles reported some changes were made to the Detour Agreement previously approved by the County Board at their meeting last month, and it needs to be approved again. **Motion by Miles and second by Beason to approve the amended Detour Agreement with Hillsboro Energy as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 189-194).** Greenwood reported the work may begin as soon as October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

2. **Walshville Bypass Road Intergovernmental Agreement Update:** Highway Engineer Greenwood reported he completed a draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Village of Walshville to construct a bypass road. He stated a copy of the drafted agreement has been sent to the Walshville Village Board, and Walshville Village President Joy McDonald has questions. Greenwood said he invited her to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting to discuss them.
3. **FY 2023 Highway Department Equipment Purchase – Tractor and Boom Mower Approval:** Greenwood reported the Highway Department would like County Board’s approval to move forward with purchasing a new 6145M tractor and boom mower since equipment is so difficult to find. He said the cost of the tractor and mower together is around \$221,000 and the cost of the tractor alone is \$133,003.04. **Motion by Miles and second by Jones to approve purchasing a John Deere 6145M Tractor for the Highway Department from the FY 2023 budget in the amount of \$133,003.04. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Whitetown Bridge Project Update:** Miles reported IDOT has scheduled bridge letting for January 2023, and property corners have been staked. He said the estimated time of completion for the project is 90 days.
5. **Coffeen Road/Seven Sisters Intersection Project Update:** Miles reported Greenwood is hopeful to begin purchasing property in the next month or two for this project, and construction will also likely take place next summer; but the completion time will also be shorter.
6. **Bulk Fuel Purchasing Update:** Miles reported the county is currently under a two-year agreement expiring December 31, 2022. He stated Greenwood is working on putting bid specifications together and he plans to advertise soon with the goal of opening bids at the November meeting.
7. **Maintenance and Cleaning Issues and Report Update:** Miles reported Maintenance Tech Phil Ernst submitted his monthly report to the committee members.
8. **Animal Control Facility Update:** Miles reported Interim Animal Control Administrator Emily Gerl recently hired Chasity Maguire, who will go out on calls. He said Maguire previously worked for Animal Control. Miles deferred to Gerl, who informed the committee her department has generated \$1,150 for cremations, and she has been working with the State’s Attorney’s office to determine how to run citations through the Circuit Clerk for the court system.
9. **Animal Control Municipal Contracts Update:** Miles said there is nothing new to report.
10. **Request for Proposal for Performance Contract for ADA Updates to New Courthouse Update:** Miles deferred to Sneed, who reported this matter is dependent upon the Board’s decision on how to distribute ARPA money.
11. **New Locks at Historic Courthouse Update:** Sneed said there is nothing new to report.
12. **Sidewalks at Historic Courthouse and Jail Update:** Sneed reported Sheriff Robbins received bids from Durb’s Dirt Work and Kinney Contractors for sidewalk work around the jail. He said the committee agreed to approve the bid with Durb’s Dirt Work in the amount of \$12,000.
13. **Hurst-Rosche Project Cost Estimate for Sidewalks at Historic Courthouse Update:** Sneed reported Jeremy Conner from Hurst-Rosche presented the revised engineering plan for sidewalks around the Historic Courthouse. He said the new plan divides the project

into two phases. Sneed said they will have to meet with City of Hillsboro leaders to discuss their share of the project before proceeding further.

14. **Approve Cost for ROE Building Roof Replacement Update:** Sneed reported the cost to replace the roof of the ROE building was \$660 more than the committee previously approved because of metal coping. He said the committee approved the revised cost at \$23,920.
15. **Interior Door Project for County Clerk's Office Update:** Sneed said there is nothing new to report.
16. **EMA Storage Shed Update:** Sneed reported this item is dependent upon the board's decision to distribute ARPA money.
17. **Elections Update:** Sneed deferred to Leitheiser, who reported her staff has been busy with early voting, and a total of 1,479 voters have voted either early or by mail to date.

**DEVELOPMENT & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Bill Bergen:

1. **MCEDC Update:** Bergen said there is nothing new to report.
2. **Tourism Update:** Bergen said there is nothing new to report.
3. **Ambulance Billing Office Update:** Bergen reported Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service gave notice they are pulling out of county billing, which leaves Raymond-Harvel and Farmersville-Waggoner as the only remaining ambulance services utilizing county billing. He stated the remaining two ambulance districts cannot afford to keep the office open on their own. Bergen said he spoke with Hillsboro Area Ambulance District representatives today, and they have already turned their billing over to the private company. He reported the remaining two services are looking into contracting with that same private company.
4. **Employee Health Insurance and Monthly HRA report Approval:** Bergen reported Health Insurance broker Amanda Mast recommended the board approve the Tier 2 Advocacy Benefit program. He said if the board does not go with that program, Mast said all questions related to health insurance would go to Treasurer Nikki Lohman and Payroll Clerk Trish Roemelin. The cost is \$2,736 for the Health Advocacy service. **Motion by Bergen and second by Whitworth to proceed with the Tier 2 Benefit Advocacy Solution through Assured Partners. All in favor, motion carried.** Bergen also reported employee open enrollment will take place from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
5. **2023 Holiday Schedule Approval:** **Motion by Bergen and second by Fogle to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as presented. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, page 142).**
6. **Supervisor of Assessments Position Approval:** **Motion by Bergen and second by Johnson to appoint Cindy Laurent as acting Supervisor of Assessments for 60 days, or until Kendra Niehaus becomes qualified, effective December 1, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. **Hiring an Animal Control Administrator Update:** Bergen stated there is nothing new to report.
8. **Discuss and Recommend Approval of Carbon Sequestration Proposal with Heartland Greenway Approval:** Bergen reported the committee looked over the proposal from Heartland Greenway and decided they would like to pursue a development

agreement with more detail. Deabenderfer stated the proposal sent to the committee did not have enough detail to get approved, and he would like to request a more detailed and professional development contract so terms can be discussed. **Motion by Deabenderfer and second by Donaldson to contact Heartland Greenway and ask them to send a more detailed professional development contract so terms can be discussed. All in favor, motion carried.**

9. **SOA Union Change from Local 397 to Local 1084 Update:** Bergen reported the employees in the Supervisor of Assessments Union have decided to switch to Local 1084, which is the same union as the Highway Department.
10. **Union Negotiations with Local 1084 (Highway Department) Update:** Bergen reported the committee reached a tentative agreement with Local 1084 Highway Department on a new 5-year contract, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. He said they hope to have it ready for County Board approval at the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting.
11. **Union Negotiations with Local 1084 (Supervisor of Assessments) Update:** Bergen reported the committee began negotiations with the SOA union and they hope to have an agreement ready for County Board approval at the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting.

**FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:** Given by Committee Chairman Russell Beason:

1. **SOA Report Update:** Beason stated there is nothing additional to report at this time.
2. **Capital Improvement Fund Reports Update:** Beason stated there is nothing new to report.
3. **IMRF Update/Approval:** Beason stated there is nothing new to report.
4. **Property Casualty Insurance Update:** Beason reported they are waiting to hear back from Insurance representative Eric Braasch about premium increases.
5. **Sheriff IPRF Insurance Policy Update:** Beason deferred to Sheriff Robbins, who stated he made changes to his budget to reflect paying for software to document training out of the Claims and Adjustments (270) fund.
6. **Sheriff's FY 2023 Budget Proposal Changes Update:** Beason reported Sheriff Robbins is requesting \$12,000 be put back in a salary line item to pay for comp time he will have to pay retiring employees in FY 2023. Robbins stated a severance line was removed from his budget several years ago to balance the budget at that time, and he needs that line restored now due to several recent retirements.
7. **FY 2022 Budget Approved Vehicles for Sheriff's Department Approval:** Sheriff Robbins reported he is requesting a total of six vehicles in FY 2023. He stated three vehicles approved to be purchased using money from ARPA lost revenue will not be available until FY 2023 due to the automobile industry shortage. He said the amount set aside for the vehicles was \$135,000. He also said he is requesting three more vehicles next fiscal year, and the total amount he is requesting for all six is \$290,000. He stated he would like the board's permission to reserve all the vehicles so they can be ordered now. **Motion by Jones and second by Murzynski to allow Sheriff Robbins to reserve three Dodge Durangos for FY 2023. All in favor, motion carried.**
8. **Discuss FY 2023 Levies Update:** Beason said there is nothing new to report.
9. **Present FY 2023 Budget for Review Update:** Beason said board members received the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 in their materials for this meeting.

- 10. FY 2023 Budget Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the proposed FY 2023 Budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Lohman said any changes to the proposed budget will be documented and posted 15 days before the budget is passed at the November board meeting.**
- 11. Adopt the Estimated FY 2023 Aggregate Levy Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the estimated FY 2023 aggregate levy in the amount of \$4,181,705. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 12. Adopt the Estimated FY 2023 Special Service Levies as Presented Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Folkerts to approve the estimated FY 2023 Farmersville/Waggoner Ambulance District's Special Service Area levy in the amount of \$78,700. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Deabenderfer to approve the estimated FY 2023 Hillsboro Area Ambulance District's Special Service levy in the amount of \$109,000. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Fogle to approve the estimated FY 2023 Litchfield Area Ambulance District's Special Service levy in the amount of \$680,407. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Miles to approve the estimated FY 2023 Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance District's Special Service levy in the amount of \$303,968. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Ritchie to approve the estimated FY 2023 Raymond/Harvel Ambulance District's Special Service levy in the amount of \$80,483. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the estimated FY 2023 Community Mental Health (708) Board's levy in the amount of \$675,186. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Deabenderfer to approve the estimated FY 2023 Senior Social Services District's levy in the amount of \$109,000. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the estimated FY 2023 Veterans Assistance Commission levy in the amount of \$52,400. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 13. Finance/Budget Control Policies and Procedures Update: Beason said there is nothing new to report.**
- 14. Recommend Approving the Levy for the University of Illinois Extension Office Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Whitworth to approve the estimated FY 2023 Extension levy in the amount of \$150,425. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 15. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-33-388-003 in North Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Fogle to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-33-388-003 in North Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 143-144.)**
- 16. Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 06-18-234-005 in Raymond Township to Blair and Angie Perry Approval: Motion by Beason and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #06-18-234-005 in Raymond Township**

- to Blair and Angie Perry. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 145-146.)
17. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 17-35-307-014 in East Fork Township to Jose Perez Aguilar Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Fogle to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #17-35-307-014 in East Fork Township to Jose Perez Aguilar. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 147-148.)
  18. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-21-200-001 in North Litchfield Township to Devin Tefteller Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-21-200-001 in North Litchfield Township to Devin Tefteller. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 149-150.)
  19. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 03-21-383-013 in Pitman Township to Fountain Investments LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #03-21-383-013 in Pitman Township to Fountain Investments LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 151-152.)
  20. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 03-21-383-018 in Pitman Township to Lori Boehler Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Fogle to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-33-388-003 in North Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield. Sneed reported the board already approved this resolution and it needs to be rescinded and changed to the correct information. Beason moves to rescind his motion, and Fogle seconds. Motion by Beason and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #03-21-383-018 in Pitman Township to Lori Boehler. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 153-154.)
  21. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 03-21-453-007 in Pitman Township to Fountain Investments LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #03-21-453-007 in Pitman Township to Fountain Investments LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 155-156.)
  22. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 03-28-206-005 in Pitman Township to Michael and Alesia Haslett Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Jones to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #03-28-206-005 in Pitman Township to Michael and Alesia Haslett. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 157-158.)
  23. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 03-28-214-005 in Pitman Township to Philip Boehler Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #03-28-214-005 in Pitman Township to Philip Boehler. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 159-160.)
  24. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 04-33-405-003 in Harvel Township to Greg McKinney and Kimberly Kell Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #04-33-405-003 in Harvel Township to Greg McKinney and Kimberly Kell. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 161-162.)

25. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 08-22-476-001 in Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Johnson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #08-22-476-001 in Nokomis Township to ITSM Software Consultants Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 163-164.)
26. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-33-136-014 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-33-136-014 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 165-166.)
27. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-33-136-015 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-33-136-015 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 167-168.)
28. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 10-33-137-006 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Beck to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #10-33-137-006 in North Litchfield Township to Bruce Johnson. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 169-170.)
29. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 12-22-402-018 in Irving Township to Karen Summers and Loren Caulk Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Donaldson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #12-22-402-018 in Irving Township to Karen Summers and Loren Caulk. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 171-172.)
30. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 12-22-403-005 in Irving Township to Pitman Realty LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #12-22-403-005 in Irving Township to Pitman Realty LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 173-174.)
31. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 13-06-231-012 in Witt Township to Capstan Management LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #13-06-231-012 in Witt Township to Capstan Management LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 175-176.)
32. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 16-11-207-010 in Hillsboro Township to Michael H. and Pamela D. Hiller Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Whitworth to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #16-11-207-010 in Hillsboro Township to Michael H. and Pamela D. Hiller. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 177-178.)
33. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 16-13-309-011 in Hillsboro Township to Pitman Realty LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Folkerts to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #16-13-309-011 in Hillsboro Township to Pitman Realty LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 179-180.)

34. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 17-07-206-016 in East Fork Township to Cheap Lands Inc. Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #17-07-206-016 in East Fork Township to Cheap Lands Inc. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 181-182.)
35. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 17-35-155-006 in East Fork Township to Fountain Investments LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Robinson to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #17-35-155-006 in East Fork Township to Fountain Investments LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 183-184.)
36. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 17-35-330-009 in East Fork Township to Tyler and Sarah Yount Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Loucks to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #17-35-330-009 in East Fork Township to Tyler and Sarah Yount. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 185-186.)
37. **Resolution to Convey Deed for Parcel ID # 20-22-377-016 in Grisham Township to Capstan Management LLC Approval:** Motion by Beason and second by Loucks to approve the Resolution to Convey deed for Parcel ID #20-22-377-016 in Grisham Township to Capstan Management LLC. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy, see Resolution Book 19, pages 187-188.)
38. **America Recovery Plan Act (ARPA funding) Update:** Beason reported the Finance and Budget Committee had several discussions regarding how to distribute the ARPA grant funds. He stated he board voted to take the project information home and rank each project individually at the September, 2022, meeting; and the Coordinated Services office tabulated the scores and the results are now available. Beason said the county is currently facing a deficit of approximately \$1.6 million for FY 2023, and the committee discussed balancing the budget by using a combination of \$800,000 in ARPA grant funds and \$800,000 in Coal funds. After using ARPA funds to balance the budget, Beason stated there would be enough ARPA funds left to award grants for the top 18 requests on the list. He said even after those 18 projects were funded, there would be approximately \$182,000 of ARPA grant funds left. Ritchie said he would like to see this remaining balance used to fund more of the deficit and take some more of the burden off of the coal money since the auditors have recommended having one to two years of operating expenses saved in reserve. Whitworth agreed the auditors suggest we have two years expense costs in reserve, and she suggested the reserve funds be invested to generate interest. Lohman reported operating expenses are approximately \$8 million each year, and the county currently had \$4.2 million in reserve. Young said we don't have to spend the remaining ARPA balance right away, and it could be used for the following fiscal year if needed.
39. **DCEO Energy Community Reinvestment Act Grant and Vistra Energy Update:** Beason reported he recently attended a workshop in Carbondale designed for counties with closed coal-fired power plants along with members Whitworth and Fogle on September 29<sup>th</sup> regarding Coal Community Grants and it was very informative. Fogle said it was eye-opening to learn about the number of grants available to counties like ours, and he stated there are approximately \$169 million dollars in available grants.

**40. Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Beason reported State's Attorney Affrunti recently advised the county should not have the Revolving Loan Fund, so the board will need to decide what to do with it.

**APPROVAL OF 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:**

**Motion by Loucks and second by Whitworth to approve the four committee reports and minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Young reported they will have to re-advertise the open position of animal control warden and facility manager because the position title was previously incorrectly advertised.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Motion by Fogle and second by Bergen to appoint William Fleming to the Litchfield Airport Authority Board for a five-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Crossover Ministries' representative Linda Liebscher addressed the board. She thanked them for their decisions on the distribution of ARPA money. She said while the Crossover Ministries board is disappointed they were not awarded any ARPA money, they will still move forward with the vision the Lord has given them. She stated they did not know about the County having ARPA money until they attended a board meeting. She said she respects the board members and doesn't believe they made any incorrect decisions, but in the future she would like to see changes to the process of how to decide to distribute such money. **(For copy of Liebscher's written statement, see Resolution Book 19, pages 189-191).**

Citizen Bill Schroeder also addressed the board. He spoke of the issue of carbon sequestration and asked if the board members knew Christian County has expressed strong opposition to this type of project. He asked if a proposed contract discussed by the board will be available to the public. Young said they have not received a formal contract yet but it will be made available to the public before the board votes on it.

**PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL:** Motion by Beason and second by Folkerts to pay all approved bills and Payroll. All in favor, motion carried.

**RECESS:** The next regular full board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room, Hillsboro, Illinois. Motion by Miles and second by Fogle to recess the Full Board Meeting until November 15, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.