

**Montgomery County Board  
Minutes**

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**For Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 8:30 AM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Board held at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the County Board Chambers of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

**The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Mike Plunkett at 8:30 AM.**

**Roll call was taken. 20 members present, 1 member absent.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, George Blankenship, Terry Bone, Bonnie Branum, Ronald Deabenderfer, John Downs, Robert Durbin, Ed Helgen, Roy Hertel, Jarod Hitchings, Frank Komor, Sharon Kuchar, Joyce Matthews, Gene Miles, Jim Moore, Dale Ogden, Mike Plunkett, Bill Sielschott, Richard Wendel.

**Members Absent:** Nelson Aumann

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.**

**Mileage and Per Diem Approval:**

**Motion by Hitchings, second by Bathurst to approve the mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

**Motion by Helgen, second by Kuchar to approve the Minutes of the Previously Adjourned County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **911 Coordinator's Report** – submitted.
2. **Chief Assessment Officer's Report** – Ray Durston was present for questions.
3. **Circuit Clerk's Report** – Holly Lemons was present for questions.
4. **County Clerk and Recorder's Report** – Sandy Leitheiser was present for questions.
5. **County Treasurer's Report** – Ron Jenkins was absent due to surgery he had on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He has since returned home and is on his way to recovery, and due back to the office soon.
6. **G.I.S. Coordinator's Report** – Mary Purcell was present for questions.
7. **Health Department Report** – Hugh Satterlee was present for questions and distributed Health Department budget revisions.
8. **Probation Office Report** – Bane Ulrici was present for questions.
9. **Public Defender's Report** – submitted.
10. **Sheriff's Report** – Undersheriff Rick Robbins was present for questions.
11. **T.B. Department's Report** – Sally Adams was present for questions.
12. **V.A.C. Report** – Dave Strowmatt was present for questions.

**APPROVAL OF 12 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion by Bone, second by Blankenship to approve the 12 office reports on the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. **Presentation on Deer Run Coal Mine – Dean Lee:** A slide show of the construction of the Deer Run Mine project was presented by Dean Lee, Human Resource and Public Relations Coordinator of Patton Mining. The Presentation given included aerial photographs taken in September and October, 2009 showing the construction progress of the pit and slope areas. Lee stated that 42 of the 45 employees working on the slope were from the local area, with pay ranges from \$16 - \$19 an hour and will eventually employ 160-180 workers. Lee explained that the Air shaft will go down 600-700 feet and will be 22 feet wide, that the coal mine will produce an average of 8 tons of coal per square foot and it will produce 8-9 million tons a year with enough reserves for the next 50 to 100 years. Lee stated the mine will be one of the biggest booming mines in the United States. Mike Plunkett asked when a workforce would be hired, and Lee replied that they will start hiring in December, 2009 with a third party from Litchfield collecting applications for experienced miners. Bill Sielschott asked about the current market price of coal, and Lee stated that the last market price was \$45 to \$65 a ton, depending on what type of coal was mined. **(For copy of Power Point Presentation, see Resolution Book 9, pages 226-246).**
2. **Approval - AFSCME Resolution #2009-13:** The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees have asked that the Montgomery County Board pass a resolution for the Governor to rescind all planned layoffs of State Employees. **Motion by Hertel, second by Downs to approve Resolution#2009-13 for the Governor to rescind all planned layoffs of State Employees. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of Resolution, see Resolution Book 9, page 247).**

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Terry Bone as follows:

1. **Update - Countertop in Probation Office:** The committee approved \$250.00 for Probation Office to make some adjustments to counter tops for computer monitors.
2. **Update - Automatic External Defibrillator (AED):** The committee approved the purchase of 4 defibrillators for the county buildings from Cardiac Science in the amount of \$4,617.28, which will come out of the Sheriff's small equipment purchases line item. Director Holmes has been contacted to schedule training for employees to operate the defibrillators. Hand sanitizer dispensers were ordered and will be installed in the county buildings.
3. **Approval - Annex Building Project and Bids:** The committee reviewed 7 bids that were submitted for the remodeling of the Annex Building. The bids were as follows:
  - \$453,100 - Korte-Luitjohan, Highland, Illinois
  - \$460,000 - Vogel Plumbing, Hillsboro, Illinois
  - \$473,000 - Johnco Construction, Mackinaw, Illinois
  - \$480,000 - VH Builders, Carlinville, Illinois
  - \$487,000 - R.W. Boeker Company, Hamel, Illinois
  - \$543,137 - Interior Construction Services, St. Louis, Missouri
  - \$599,000 - Cloyd Builders, New Berlin, Illinois

Chairman Bone reported that with all of the rain, some leaks were found on the second floor of the newly purchased Annex building around the wall. In 2004 the roof was replaced, therefore, he is checking on the warranty with the contractor. Tests were done on asbestos and lead, and the lead tests should be back by next Wednesday. A few areas tested positive for asbestos, which could cost \$8,000 to \$20,000 for removal. The ramp and retaining wall will be less than \$20,000. Some \$50,000 to \$75,000 for overhead expenses. HVAC will be about \$45,000, electricity will be \$80,000, plumbing will be \$25,000, masonry, restoration and painting around \$25,000, doors and windows \$50,000 and \$130,000 to \$150,000 on the interior of the buildings. This bid cost also includes the cost for demolition of the plaster on the second floor and new insulation and drywall.

**Discussion:** The Architect's estimate of the renovation project was \$300,000 to \$350,000. Tom Baker of Hurst-Rosche stated that originally the estimate was \$500,000, at which time the Board said to take some items from the design while trying to keep the efficiency of the building for new offices. Baker said this cost although more than anticipated, is less than a new building with land, utilities and the same square footage, and the cost to build new would be three times this amount. Roy Hertel stated that the goal should be to get people off the third floor of the Historic Courthouse, and he feels the bid is too high but is realistic because the bids were comparable. He said that we should go ahead with this project but feels that we should someday build a new building on North Main Street. **Motion by Bone, second by Miles to approve the low bid from Korte-Luitjohan in the amount of \$453,100 to renovate the Annex building. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 19, Nays 1, Absent 1. Those Voting Aye: Bathurst, Beck, Blankenship, Bone, Branum, Deabenderfer, Downs, Durbin, Hertel, Helgen, Hitchings, Komor, Matthews, Miles, Moore, Ogden, Plunkett, Sielschott, Wendel. Those Voting Nay: Kuchar. Those Absent: Aumann. Motion carried.**

4. **Approval - Telephone System Bids:** Bone reported that four bids were submitted on the telephone system. Bids were as follows:

- \$129,110.00 - Tech Electronics, St. Louis, Missouri
- \$148,602.00 – STL Communications, St. Louis, Missouri
- \$232,246.75 – Consolidated Communications, Mattoon, Illinois
- \$256,650.00 – Bodine Electronic, Decatur, Illinois

Hurst-Rosche Engineering recommends that the County award the new phone system to the lowest bidder, Tech Electronics of St. Louis, Missouri in the amount of \$129,111 for a digital phone system with a deduction of \$2,078 for a voice override IP system totaling \$127,032. The 911 phone system is not included in this bid. Terry Bone reported that he contacted Judge Long who stated that he would contribute \$35,000 to the new phone system from the court fund. Tom Baker stated that the bid prices differ because some of the bidders were distributors of phone equipment and explained the voice override IP (Internet Protocol) system. **Motion by Bone, Second by Matthews to approve the telephone system bid from Tech Electronics for a voice override IP system in the amount of \$127,032.** Member Hertel asked Baker how much input County IT Representative Bill Purcell has had with the final bids, and Bill Purcell, who was in the audience, responded that he has had minimal interaction. Purcell stated that he would like to know what kind of equipment Tech Electronics is using and where the equipment is coming from, since he has had a hard time getting parts in the past. Undersheriff Robbins asked how many employees they have. Tom Baker said around 100 employees. Robbins voiced his concern because of the inadequacies of the current system. Bone stated that the new system will have 250 phone lines available, instead of the 140 lines we have now. Karen Louthan, a representative from Consolidated Communications who was also a bidder, received permission to speak from Chairman Plunkett, and expressed concerns about the “apples to apples” comparison that should be done to assure all bids are equal in content before County Board approval. She stated that the bid should include replacing the phone system, the fiber construction to get to the building across the street and data switches to give the capability of voice override. She would welcome an opportunity to review the bids with County Board members, Hurst-Rosche and Bill Purcell to assure equal specifications have been included in all bids. Chairman Plunkett said that the county depends of the advice of Hurst-Rosche as to whether Tech Electronics is a qualified bidder. Hertel stated that Purcell should meet with Hurst-Rosche and go over the specifications. Undersheriff Robbins requested that we take time on this decision to make sure it is a good phone system. Baker said that when a bid is signed it should mean they are meeting the specifications, but there is time to go over the bids to assure all concerned they are valid. Terry Bone stated he wants to make sure the County has the best phone system. **Bone and Matthews both withdrew their**

**Motion. Motion by Bone, Second by Beck to table this approval until next month. All in favor. motion carried.**

**5. Update - Maintenance Issues & Maintenance Report:**

- **Handicap Automatic Door Opener for Historic Courthouse:** No bids were received. We are working with a \$2750 grant from Leitheiser's Election Office.
- **Carpet Cleaning Bill:** Bone contacted Bergie Heating & Air Conditioning to pay for cleaning, and they agreed.
- **Wallpaper Removal:** Lloyd Meyer had spoke with Circuit Clerk Holly Lemons on a schedule to remove wallpaper when she is out of her office, and Courtroom #1 can be started next week.
- **Clean Out Debris from Annex Building:** Lloyd Meyer reported that removal of the debris in the annex building is nearly complete. Bone said maintenance did a good job.
- **Elevators:** Otis will be working on the Historic Courthouse elevator on October 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be down for approximately 2 hours.
- **Stump Removal:** Lloyd Meyer will have someone come out to remove the rest of the tree stump on the south west side of the Historic Courthouse.
- **SOA Office:** Meyer reported that there is a small leak in the SOA Office and he will call Young's Roofing to look at it.

**EMA/AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman George Blankenship as follows:**

**1. Update - Ambulance Call Reports:**

- A summary of monthly operations for **August 2009** is as follows: **Total calls:** 341, **Total amounts billed:** \$189,550.00, **Total amounts collected:** \$141,131.09.
- A summary of monthly operations for **September 2009** will be submitted next month. Member Bathurst requested that aging reports without current billing data be included in their reports, and Blankenship stated they will comply with this request.

**2. Update - AMBULANCE REPORT:**

- **Collections:** The combination of the old and new system collections came in at \$111,451.74 for September.
- **New Hire:** Sharon Greenwood of Hillsboro was hired and will be trained on the new Ortivus software soon. She has been working on old collections.
- **Ortivus Training:** Ortivus will come back to train the new employee on the system on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There is still money in the budget for this.
- **Availity:** Availity has approved the office for online billing. Ortivus will call and walk the staff through the procedure to make the final hook up, which should take about an hour to complete.

**3. Update - EMA Report:**

- **Search & Rescue Training:** There will be Search and Rescue Training on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fillmore Fire Station.
- **Collection Agencies:** Director Holmes will start looking for information on collection agencies.
- **IEMA Conference:**
  - a. Update on H1N1 Flu: The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) gave an update on the H1N1 Flu and recommended that the courthouses place hand sanitizer in each office, by elevators, and in lobbies.
  - b. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): It was discussed at the conference about having some type of MOU in place with private sector partners, such as

General Contractors, Plumbers, Pharmacies, Grocery Stores, etc... in the case of an emergency.

- c. *Animals in a Disaster*: Discussion took place at the IEMA conference in regards to Federal Disaster Assistance Policy (FEMA 9523.19) Covered Animals. Animals that would be covered in a disaster type emergency are as follows: Dogs, cats, turtles, rabbits, birds, and rodents. Those animals that are not covered are: Snakes, amphibians, reptiles, racing dogs, horses, cows and pigs. The County would get Federal aid for covered animals.
- d. *Exercise ICS Plans*: IEMA also covered Incident Command System plans. It was October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **ICS Refresher Class**: There was an ICS refresher class on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The class was well attended, with about 25-30 people, and the scenario emergency was based on a Tornado Touch Down incident in Montgomery County.
  - **Update Impounding Vehicles**: Discussion took place on having the State's Attorney's Office look into the County being able to impound vehicles in the case when a spiller from a Hazardous Material spill does not pay.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Ron Deabenderfer as follows:**

1. **Update - County Comprehensive Plan**: The Planning Commission recently met on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office with the presentation on Economic Development activities and statistics in the County. The next meeting is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
2. **Approval - MCEDC Revolving Loan Fund Report**: Amanda Cole gave the committee an update on the Revolving Loan Fund Policy. **Motion by Deabenderfer, Second by Kuchar to approve 3 changes to the Revolving Loan Fund Policy, which was presented at last month's full board meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (For copy of changes to Revolving Loan Fund Policy, see Resolution Book 9, pages 248-255).**
3. **Approval - Intergovernmental Agreement between IL Department of Central Services, and the County boards of Montgomery and Macoupin for the Demuzio Broadband Initiative**: The committee reviewed and discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Broadband Initiative. **Motion by Deabenderfer, Second by Matthews to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Broadband pending the State's Attorney's approval. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, pages 256-257).**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bill Sielschott as follows:**

1. **Update - GIS Report**: The committee approved hanging map storage cabinets for GIS not to exceed \$600.00.
2. **Update - Real Estate Taxes**: Chief Assessments Officer Ray Durston reported that the tentative schedule to have assessor's books finished is by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Most of the bigger townships are back from the local assessors and are being entered into the system. The tentative publishing date will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Durston is working with DEVNET for an updated schedule. The committee discussed getting tax bills out in June, 2010 and will possibly allow two months between installments. They are planning on the first installment of real estate taxes to come out in early June 2010.
3. **Approval - Resolution #09-14 to Void Tax Bill on Parcel ID 06-07-459-010 in the Village of Raymond**: The committee discussed the need to void the tax bill on the old Kerr McGee gas station, which was deeded over to the Village of Raymond earlier this year. Since the County

owned the parcel in 2008, the County would still need to void the tax bill this year. **Motion by Sielschott, Second by Hitchings to approve Resolution #09-14 to void tax bill ID# 06-07-459-010 in the Village of Raymond. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, page 258).**

4. **Approval – Resolution #09-15 to Increase Circuit Clerk’s Automation Fee and Document Storage Fee:** The committee reviewed and discussed the resolution to increase the Automation and Document Storage Fee in the Circuit Clerk’s Office at an amount not to exceed \$15.00 for all cases other than traffic cases, with traffic cases remaining at \$5.00. Clerk Leitheiser read the resolution. After conferring with State’s Attorney Matoush, Circuit Clerk Lemons asked that the resolution be amended to read “for all cases other than **petty** traffic cases and **ordinance violations.**” **Motion by Sielschott, Second by Bathurst to approve Resolution #09-15 to increase the Circuit Clerk’s Automation and Document Storage Fee from \$5.00 to \$15.00 for all cases other than petty traffic cases and ordinance violations. All in favor, motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, page 259).**
5. **Approval - Circuit Clerk Office Shelving Units Bids:** The committee opened the only bid that was received for new shelving units in the Circuit Clerk’s Office. TAB St. Louis submitted a bid in the amount of \$54,475.00, which will be paid for from the Document Storage Fee fund, which consists of fee revenues collected by the Circuit Clerk’s office, and will not come from the General Fund. **Motion by Sielschott, Second by Beck to approve the purchase of shelving units from TAB St. Louis in the amount of \$54,475.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 20, Nays 0, Absent 1. Those Absent: Aumann. Motion carried.**
6. **Update - FY 2010 Budget Revisions:** The committee reviewed the revenues and expenses for budget revisions for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. The Health Dept. submitted some revisions due to state funding issues. Banee Ulrici from the Probation Office said she’s been told that the state will reinstate some of the funds to the Probation department.
7. **Approval - FY 2010 Levy:** The committee discussed the Fiscal Year 2010 Levy in the amount of \$4,160,257.00. **Motion by Sielschott, Second by Kuchar to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Levy in the amount of \$4,160,257.00. All in favor, motion carried.** The budget will be posted on the bulletin board on the first floor by Clerk Leitheiser’s office for the next month, then scheduled for passage next month. Sielschott stated the budget includes funds needed for the newly purchased County Annex Building.

**HWE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman Bob Durbin as follows:**

**1. Update - Elections:**

- County Clerk Leitheiser presented information to the committee regarding a law in Florida where the names of unopposed candidates do not appear on the Election ballot, which saves a tremendous amount of election costs. Clerk Leitheiser has also shared this information with the Illinois County Clerks Association lobbyist and members of the Clerks’ Legislative committee, with hopes to have similar legislation introduced in Illinois at the spring session.
- Leitheiser gave an update on election equipment vendors and reported that the Champaign County lawsuit should be filed in two weeks regarding the undervote law, which forces election equipment to query undervotes. Other counties are coming forward against the new undervote law, which must go into effect at the February 2, 2010 election. Durbin reported that this topic was discussed at the UCCI meeting last month.
- The candidate filing period for the February, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 Elections will be October 26<sup>th</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

- 2. Update - Meeting with Bond County to Inspect Landfill:** Durbin stated he plans to get a meeting with Bond County Chairman Jill Franks next week in regard to Montgomery County inspecting Bond County’s landfill.

### 3. Approval - Animal Control Facility and Program:

- **Animal Control Policy and Procedures, Adoption forms, Volunteer Application and Release Forms:** Discussion took place on policy and procedures for animal control, as well as Adoption Forms, Volunteer Applications and Release Forms. The Policy and Procedures for the operation of the facility were handed out last month for all board members to review. Durbin stated that although he did not have any comments from board members on any changes to the Policy and Procedures, he would like to wait on any action pending other changes. **Motion by Durbin, Second by Helgen to approve the Volunteer Release Forms for Animal Control. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Contracts for Municipalities:** The County has received contracts from Coffeen, Schram City, Raymond and Litchfield in regard to using the Montgomery County Animal Control Program and Facility.
- **Meeting with PAWS CARE:** A meeting will be set up with PAWS CARE for volunteer services for Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board room.
- **Sidewalk:** There will be a sidewalk installed on the south end of the Animal Control building for \$850.00 by Kirby Furness and the Highway department will rock the driveway once the sidewalk is installed.
- **Tour of Facility:** The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce has requested a tour of the Animal Control Facility for their monthly meeting on Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Noon.
- **Schedule Open House:** The committee will schedule an Open House for the facility as soon as the corn has been harvested.

### 4. Update - Recycling Program and Events:

- It was reported that the Electronics Recycling drive went very well and over 90,000 lbs. of electronics was collected. The County will get a true total from Com2 soon. Durbin read a thank you letter from the Litchfield Schools Building and Grounds Coordinator Dale Bruhn regarding the Electronics Recycling Drive.

### 5. Update - Coordinated Services Restructure:

- Discussion took place on restructuring the Coordinated Services Office, with the Personnel Committee recommending some restructuring of Recycling and EPA. Dawn Lutz will be in charge of the Recycling Program full time and Bill Gonet will be in charge of the EPA office. Both Lutz and Gonet will report directly to the HWE Committee.

### 6. Update - UCCI Seminar:

- UCCI will host a dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 pm and a seminar on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield. The deadline to register is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Board members wanting to attend should let Coordinator Daniels know after the meeting. Bob Durbin announced that on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Witt Lions Building he and his wife will be having their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Chairman John Downs as follows:**

1. **Update - Circuit Clerk Union:** The committee discussed union issues concerning the salary of an employee who was transferred. Union Representative Dan Sweet stated to Mike Plunkett that the last time there was an employee transfer he understood there was an agreement that any future transfers would start at beginning salary stated in the contract. However, the Personnel committee never received an agreement to sign for this issue. Union Representative Sweet will draft an

agreement stating that this transfer and pay rate will be okay but any future hires will start at the contract's starting salary. Plunkett suggested addressing the employee transfer issue at the time the next contract is open. The committee also discussed that it is not feasible for a transfer employee to take a cut in pay.

2. **Update - Liberty National Insurance:** A presentation was given to the committee regarding Voluntary Employee Group Term Life Insurance, which would offer a low cost \$3,000 Accidental Life Insurance Policy for employees at no cost to the County and none to the employees for the first year. After the first year employees will be charged \$10.00 per year. Liberty Mutual also offers plans for Whole and Term Life Insurance and is asking to present this information to all county employees. The committee would like to check with the Treasurer's Office first, and the committee will address this next month.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by Vice Chairman George Blankenship as follows:**

1. **Update – Bridge Postings:** As of January 1, 2010, maximum legal loads on local roads will be increased from 73,280 lbs. to 80,000 lbs. according to State Law. However, several bridges currently in service will need to be posted for reduced load limits as they are not structurally adequate to handle the proposed 80,000 lb. loading. A map was handed out to committee members showing the six bridges to be affected. Engineer Boehler will order the signs and have them posted by January 1, 2010. Dale Ogden asked about the 90,000 lb. posted limits for frost from January to April. Ruben Boehler stated that it was repealed by the state.
2. **Approval – Section 08-00129-00-BR, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation of Construction of SN 068-3359, Nokomis Road over Hurricane Creek:** An approval of the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for construction cost of the Probst Bridge was presented, with the estimated construction cost of \$375,000 to be shared. The split would be 80/20 with 80% being Federal at \$300,000 and 20% being the County's at \$75,000. The scheduled letting date for this project is January 15, 2010. **Motion by Matthews, Second by Beck to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation of Construction of Nokomis Road over Hurricane Creek, Section 08-00129-00-BR. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Present -1 (Jarod Hitchings), Absent – 1 (Nelson Aumann). Motion carried. (See Resolution Book 9, pages 260-263).**
3. **Update – Airport Bridge Project:** Yamnitz Construction finished casting the concrete abutments on Airport Bridge. The County's day labor forces set beams, grouted shear keys, drilled and grouted pins and installed bridge rail. The final grading, guardrail installation, oil and seeding should be finished by the end of this week, weather permitting.
4. **Update – Mine Avenue Resurfacing west of Farmersville:** Weber Construction finished paving and started shoulder work on Mine Avenue west of Farmersville. Shoulders, guardrail and striping should be finished by the end of the week.
5. **Update – Walton Park Bridge Project:** On October 5, 2009, Boehler, Chairman Plunkett, Mayor Jones of Litchfield and Litchfield City Administrator Ritchie met to discuss scheduling issues with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly (CMT) because CMT is approximately a month behind with their scheduled submittals. It was agreed that Ted LaBelle with CMT should provide a monthly progress report to both the City and County effective next month through bid letting. LaBelle has verified with IDOT that they can still make the scheduled June 11, 2010 letting. Questions were asked about the timeline and funding for the project. The engineering work must

be approved before the bridge can be repaired. The project is being funded jointly by FHWA, the County and the City of Litchfield.

6. **Update – Red Ball Trail Project:** On September 11, 2009, Cheryl Welge of Ameren, Chairman Plunkett, Member Branum, Member Hertel and Engineer Boehler met to discuss the status of the Red Ball Trail upgrade. Discussion took place in regards to the reduced County MFT revenue and the likelihood that the County will not be able to fund the project. Ameren will investigate internally if they can contribute any funding, but there has been no decision from Ameren yet. The only repairs the County can afford to do at this point are to oil and chip the 1.5 miles of Red Ball Trail. Boehler stated that due to safety concerns, the County may have to post a lower speed limit and weight restriction to help stop the deterioration of the road. Truck traffic has increased since the summer due to the 50 trucks that are coming and going each day from the Viper Coal Mine. When the scrubbers are ready, there will be an additional 50 trucks per day going to the Power Plant. Chairman Plunkett stated that the road needs upgraded because of the increased truck usage. Member Deabenderfer asked about the ability to repair Red Ball Trail without MFT funds, and Plunkett said that we would like to receive Ameren's financial support to pay for the project.

**APPROVAL OF 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS & MINUTES:** Motion by Miles, second by Durbin to approve the 8 committee reports. All in favor, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

Reminder that the HWE Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM in the board room with PAWS CARE to discuss volunteers at the facility.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Motion by Branum, Second by Bone to approve the appointment of Cheryl Short as Secretary/Treasurer to the Fillmore Fire Protection District's Board of Trustees to replace a vacancy. All in favor, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

1. **Approval to Pay Invoice from Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore:** Motion by Beck, second by Sielschott to pay an invoice for Adams & Wilson, PCC and Books and Moore. Voice Vote: In favor – 19, Against – 0, Present -1 (Jim Moore), Absent – 1 (Nelson Aumann). Motion carried.
2. **Motion by Sielschott, second by Blankenship to pay all other approved bills.** All in favor, motion carried. For itemized listing of bills paid, refer to Accounts Payable Book for FY 2009.

**RECESS:** Until the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the County Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Motion by Branum, second by Kuchar to adjourn the Full Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

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