

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
January 15, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryant Amos. There was a roll call of members with Supervisors Amos, Glen Benskin, Karen Blue, Steve Ratcliff, and Donna Robinson present.

Motion to approve the agenda by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 8, 2009, regular meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comment. No audience comments.

During Supervisor weekly update, Robinson stated she had attended a Villisca City Council meeting and had toured her district with the County Engineer.

Engineer Brad Skinner reported he was still having problems with the Hawthorne lights. A local electrician will be looking at the lights soon. Consensus of the Board to move forward with a temporary four-way stop should the lights completely fail, and to move forward with researching alternatives for the lights.

Skinner stated that the contract fuel provider FS has not been fulfilling the contract, and they ran out of gasoline in the past week. Consensus of the Board to follow-through with cancellation of the contract. Skinner said the second highest bidder, UFMC, was willing to pick up the remainder of the contract at their original bid price.

Several of the men were sorting out old materials from the Secondary Roads buildings, and Skinner asked if it would be appropriate to sell some of the old manuals that are no longer needed. Consensus of the Board to dispose of the materials. Ratcliff said he would Ebay the items for cost of the postings.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to set the budget meetings for January 19, 20, and 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon with the department heads. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Jail Inspection letter. It was agreed that the Board would begin by putting together a jail committee with people that can study the issue and make informed decisions. The group could include bankers, law enforcement, two supervisors, economic developers, construction experts, and various community leaders. Blue stated the meetings will be open to the public, but not for public participation. Names will be brought back to the table next week. The Board agreed a formal letter could be sent to the Department of Corrections detailing their timeline and corrective actions planned or taken by July 1, 2009.

No action was necessary on the Secondary Roads Union contract.

A list of the 2008 Eminent Domain members was reviewed and submitted for approval for 2009, where Jerry Sandin replaces Don Jacobs and Deb Maher replaces Patty Farwell. Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve the 2009 Eminent Domain Compensation Commission as presented. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Richard Price, Conservation Director and Sanitarian, presented the budgets for conservation and sanitation.

Blue left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Board recessed at 10:10 and came back into session at 10:15.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the probationary period completion increase for Treasurer's Office clerk Barb Kinard from \$10.50 to \$11.00 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to appoint Clint Rubey, Barb Ray, and Dennis Good for six year terms to the Magistrate's Appointment Committee. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve payroll payable January 16, 2009 in the gross amount of \$107,981.89. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Initial discussions on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budgets.

Items for next week's agenda include Hawthorne lights, jail committee discussion, and claims.

Motion to adjourn by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR