

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 2, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Friday, January 2, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. at the courthouse for their organizational meeting. Auditor Joni Ernst was sworn in and then called the meeting to order. There was a roll call of members with Supervisors Bryant Amos, Donna Robinson, Glen Benskin, and Steve Ratcliff present. Supervisor Karen Blue was absent.

Newly elected officials were sworn in including Supervisors Donna Robinson and Bryant Amos, Treasurer Carol Strovers, and Sheriff Joe Sampson.

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

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to appoint Bryant Amos as Board Chairman. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to appoint Karen Blue as the Vice Chairman for the Board. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for public comment. Comment from Margaret Stoldorf advising the Board of a pending funeral for Robert Christensen.

Minutes of the December 31, 2008, regular meeting were approved as read.

Motion to approve the Sheriff's Deputies Brian Moore, Zachary Anderson, Ricky Mitchell, Christopher Stephens, Todd Dollen, Jon Spunaugle, and Richard Price as the Conservation Enforcement Officer, by Ratcliff, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Robinson, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Deputies Carol Bullington, Janice Gravett, and Marilyn Culver and the Auditor's Deputies Ted Schoonover and Stephanie Burke, by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Mary Lou Goettsch of the Golden Hills RC&D was present to ask that the Board appoint former supervisor Jim Parker as the RC&D appointee. She stated he has been a very valuable and active member, representing their organization as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. on many occasions. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to appoint Jim Parker for a four-year appointment to the Golden Hills RC&D/Hungry Canyons Alliance Board. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to appoint the supervisors to serve on the following boards and commissions as follows: Montgomery County Public Health and Waubonsie Mental Health – Benskin; Mills/Montgomery Mental Health 28E Board – Amos, Benskin, Robinson, Blue-alternate, Ratcliff-alternate; 4th Judicial Court – Blue; Nishna Productions, Landfill Commission, DHS Service Advisory Board – Robinson; SW Iowa Detention – Blue; West Central Community Action, Zion Recovery Services Board of Directors – Ratcliff; Enterprise Zone – Blue; Workforce Development – Ratcliff; Emergency Management Commission – Amos; Montgomery County Economic Development and Joint Communications – Amos; SWIPCO – Robinson and Brad Wright; Domestic Violence Against Women – Amos. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to appoint Karen Blue as Board representative to the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Board and Red Oak Industrial Foundation as areas of interest only. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Amos reviewed the county's proposal to the Secondary Roads Union for their contract renewal. He stated that the county was proposing a three-year contract which would include the following: a \$150 per year allowance for safety clothing which would include boots, with a maximum carryover of \$300; requirement of the employee to provide documentation when requesting bereavement leave; increased wages of 2% in the first year plus an additional \$.01 per hour longevity; increased wages of 2.5% in the second year and a health insurance payment increase of \$5.00 for the family plan making the employee contribution \$134 per month; increased wages of 3% in the third year and a health insurance payment increase of \$10.00 for the family plan making the employee contribution \$144 per month. Also included in the proposal was lowering the percentage of health insurance cost increase from 20 to 15 percent in order for the county to re-open union negotiations. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the proposal as stated. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Robinson, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to appoint the Red Oak Express and the Villisca Review/Stanton Viking as the official newspapers of Montgomery County. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Board of Supervisor's meeting schedule for calendar year 2009. Consensus of the Board that it was good to have night meetings when there were topics that would generate public interest, however there has not been additional attendance at the evening meetings for the past several years. Auditor Ernst noted that there was an evening meeting scheduled for January 8th with State Jail Inspector Delbert Longley to be in attendance to review the jail inspection report. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to set the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for calendar year 2009 on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. beginning on January 15th. In discussion, the Board agreed that should items they considered of high interest to the public be brought to them, they could set evening meetings as deemed necessary. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The county employee's holiday schedule was tabled until next week for additional feedback from department heads.

Items for next week's agenda include the holiday schedule, additional duties for supervisors, and setting budget meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR