

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
January 29, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, January 29, 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 Bryant Amos, Glen Benskin, Karen Blue, Donna Robinson and Steve Ratcliff present.

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

Minutes of the January 28, 2009, budget work session meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. Comment regarding the jail study committee by Linda Southworth and comment regarding the budget by Mark Peterson.

During Supervisors committee updates, Supervisor Ratcliff stated he had attended Zion and Nishna Productions meetings, and had been selected for the grand jury. Blue stated she had attended the 4th Judicial and Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Board meetings. Robinson had attended a SWIPCO meeting.

Engineer Brad Skinner presented his weekly update. He had received notification that Montgomery County was on a short list for the stimulus project he had submitted for the H54 Coburg Road. Funding for the project would be around \$400,000 and he hoped it would be accelerated so that the project could be completed in this fiscal year.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board left regular session and held the public hearing for the FY 2009 Budget Amendment #1. The Chair called for oral and written comments. Having none, the Board moved back into regular session. Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve Resolution 09-3, read as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION FOR FY 2008-2009 AMENDMENT

WHEREAS: It is desired to amend the budget and the appropriations established for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, in accordance with Section 331.434, subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors Montgomery County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The amounts itemized by department or offices below are hereby amended and appropriated at 100%:

Expenditures

Sheriff	\$54,800
Attorney	\$2,400
Public Health	\$23,875
General Assistance	\$3,000
Treasurer	\$4,300
Data Processing	\$24,555
Secondary Roads	\$2,102,325
Conservation	\$82,500

Revenues

Secondary Roads	\$1,894,491
Public Health	\$5,000
Conservation	\$82,500
Data Processing	\$18,048

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officers listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund, effective January 29, 2009.

Section 3. All appropriations authorized pursuant to the resolution lapse at the close of business, June 30, 2009.

Discussion followed regarding each of the areas requesting amendments. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Engineer Skinner discussed his vision of the Secondary Roads reorganization including the hiring of a Design Technician and Truck Drive/Laborer. Motion by Robinson to fill the Design Technician position in the Engineer's Office, second by Blue. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: Ratcliff. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff to authorize the Engineer to fill the truck driver position, second by Benskin. In discussion it was noted that the positions were already budgeted for in the upcoming budget. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff. No: Blue. Motion carried.

The Engineer asked for a consensus on the organizational chart provided by Skinner that would establish a clear chain of command and decision-making in the office. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the Organization Structure as proposed by the Engineer. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Joe Sampson met with the Board to review the jail progress. Sampson had called the National Institute of Corrections for a needs and assessments report and they declined to visit Montgomery County due to the fact that the jail was built in 1896 and they stated facilities should be updated about every 30 years. Sampson said small corrective projects have been done at the jail and they were still looking for a DVR system.

Robinson said the letters to potential jail committee members should simply ask if they are interested in participating. She stated that the Supervisors need to do their research before bringing the citizen committee in to work on the program.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to set next week's budget meetings for Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 10:32.

Discussion on the ISAC District Legislative meeting to be held in Griswold on February 6th. Karen Blue and Donna Robinson will represent the Board at the meeting.

Motion by Benskin, second by Blue to approve the payroll payable January 30, 2009 in the gross amount of \$106,910.97, net amount of \$78,384.76. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Budget discussion followed with conversation on salary and wage increases. There was discussion on no increase for the next fiscal year, but possibly allowing merit increases for those that were scheduled for increases.

Agenda items discussed for next meeting include jail progress update and SWIPCO update.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11: 29 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR