

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
January 8, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 6:00 p.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 2, 2009, regular meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comment. Comment from Ron Carlson asking what will happen to the jail as it is on the National Historical Registry, are the citizens ready for a new jail, and can the existing jail be renovated? Chairman Amos said those issues could be discussed later in the agenda as needed, and would certainly be addressed in upcoming meetings.

The Supervisors gave their weekly committee meeting updates. Blue attended a 4th Judicial meeting. Benskin attended a Mental Health Board meeting. Robinson attended the Landfill Commission meeting and a source water meeting in Elliott. Amos stated he had attended an Emergency Management meeting and a Joint Communications cost-sharing meeting.

Iowa Department of Corrections Chief Jail Inspector Delbert Longley met with the Board to present his jail inspection report. He introduced Pottawattamie County Jail Administrator Stu De La Castro who serves on the Iowa State Association of Counties jail committee. De la Castro had toured the Montgomery County Jail a few weeks ago to assist with suggestions for improvement. The Supervisors viewed a picture slideshow prepared by Longley while he presented his information. He emphasized that he was not present to shut the Montgomery County Jail down, but stated that the jail has deteriorated significantly. He stated that there are many structural issues including crumbling load bearing walls in the basement, steel pipes and fixtures that have rusted, charred joists in the basement from a fire years ago, holes in the exterior walls that allow outside wind to blow into the facility, and other tuckpointing issues. He was concerned with the locks on the cells and noted that there had been two escapes in the past five years. He also stated that the Grand Jury has deemed the jail as unsafe and unsanitary numerous times in the past decade.

Amos asked if the jail could be remodeled to meet today's standards and needs. De La Castro stated that in his personal opinion that it could not be done easily, and only if the county had the financial means. His opinion was that it was time for a new jail. Longley stated he agreed, that in personal opinion, a new jail was needed. He advised the Board on an organization in Colorado called "PONI", Pre-Opening of New Institutions that will work with government officials and instruct them on the steps needed to opening a new facility. The only cost to the county to attend a class in Colorado would be the mileage to the airport, and PONI pays for all other costs. Sheriff Joe Sampson indicated it would be beneficial to attend this seminar.

Costs for transportation and housing prisoners in other counties were discussed. Sampson stated that housing is a minimum of \$55 per day per prisoner in other counties.

Longley stated to the Board that he will be sending an official letter to the Board and Sheriff, requesting that a corrective plan of action and timeline of completion be submitted to him by July 1, 2009.

Ratcliff suggested that the Board get a committee together to study the needs of the jail to meet the July 1st deadline, and Robinson suggested they take advantage of the PONI program.

Under Secondary Roads weekly update, Engineer Brad Skinner stated he had received a letter from the NRCS officially denying funding for the Coburg Stream re-alignment project. He stated he would submit it as a potential stimulus project to the State. Another concern was the Hawthorne lights, as they continue to be a problem. Skinner said that the lights and intersection will be a priority after completion of the flood projects.

Skinner told the Board that he would like to review the 5 year construction program with the Board at a later time, and schedule enough time for a work session.

Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to leave the holiday schedule as set by the personnel handbook and set the floating holiday for 2009 on December 24th. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

No discussion on the Secondary Roads union contract.

Auditor Joni Ernst advised the Board that the Red Oak Express had not published the public notice for the budget amendment, so recommended re-setting the date. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to re-schedule the FY 2009 Budget Amendment from January 15th to the 29th at 9:30. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Additional duty assignments were set for the Supervisors: Blue-Highland Annex; Amos-Courthouse and Secondary Roads Buildings; Ratcliff-County Farm; Robinson-Jail. The assignments will cover the day to day issues with the facilities. Consensus of the Board that larger issues with the jail will be discussed and determined by the entire board.

Budget meeting schedules were discussed. Blue recommended that Ernst establish a schedule similar to the past year, and present to the Board next week.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Blue to receive the Clerk of Court's report of fees for December in the amount of \$775.90. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to receive the Recorder's report of fees for December in the amount of \$29,446.81. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to receive the Sheriff's report of fees for December in the amount of \$3,664.71. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Auditor's quarterly report of fees ending December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$160.67. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve the Treasurer's Ending Fund Balance for December in the amount of \$3,761,031.95. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the Treasurer's Semi-annual Report as presented below:

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Semi-Annual Report

Carol Strovers
Certification Date DECEMBER 31, 2008

Treasurer MONTGOMERY COUNTY
For the period from JULY 1, 2008
Statement of Account By Fund

Red Oak
DECEMBER 31, 2008

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Inclusive

Fund	Balance JULY 1, 2008	Revenues	Total To be Accounted For	Disbursements	Fund Balance DECEMBER 31, 2008	Auditor's Warrants Outstanding
01 General Basic Fund	653,832.30	62,676.67	716,508.97	321,442.46	395,066.51	25,104.88
02 General Supplemental	475,440.53	461.75	475,902.28	89,226.61	386,675.67	44,611.86
03 Rural Services Basic	195,505.98	150.00	195,655.98	37,914.73	157,741.25	2,819.49
04 Rural Services Supp. Fund	194,242.12	.00	194,242.12	12,430.64	181,811.48	3,037.17
05 Secondary Road	1,721,855.60	187,151.80	1,909,007.40	495,983.00	1,413,024.40	41,648.47
06 General Revenue Sharing	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
07 Flood Erosion Control	810.52	.00	810.52	.00	810.52	.00
08 Seized & Forfeited Fund-CoAtty	2,075.82	.00	2,075.82	.00	2,075.82	.00
09 Seized & Forfeited Fd-Sheriff	6,439.10	3,236.68	9,675.78	.00	9,675.78	.00
10 Mi-Dd Services Fund	217,467.73	7,660.54	225,128.27	141,301.66	83,826.61	196.53
11 BEST SERVICE	4,341.38	.00	4,341.38	1,635.00	2,706.38	.00
13 Rural Water Cdbg Grant	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
14 Traco Cdbg Grant	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
15 State Grant/R.O Die Casting	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
16 Emergency Management Fund	15,246.01	.00	15,246.01	1,987.88	13,258.13	395.00
18 Property Tax Agency	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
19 Benis & Bruce/lossis	24.01	.00	24.01	.00	24.01	.00
20 Levy Type For Townships	2,358.90	.00	2,358.90	2,358.90	.00	.00
21 Levy Type For Cities	44,792.37	.00	44,792.37	44,792.37	.00	.00
22 School Control	98,272.54	.00	98,272.54	98,272.54	.00	.00
23 Area Community College Levy Ty	4,651.82	.00	4,651.82	4,651.82	.00	.00
24 Fire District Sherman Township	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
25 RECORDER ELECTRONIC TRANS FUND	169.00	190.00	362.00	169.00	193.00	.00
27 Basic 911 Contribution	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
28 Recorder Records Fee	33,934.08	210.28	34,144.36	37,705.15	16,439.21	.00
29 Ag Extension	2,059.15	.00	2,059.15	2,059.15	.00	.00
30 Co Cons Land Acquisition	21,198.87	.00	21,198.87	.00	21,198.87	.00
31 Assessor	103,727.79	1,806.35	105,534.14	17,455.31	88,078.83	2,761.95
32 Motor Vehicle	117,883.00	114,907.70	232,790.70	117,883.00	114,907.70	.00
33 Use Tax	95,883.86	77,735.28	173,619.14	95,883.86	77,735.28	.00
34 Special Assessment	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
35 Tax Redemption Trust	527.00	221,591.38	222,118.38	12,825.36	209,293.02	.00
38 Tax in Advance	17,102.86	.00	17,102.86	.00	17,102.86	.00
39 Regional Jail Fund	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
42 Trust and Agency	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
43 Special Appraiser	51,394.75	.00	51,394.75	15,671.23	35,723.52	.00
44 Assessor Fica Fund	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
45 Assessor Ipers Fund	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
47 Local Option Tax	31,973.60	31,973.60	63,947.20	31,973.60	31,973.60	.00
48 Local Option Tax-Sec Roads	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
49 Local Option Tax Public Safety	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
50 Local Option Tax Courthouse	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
51 Local Option Tax Fair	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
52 E911 Service Commission Fund	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
53 E911 Service Commission Fund	60,534.07	14,916.08	75,450.15	14,643.82	60,806.33	2.00
58 Basic 911 Contributions	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
59 Drivers License Trust	.00	6,325.00	6,325.00	6,325.00	.00	.00
60 County Hospital	21,459.02	.00	21,459.02	21,059.02	.00	.00
62 Anatomical Gift Trust	5.50	11.00	16.50	5.50	11.00	.00
	4,195,209.28	731,007.11	4,926,216.39	1,606,056.61	3,320,159.78	120,677.35

Red Oak, IA 51566 0469
Balance on Hand 3,320,159.78

I, Carol Strovers Treasurer of MONTGOMERY COUNTY

do hereby certify that the report given is a correct summary of the business transacted by me as said during the period therein specified.

End of report

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA

Montgomery County Treasurer
Carol Strovers, Treasurer

January 5, 2009

Bank Balances December 31, 2008

Houghton State Bank
\$1,004,072.14

US Bank
\$922,503.38

Great Western Bank
\$1,015,190.73

Bank Iowa, Red Oak
\$517,265.09

Bank Iowa, Villisca
\$201,675.78

TOTAL
\$3,660,707.12

Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve Resolution 09-1, Naming Depositories, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County in Montgomery County, Iowa, approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Montgomery County funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapters 452 and 453 (2003), as amended by Iowa Acts, S.F. 2220. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Montgomery County funds in the amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

Depository Name	Location of Home Office	Maximum Balance in Effect under prior Resolution	Maximum Balance in Effect under this Resolution
TREASURER:			
Houghton State Bank	Red Oak	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
US Bank of Red Oak, N.A.	Red Oak	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Bank Iowa	Villisca	\$300,000	\$300,000
Great Western Bank	Stanton	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank Iowa	Red Oak	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
AUDITOR:			
Great Western Bank	Red Oak	\$10,000	\$10,000
SHERIFF:			

Houghton State Bank Red Oak \$250,000 \$250,000

RECORDER:

Houghton State Bank Red Oak \$50,000 \$50,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 8th day of January, 2009, a quorum being present, as said resolution remains of record in the minutes of said meeting, and it is now in full force and effect. Dated this 8th day of January, 2009.

Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$25,568.21. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the LOSST transfers to: Secondary Roads, \$20,895.92; Public Safety, \$2,611.99; Courthouse Repair, \$1,306.00; Fair, \$1,306.00. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 09-2, Payment of Fixed Charges, by Blue, second by Ratcliff, and read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Iowa authorizes the County Auditor to issue warrants in payment of fixed charges such as freight, express, postage, water, lights, gas, telephone or contractual services. Also, salaries and payrolls previously fixed by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. **THIS RESOLUTION** is in effect during the year 2009. This is in accordance with Section 331.506 Code of Iowa.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2009.

Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

The Eminent Domain Compensation Board was discussed. Suggestions were made to fill the vacancies of those who have moved out of the area. No further action.

Motion to approve claims payable January 9, 2009 in the amount of \$336,840.93 by Ratcliff, second by Benskin. Ratcliff noted that this included the Calendar Year 2009 county insurance payments. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Blue mentioned to the Board she had been in favor of having night meetings, and it was good to have them.

Items for next week's agenda include magistrate appointing committee appointments, setting budget meetings, Hawthorne lights, jail discussion, and Secondary Roads Union contract if needed.

Motion to adjourn by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR