

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
October 15, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, October 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 October 8, 2009 regular meeting were read and stand as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. There were no audience comments.

Montgomery County Historical Society Director Dave McFarland met with the Board to thank them for their continued support. He provided a facility update and said the organization was becoming more involved in the community. They have been doing renovations to the corn crib, barn and walking trails and are getting more publicity for the Society.

James Norris of Parker-Norris Financial and Jana Rutledge and Kristin Lowe of Group Benefits, Ltd. They presented information on the renewal of health care insurance for the employees. Rutledge stated Principal had declined to quote because of the past year's claims. She said with United Healthcare the employees would have to fill out health questionnaires, so they did not ask them for a quote. They perhaps could have Coventry of Nebraska quote Montgomery County. She said the current plan through Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield increased by 18.05%. She presented varying deductible options with Wellmark, as well as Health Savings Account (HSA) plans. Ernst asked the Board to wait on making any decisions until the Department Heads were able to give input on the plans. Amos said it would be good to have the union reps from Secondary Roads there, also.

The Supervisors shared their weekly committee/assignment updates. Benskin, Robinson, and Auditor Joni Ernst attended a Mental Health Task Force meeting at the Clarinda Mental Health Institution on Monday. Blue stated she attended the Jail Committee Meeting and two Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association meetings.

Under the Jail Committee update, Robinson stated that the committee was recommending to the Supervisors to terminate the contract with Durrant. She emphasized that no one on the committee wanted to continue with this company. She said there were huge errors in the analysis, and it was a unanimous recommendation to the Board to terminate. She stated that they will invite the second and third selections back for a less formal interview. She again emphasized that this project was way too important to continue on with this group, and that to say she was highly disappointed would be an understatement. A special meeting time of 11:30 on Friday October 16, 2009 was set for official action on the Durrant contract.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the renewal of the Red Oak Lanes alcohol permit. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week including claims, payroll, jail committee update, and bid approvals for Secondary Roads surplus items.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR