

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
October 22, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, October 22, 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 16, 2009 special meeting were read and stand as read.

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

Mr. Carlos Gallego of the US Census Bureau met with the Board to discuss the importance of the upcoming 2010 Census. He provided information on programs designed to enhance awareness of the census.

CPC Sara Ketcham met with the Board to discuss the renewal of the Alegent Mercy Hospital Fiscal Year 2010 contract for involuntary mental health commitments for those with legal settlement in Montgomery County. Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the contract renewal. Ratcliff asked how many involuntary commitments Montgomery County has a year. Ketcham stated about twenty. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Under Supervisor Updates, Ratcliff stated he had attended a routine West Central Community Action meeting. Blue had attended a meeting with Southwest Iowa Juvenile Services and Fourth Judicial. Amos stated he was still working the courthouse backup generator issue with Emergency Management Coordinator Kevin Norris.

Engineer Brad Skinner presented recommendations on submitted bid amounts for surplus equipment. The high bids submitted came to \$29,082.00. Skinner recommended that the items that did not receive bids be sold as scrap metal, except for the truck receiver hitch, which he thought could be sold to a truck dealer. Motion by Benskin, second by Blue to accept the high bids for the surplus items minus the receiver hitch, and scrap the items that received no bids. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner asked the Board to set the bid-letting date for the next round of EWP projects. The Board set the date of November 12th at 9:15 a.m.

Skinner asked that the Board set a public hearing for a bridge closure on Spruce Avenue. The public hearing date will be on next week's agenda.

Robinson updated the Board on the next Jail Committee meeting which will be Tuesday, October 27th.

Auditor Joni Ernst and Sheriff Joe Sampson discussed the need for a county credit card to pay for employee lodging and meals while employees are away during long training sessions. Ernst said some research would need to be done and policies adopted before moving forward. Consensus of the Board to research a county credit card.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve payroll payable October 23rd in the gross amount of \$112,195.10, net \$79,814.53. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the claims payable October 23rd in the amount of \$216,088.75 including Handwritten warrants of \$2,265.48. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week including jail update, receive cost allocation plan, and set public hearing for bridge closure on Spruce Avenue.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR