

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
October 8, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Karen Blue. There was a roll call of members with Supervisors Glen Benskin, Karen Blue, Steve Ratcliff, and Donna Robinson present. Chairman Bryant Amos was absent.

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

Minutes of the October 1, 2009 regular meeting were read and stand as read.

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

The Supervisors shared their weekly committee/assignment updates. Benskin advised that he had a Mental Health Board meeting in Clarinda and there will be a meeting regarding mental health institution closings on October 12th at the Clarinda Mental Health Institute. Blue, Robinson and Ratcliff reported they had attended the Jail Committee Meeting the prior evening.

Financial Representative Jill McManis of Modern Woodmen of America presented information to the Board regarding employee benefits and health insurance. She will seek health insurance quotes for the Board.

In the Secondary Roads Update, Engineer Brad Skinner asked that project ESMF-CO69(39) - - 5S-69 be awarded to Manatt's, Inc., of Brooklyn, Iowa. Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to award the contract to Manatt's for \$697,940.14. Roll Call: Yes: Robinson, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the amendments to Hungry Canyon projects HC 01-24-F and HC 01-25-F. In discussion, Skinner stated that the time extension would set a new deadline of September 30, 2011. The projects are located at 140th Street in Section 23 of Douglas Township and at Walnut Creek at the intersection of Evergreen and 250th Street in West Township. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff to approve the final payment voucher for project ER-CO69(40) - -58-69, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Mary Perkins, Public Health Director, met with the Board to present a department update. She will be starting the decertification process for Public Health this fiscal year, due to duplication of skilled nursing services and changes in Medicare. She would like to see her department focus more on public health activities as required by the Code of Iowa, and not compete with the private nursing agencies. Consensus of the Board that this would be a very good move as they look at a difficult budget year in Fiscal Year 2011.

Robinson presented the Jail Committee update. She stated that the committee had met on Wednesday evening and received a presentation from Mike Lewis and Mike Morman of Durrant. Two observations or comparisons were presented with the first option being a new jail facility built on currently-owned county property and the second option being a holding facility constructed and housing prisoners out-of-county. She said that the committee left with more questions than answers, so Durrant will add to the assessment and report back to the committee on October 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ratcliff to receive the Sheriff's Report of Fees for September in the amount of \$4,419.29, second by Benskin. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to receive the Recorder's Report of Fees for September in the amount of \$14,034.49. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to receive the Clerk of Court's Report of Fees for September in the amount of \$1,536.30. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to receive the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Fees for the quarter ending September 2009 in the amount of \$185.50. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to receive the Treasurer's September Ending Fund Balance in the amount of \$8,326,271.10. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$222,650.80, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the LOSST transfers in the following amounts: to Secondary Roads, \$20,479.92; Public Safety, \$2,559.99; Courthouse Repair, \$1,279.99; Fair, \$1,279.99. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Clarinda Mental Health Institution task force meeting on Monday, October 12th. Consensus was for as many available members to attend as possible for the public comment from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the probationary period completion increase for Edwin Dresher, Secondary Roads from \$14.04 to \$15.28 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve the longevity increases for Marilyn Culver, Motor Vehicles, \$16.72 to \$16.74 per hour and Danny Rolofson, Secondary Roads, \$18.40 to \$18.44 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve payroll payable October 9th in the gross amount of \$112,830.27. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve claims payable October 9th in the amount of \$223,693.78 with handwritten in the amount of \$285.07. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week included the director from the Montgomery County Historical Society, Red Oak Lanes alcohol permit renewal, and employee benefits renewal.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 9 a.m. Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

KAREN BLUE, VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR