

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
November 5, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, November 5, 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 29, 2009 regular meeting were read and stand as read.

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

Veteran Affairs Commissioner Darren Rooker was present to accept a certificate of appreciation and thanks from the Board of Supervisors on his service as a deployed soldier for Operation Iraqi Freedom from October 2008 to October 2009. A certificate was also prepared for Sheriff's Deputy Chris Stephens who was unable to be present.

Jill McManis of Modern Woodmen updated the Board on health insurance quotes. She stated that United Health Care would quote the county at a price very close to what the county pays now, but would require short health applications which could alter the cost. She said that River Valley rates will be in shortly, but will not require applications.

Under the Supervisor Updates, Benskin reported that he attended a Mental Health Board meeting, and the Task Force results are not in yet. Blue reported that she had attended a Red Oak and Chamber Industry Meeting.

Engineer Brad Skinner was available to update the Board on Secondary Roads. Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the Iowa DOT contract BRS-CO69(38) - - 60-69 with Godberson-Smith Construction for the bridge replacement over Indian Creek at 150th street. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Realtors Marty Barnett and Clint Rubey met with the Board to discuss septic system requirements. They stated that it needs to be clear to the seller and buyer what is to happen during the septic permit process. They made many points which need to be clarified, such as can certified inspectors issue a permit for Montgomery County? Will Montgomery County take on that liability? Will Montgomery County continue to have a stricter ordinance than state code requires? What happens after the time of transfer – what will be required of the buyer and seller? This item will be discussed again on November 19th when county sanitarian Richard Price can be in attendance.

Motion by Benskin to approve the appointment of Sheriff's Deputy Chris Stephens effective November 2, 2009. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue to approve the longevity increase for Chief Jailer Mike Sanchez from \$15.80 per hour to \$15.82 per hour, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The abatement of penalties on the taxes of the former TRACO properties was discussed. The property will be transferring back to Rand Company, and they would like to bring the taxes current, but do not want to pay the late fees, as the Red Oak Real Estate LLC should be liable for them. Motion by Blue to abate the penalties on the 2400 N. Broadway property, second by Benskin. Blue noted that she does not want this to set a precedence for abating penalties, but does not want the real estate transfer to fall through due to the penalties. Amos stated that this was for community betterment and commerce. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to receive the Sheriff's report of fees for October in the amount of \$4,133.06 by Robinson, second by Benskin. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to receive the Treasurer's ending fund balance for October in the amount of \$5,344,805.89. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Blue to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$37,107.54. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve the LOSST transfers to: Secondary Roads, \$20,479.92; Public Safety, \$2,2559.99; Courthouse Repair, \$1,279.99; Fair, \$1,279.99. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll payable November 6th in the gross amount of \$114,127.00, net amount of \$82,132.27 by Blue, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week including discussion of employee driving records for ICAP, bid-letting for EWP projects, health insurance, and long-term care insurance option for employees.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR