

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
December 17, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, December 17, 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, Steve Ratcliff, Donna Robinson, and Karen Blue present.

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

Minutes of the December 10, 2009 regular meeting were read and stand as read.

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

Under the Supervisor Updates, Blue attended the Compensation Board, Jail Committee meeting and the 4th Judicial Juvenile Corrections meeting. Robinson also attended the Compensation Board and Jail Committee meeting.

Engineer Brad Skinner reported to the Board he has relooked at the Spruce Ave bridge and still believes that the best result would be to upgrade the road to the highway and vacate the bridge. The construction costs would average \$350,000 county funds and \$178,000 from FEMA to replace or repair the bridge. This does not include repairs to the level A road and ditches. He also looked at other options such as a box culvert or similar structure but these are not prudent in that area as it is very steep and has the potential for a large flow of water. Supervisor Ratcliff wanted the board members to go visit the area and see it first hand to get a better idea. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Knoles were present and asked the board to please come and look while the snow is still covering the road. The general consensus of the board was "do we have an intention of spending the money on this project, if we are not then we are just spinning our wheels and avoiding the inevitable." Supervisor Robinson agreed that we need to decide how we would spend the money, there or elsewhere. Supervisor Blue stated that we have hired and pay an engineer to make these decisions for us, we pay him very well and should not second guess his recommendation. Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to accept the County Engineer's recommendation to vacate the bridge and repair the road. More discussions followed including the thanking of the Knoles for attending. Roll call: Yes; Blue, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: Ratcliff. Motion carried.

In the weekly update, Skinner reported that they are finalizing the EWP projects and are anticipating around one quarter of a million in reimbursements next year. He also wanted to commend his work crews on a great job ensuring the roads were passable and safe during the storm last week. The Board also commented that they appreciated the hard work and had nothing but praise for the secondary road employees.

Under old business; Septic System requirements, the County Attorney and Richard Price, County Sanitarian have provided the board with a draft of an ordinance. The board will review it and take action at a later date.

Under New business; Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to accept the letter of resignation from Jeff VanScoy from the Veteran Affairs Commission. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to appoint Darrin Rooker to the Veteran Affairs Commission. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to appoint Jon Spunaugle as the Chief Deputy of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Robinson reported that the Jail Committee met and had a very productive meeting with Prochaska. It appears that this firm has a strong grasp on what they need to do to provide the committee with the most beneficial product. Supervisor Blue stated that the meeting set out the ground work needed to complete the project. The next meeting will be on January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to appoint Zeb McFarland, Ryan Anderson and Christopher Brown to the Reserve Deputy Sheriff program. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve the merit increase for Chris Bailey, Recorder's Office from 70% to 72% of the Recorder's salary. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the merit increase for Stephanie Burke, Auditor's Office from 68% to 72% of the Auditor's salary. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Blue to approve the merit increase for Ted Schoonover, Auditor's Office from 78% to 80% of the Auditor's salary. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the longevity increases to John Giltner from \$18.12 to \$18.16, Reggie Vanderhoof from \$18.08 to \$18.12 and Scott Keith from \$ 16.93 to \$16.97 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The Compensation Board recommendations were presented to the Board with the Compensation Board recommending 0% for the Supervisors and 3% for all other elected officials for the 2011 Fiscal Year. Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to receive the 2009 Compensation Board's annual recommendations. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve payroll, payable December 18, 2009 in the gross amount of \$136,365.48, net amount \$95,317.50. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week including Septic system discussion/action, claims and possibly some subdivisions.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: TED A. SCHOONOVER, DEPUTY AUDITOR

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR