

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
December 3, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, December 3, 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 November 25, 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

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

SWIPCO Executive Director MJ Broomfield was present to brief the Board on the SWIPCO annual report.

Doug Hogberg visited with the Board regarding work that the county Secondary Roads had done in the county right-of-way adjacent to property he rents from Cliff and Marjorie Lantz. He stated that there is a spring located in the bank off the roadway with water lines running from it, and the lines were damaged and water does not direct to where it originally did, but goes to the ditch instead. He requested that the spring be fixed, as that is the only water source to his pasture. Engineer Brad Skinner stated the crock and lines had been damaged, but it is in county right-of-way. He said he could look at a solution and work with the property owners. The Chairman suggested that Skinner work with Hogberg on a solution. Benskin stated that the county tore it up, so we should replace it. Skinner asked for Board guidance. Consensus that the county replace the crock, perhaps moving it further into the bank and make it a functional product. Any improvement beyond that would be on the landowner.

Under Supervisor weekly updates and assignments, Benskin reported that he attended a Mental Health Board meeting in Clarinda. Blue attended Juvenile Detention and Fourth Judicial District meetings.

Skinner gave a brief secondary roads update. He stated that the Spruce Avenue Bridge and the bridge suggested for comparison in Cass County were not comparable. He will continue to follow up on that issue.

Under old business, the county health insurance renewal for 2010 was discussed. The Board compared Blue Cross Blue Shield to River Valley. The plans contain nearly the same benefits, with River Valley having a better prescription plan and no lifetime benefit maximum, and at a cost savings of over \$84,000.00 to the county. Motion by Robinson, second by Blue to approve the River Valley Heritage Plan health insurance options with the traditional plan and the Health Savings Account plan as presented with the employee's choice of their plan. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Robinson, Amos. No: Ratcliff. Motion carried.

The Health Savings Account and a county contribution was discussed. The difference between the traditional plan and the HSA is about \$72.00. Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to contribute \$72 per employee per month into an HSA during 2010 to encourage the HSA. Additional discussion followed regarding the length of time for county contributions. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Joni Ernst presented a letter and warrant of \$3,651.20 to Durrant for services on the jail needs assessment. She stated the letter had been reviewed by County Attorney Bruce Swanson, also, and he had suggested the special endorsement block on the backside of the warrant. Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve the letter and warrant. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Blue to approve the hiring of Prochaska and Associates to continue the jail needs assessment. Discussion from Benskin on whether the county needed the assessment, or whether the county should just hire an architect. Ratcliff said that a lot of people feel that way. Robinson said the scope may be further refined next Wednesday at the jail committee meeting, but this proposed contract would just cover the study and referendum assistance. The contract will be presented for approval at a later date. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the longevity increase for Marlin Mainquist, Secondary Roads, from \$19.73 to \$19.77 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to receive the Sheriff's Report of Fees in the amount of \$4,135.80. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Treasurer's ending fund balance for November 2009 in the amount of \$4,562,745.27. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$7,922.40. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the LOSST transfers to: Secondary Roads, \$20,479.91; Public Safety, \$2,559.99; Courthouse Repair, \$1,280.00; Fair, \$1,280.00, by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the LOSST reconciliation transfers to: Secondary Roads, \$4,585.83; Public Safety, \$573.23; Courthouse Repair, \$286.61; Fair, \$286.61, by Benskin, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the payroll payable December 4th, 2009 in the gross amount of \$112,322.63, net amount of \$80,629.85. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting are the Recorder's report of fees, claims, and septic system requirements update.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K ERNST, AUDITOR