

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES

February 26, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, February 26, 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 February 19, 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comment. No audience comments.

Reverend JoAnn Thomas presented information from the newly formed Southwest Iowa Regional Long Term Recover Committee to the Supervisors. She asked the Board to approve the signing of a memorandum of understanding that would allow the Committee to distribute dollars from various agencies to individuals with unmet needs post-disaster. She explained the mission is to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination in southwest Iowa by sharing information, simplifying resident access, and jointly resolving cases with unmet needs. Motion by Blue to approve the memorandum effective February 26, 2009, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Bo Harris, City Administrator of Shenandoah and Randall Beam of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, presented an agreement for the Nishnabotna River Basin Study. They explained that the agreement is between the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Hamburg, City of Shenandoah, Fremont County, Page County, Montgomery County, and Iowa DNR, and would allow for a study to determine a course of action designed to lessen the severity of future flood events within the region. There would be no monetary contributions from those participating, only in-kind contributions. Motion by Ratcliff to approve the agreement for the study of the lower Nishnabotna River Basin, second by Benskin. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

The Supervisors gave their weekly committee meeting updates. Blue attended a Red Oak Industrial Foundation meeting and a Hospital Board meeting. Robinson stated she has a SWIPCO meeting Thursday afternoon, and Amos said he had attended a RAGBRAI meeting Thursday morning.

Engineer Brad Skinner presented the Secondary Roads weekly update. He said that the stimulus project that had been submitted was recommended for approval yesterday. He also said that FEMA was nearing the end of their damage review in the county. Three people started working this week through the Iowa Workforce Job program, and one will begin next week. Skinner has interviewed a few people for the truck driver position. Blue asked if he could hire someone from Traco and qualify for the Iowa Workforce On-the-Job-Training program. Amos and Robinson stated it might be too far into the hiring process to stop and start over.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the bridge construction project FROS-C069(44) - - 5F - 69. Skinner explained this is the Walnut Creek Bridge on 250th Street. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the hire of Mark Watkins as the design technician at \$20.75 per hour. Ratcliff stated that his vote doesn't reflect on Mark, but he is against filling the position. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Robinson. No: Ratcliff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Joe Sampson gave a quick jail progress update. He stated that screens were being made to cover the air conditioning units, Patrick Binns will be wiring the audio for the jail next week, the generator is now working, and training is ongoing to bring employees up to date. Robinson stated that Tuesday she, Sampson and Ratcliff traveled to the Marion and Clarke County Jails and were able to tour and visit with jail administration.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Blue to set the canvass for the LOSST election for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve Sheriff's Deputy new hire Justin Rhamy at \$18.64 per hour, effective March 1st. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the longevity increase for Shari Foote, Joint Communications from \$16.30 to \$16.32 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the probationary increase for Rick Mitchell from \$18.64 per hour, 70% of the Sheriff's salary to \$19.97 per hour, 75% of the Sheriff's salary. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

No new information on the disposal of Lot One, section 11 of East Township.

Motion to approve claims payable February 27, 2009 in the amount of \$124,367.74 by Ratcliff, second by Robinson. Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll payable February 27, 2009 in the gross amount of \$109,747.26, net amount of \$76,970.46. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Items for next week's agenda include jail progress report.

Motion to adjourn by Benskin, second by Ratcliff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR