

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
March 19, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, March 19, 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 Ratcliff, second by Benskin. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 12, 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. There was one comment from Patty Haley of Villisca regarding the proposed Sunbest-Papetti Farms expansion. She stated there was a considerable fly problem and shared her concerns about odor and fly control measures.

Jerry Fisher of the Sunbest-Papetti Farms was present to review his construction permit application with the Board. He stated that JFSCO had done the measurements to ensure accuracy in the proposal. He explained that there would be one new structure built in the center of existing structures, so the actual perimeter of the facility will not be expanding. In addition, the interiors of existing buildings would be updated. He stated that they do feed a larva control to the birds and will be using a new dryer system for the litter in the proposed building to reduce odor and limit flies.

Fisher explained that Sunbest-Papetti employs 55 people, 27 from Villisca. The new building may allow them to increase employment by one or two people. He said it is an egg-laying facility. The litter from the farm is sold to local farmers as organic fertilizer, and this also is monitored by the Iowa DNR. He answered additional questions from the Board as they reviewed the Master Matrix and the scoring.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the construction permit application for Sunbest-Papetti Farms with a total Master Matrix score of 450. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

In the Supervisor Committee Update, Ratcliff stated he attended a Workforce Development meeting and a West Central Community Development meeting. Blue stated she had attended a Task Force meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Red Oak Industrial Foundation, a Juvenile Detention meeting, and has been reviewing leases for the Highland Annex with the County Attorney. Robinson and Amos both said they had attended RAGBRAI meetings.

For the Secondary Roads update, the hiring decision for a new truck driver was held until next week.

Under old business, Sheriff Joe Sampson gave his jail progress update and said they were nearly complete with training and updates in the cells. Sampson said he is delegating ongoing training to Jail Administrator Mike Sanchez. The Chairman asked about composing the letter to Chief Jail Inspector Delbert Longley and said the Board should decide on a direction. He said that the inspectors made it clear that the direction should be towards a new jail. Robinson said that financially it is time to move forward, as the county couldn't continue to put money into the old jail. Constituents have told her that they think a new jail should be built on land currently owned by the county.

Sampson said he would work with the auditor to draft a letter to Longley and have it ready for the Board's review next week.

Discussion of the courthouse phone system. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to upgrade the courthouse phone system with Access Systems out of Waukee in the amount of \$24,250. In additional discussion it was noted that a local company had been contacted, but declined to bid on the project due to manning constraints. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

County Day at the Capitol attendance was discussed. No decisions were made.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the merit increase for Linda Osmond-Simpson of the Recorder's Office from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for next meeting include Jail Inspector reply letter, truck driver new-hire, and public hearing for Mental Health strategic plan.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR