

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
May 14, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, May 14, 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, Karen Blue, Steve Ratcliff, and Donna Robinson present. Supervisor Glen Benskin was absent.

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

Minutes of the May 7, 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

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

Don Rogerson of the RAGBRAI Ride Right committee was present to share information with the Supervisors on the roadway conditions and information he will be sending to residents along the RAGBRAI route.

Supervisors shared their weekly committee/assignment updates. Blue and Ratcliff attended a Red Oak Industrial Foundation meeting. Blue is continuing to work with West Central on the Highland Annex lease, pending their preschool grant application. Blue briefed the Board on the railroad spur located in the industrial subdivision. She said the Industrial Foundation is asking that the county contribute \$16,000 a year for five years for the repair of the spur.

In the Secondary Roads Update, Engineer Brad Skinner asked the Board to approve the Coburg Road stimulus project. Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the contract with the Iowa DOT for ARRA funds for ESM-CO69(39)—5S-69. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner and Shop Foreman Jens Smith presented the quotes received from Hawkeye Ford, Belt GM, Red Oak Chrysler, and Karl Chevrolet on the item that was tabled from last week. The quotes were as follows: Hawkeye Ford: gas \$25,590, diesel \$31,162; Red Oak Chrysler: gas \$28,298 (but did not meet specs), diesel \$35,151 (but did not meet specs); Belt GM: gas \$27,849, diesel \$34,671; Karl Chevrolet (Ankeny): gas \$26,196, diesel \$32,683. Discussion regarding the current pickup inventory followed. Skinner and Smith reviewed the mileage and ages of the vehicles in the fleet with the life-to-date cost since the purchase of each vehicle. The intent was to purchase a new crew vehicle and rotate an older vehicle to the Roadside Manager to replace his 1989 F150. They discussed the fuel mileage of each vehicle quoted for purchase and the potential repairs to each in the future. They stated they preferred the Chevrolet. Blue stated she would not support buying a vehicle from central Iowa. The Board agreed.

Motion by Blue to approve the purchase of the diesel pickup from Hawkeye Ford, second by Ratcliff. Additional discussion. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner addressed the current rock haul and stated it should be done in two to three weeks. He said they still had three Iowa Workforce employees, but may be cutting back. Amos suggested using them to pick up old appliances out of the ditches in the county.

Robinson presented the Jail Committee update. She said the focus of the meeting was the Request for Qualifications and a question and answer session with Delbert Longley, Chief Jail Inspector. She said Monday, June 8th would be the next meeting and the committee would review the received RFQs at that time.

Motion by Blue to approve the Red Oak Country Club Alcohol license pending dram shop certification, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Joni Ernst explained the Agricultural Extension Budget and the loss of the Extension Director. She explained that the Ag Extension has their own levy and receives their own tax dollars, and they do not receive any county funding.

Ernst gave a brief overview of the current year budget. She stated the funds were doing well and the department heads continue to be conservative with their spending.

The Board instructed Ernst to print a few copies of the personnel handbook for review so they could work on the update process as time permits.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting were the budget amendment, West Washington Annex building disposition, claims, and payroll.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 9 a.m. Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR