

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
May 28, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, May 28, 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, and Donna Robinson present. Supervisor Karen Blue was absent.

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

Minutes of the May 21, 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

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

During the Supervisor Update, Ratcliff stated he attended the Montgomery County Development Corporation meeting and reported that MCDC intends to continue as-is at the present time and not merge with Red Oak Chamber and Industry. MCDC still expects the \$15,000 from the county that was budgeted for the 2010 fiscal year. Ratcliff informed them that the Board may support the \$16,000 a year for 5 years for the railroad spur repair in the Industrial Park, but may not support continuing the \$15,000 a year for MCDC. He stated that MCDC will be donating back \$2,000 to the jail committee for the jail study.

Engineer Brad Skinner presented the Secondary Roads Update. He brought two action items for the Board's consideration. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the amendment to the NRCS agreements extending the deadlines from June 30th to October 15th. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve the NRCS Project 8301-16 temporary easements and crop damage amendments. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner also stated that the rock haul was continuing and is about half complete. He addressed a dust control issue and informed the Board of the retirement of a Secondary Roads foreman effective July 1, 2009.

Under old business, the West Washington Annex building's disposition was discussed. The consensus is to tear the building down, and there was discussion on potential cost of the project. The recommendation of the Board is to have Ratcliff get ballpark estimates to see approximately what it will cost to bring the building down, then possibly put it out for bids later if funds are available.

Dick McAlpin met with the Board to discuss his beer garden permit for July 19th. He stated he is planning a camping area on his property for RAGBRAI riders and was asking if the Board would approve his application for a beer garden. Amos stated he would not support it, as this goes against the recommendations of the Des Moines Register and local RAGBRAI committees. Ratcliff stated he could support it. Robinson was concerned about the law enforcement issues and any liability the county might have if they approved the permit. Motion by Ratcliff to approve the permit, second by Benskin. In additional discussion, Ratcliff stated that McAlpin is a responsible businessman, and did not think there would be any more issues with the permit than without the permit. Benskin state he didn't believe there would be any more issues, either. Robinson stated this action could open the door for other applicants. No additional discussion. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Benskin. No: Amos. Motion carried.

Sheriff Joe Sampson brought bid specifications to the Board for review for a sheriff's vehicle to be purchased in fiscal year 2010. The trade-in of his single-cab 2006 Silverado 4x4 was discussed. The Board discussed offering the truck to a county department for purchase, such as Emergency Management, rather than trading it in. Sampson will check with local vendors to determine a trade-in value. Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to set the bid letting date for June 25th. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Joni Ernst reviewed the purchase of electronic pollbooks for the election precincts. She stated it was currently in her budget to purchase the laptops, and was just advising the Board of the purchase.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to appoint Karen Blue as the ex-officio member of the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Board. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for the next regular board meeting are the Secondary Roads union contract, Solutions contracts, payroll, and the railroad spur repair project.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR