

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES

August 6, 2009

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, August 6, 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, Glen Benskin, Steve Ratcliff, and Donna Robinson present.

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

Minutes of the August 3, 2009 special meeting were read and stand approved as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. No public comment.

Chairman Amos asked for the supervisors weekly updates. Blue reported that she had attended two Red Oak Industry and Chamber meetings and they have made an offer of employment for the executive director position. Benskin attended a Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday.

Engineer Skinner then asked the board to approve EWP plans for bank stabilizations. Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve EWP plans LN4-16- -73-69 and LN4-29- -73-69 in Douglas Township. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner updated the Board on the upgrading of a Level B road that is being paid for by the land owner. Additional discussion on when Level B roads are re-done.

Under old business, copies of the updated jail contract were distributed to the Board. No action was taken since County Attorney Bruce Swanson is out of town and was unable to review the revised contract.

No additional information on the courthouse generator proposal.

Blue updated the Board on the industrial park railroad spur repair costs and said new estimates for the repair are lower than originally presented and the county's share will be \$11,000 per year rather than \$16,000. With these new figures, Blue recommended earmarking the remaining \$4,000 from the original FY 10 budget economic development line item of \$15,000 go to the Montgomery County Development Corporation. Motion by Blue that \$4,000 go the MCDC, second by Ratcliff. Under discussion, Ratcliff asked if this money was going just for salary. Blue said that the money would be used for marketing, and that there was still about \$30,000 in the MCDC checking account that could be used for salary. She stated to have a vote with MCDC, there had to be a monetary donation. Amos stated he didn't like this, but felt the Board had to do it to have some control in the dissolution of MCDC. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried. Blue stated she would asked MCDC Director George Maher to submit a letter for payment as has been done in the past.

Sheriff Joe Sampson met with the Board to set the bid-letting date for a new sheriff's vehicle. He told the Board that this vehicle will replace the one that was totaled out in a car/deer accident. Robinson asked that Sampson submit a listing of vehicles with mileage and the anticipated rotation of vehicle purchases. Ratcliff said this was a good idea, and he would like to look at vehicles that get better mileage if possible. Sampson said that they would be tracking fuel usage of the vehicles to see which vehicles get better mileage. Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to set the bid opening date for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. Sampson said they would be using state bids. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to appoint Steve Ratcliff as an additional alternate to the MCDC Board. Blue explained that Ratcliff had attended an MCDC Board meeting and was not allowed to vote because he was not a named alternate to the

agency, so Montgomery County had no vote when Amos and she were unable to attend the meetings. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the merit increase for Dan Cain, Motor Vehicle Driver's Tester, from \$15.50 to \$16.00 per hour. Ratcliff asked about the increase. Auditor Joni Ernst stated this was one of the employees who was submitted for a merit increase during the budget process. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the DHS property tax suspension for case number 194113-00-0-1. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Sheriff's report of fees for July in the amount of \$4,444.48. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to receive the Clerk of Court's report of fees for July in the amount of \$986.67. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Recorder's report of fees for July in the amount of \$12,440.64. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin to receive the Treasurer's ending fund balance for July in the amount of \$4,090,376.59, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$17,830.31. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the Local Sales and Services Tax transfers in the following amounts: Secondary Roads, \$20,477.63; Public Safety, \$2,559.70; Courthouse Repairs, \$1,279.85; Fair, \$1,279.85. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for the next regular board meeting are promotion for Jens Smith to Shop Superintendent, payroll, claims, and EWP contract.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR