

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
December 2, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, December 2, 2010, 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, Donna Robinson, and Steve Ratcliff present. 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 stood as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. Supervisor elect Randy Tye attended a meeting in Elliot this week with the Iowa DNR and pheasants forever. Because of the high nitrate levels in the water, the DNR is proposing setting up an additional wetland area that the city or county could manage. This would dramatically decrease the levels of nitrate over a period of time as well as preserving our environment. In addition this project would be funded by grants and other resources and could be used as a classroom for students.

Supervisor weekly updates and assignments, Amos reported that he had attended a work session with the Iowa Economic Development Commission (IEDC) chairman and other local officials as a follow up to their last meeting and that the commission would do more to ensure that adequate and substantial leads were funneled to SW Iowa.

Engineer Brad Skinner reported that his department is prepared for inclement weather and have been taking advantage of the nice days to finish up some projects outside. They have also met with FEMA and have added 3 additional projects, details should be forthcoming. The T Ave box culvert is moving forward, the old box is gone, new footings are poured and will be working on other dirt work in the future, overall the project is moving along nicely. There is a December 7, 2010 bid letting for the 7 mile project. Skinner also reported that he will be attending a Engineers conference next week in Ames and that after reviewing their budget they have used 51% of their allocated monies, which is right on track.

Law Enforcement Center update: Amos reported that they had a architect meeting yesterday reviewing plumbing, mechanical and electrical components. There was a lot of discussion concerning the generator and what was needed compared to what was presented. This is sure to be debated in the future as we proceed.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to authorize the Chairman of the board and the Auditor to sign the Loan agreement, Transfer agent agreement and other documents pertaining to the General Obligation Bond. Roll call: Yes; Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve Resolution 10-23 Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of \$3,595,000 General Obligation Law Enforcement Center Bonds, series 2010. Roll call: Yes; Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Under old business: Jana Rutledge and James Norris presented the board with several new proposals for health care, the first being a carbon copy of the current coverage at an increase ranging from 5.8% to 7.8%. She also presented a plan through the Iowa Public Employers Pool. This is a benefits trust for shared risk pooling. It is a fairly new company and the rates given were substantially lower than what the county currently has. In short this plan has higher deductibles, but the majority of the deductibles except \$500.00 are paid for by the county. As proposed the county could see a savings of \$98,087.00 for the first year and even more if the claims for service fall below the 37% claim rate. Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the health care plan through IPEP at the current premium level effective January 1, 2011, with Jana Rutledge and James Norris being the 3rd party administrator. Roll call: Yes; Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson and Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to continue the funding of H S A accounts in the amount of \$72.00 for another year for employees who choose this plan. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff and Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

New business. Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve the temporary part-time position in the Auditors office as submitted by Auditor Ernst. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson.. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to approve Resolution 10-24 Silk Subdivision Final Plat. Roll call: Yes; Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Benskin to approve the longevity increase for Michael Sanchez, Jailer from \$16.06 per hour to \$16.08 per hour. Roll call: Yes; Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve payroll in the gross amount of \$112,435.65 and net \$76,596.45 payable December 3, 2010. Roll call: Yes; Benskin, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed including Claims, Family Farm and Agricultural Tax Credit approvals and disallowances, Public Health update, Fees collected. Next regular meeting scheduled for December 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: TED A. SCHOONOVER
DEPUTY AUDITOR

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST
AUDITOR