

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
March 4, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, March 4, 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, Steve Ratcliff, Donna Robinson, and Karen Blue were present.

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

Minutes of the February 25, 2010 regular meeting were read and stand as read.

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

Under the Supervisor Updates, Robinson attended the SWIPCO meeting. Items discussed were a new position being created and new transit buses. Ratcliff attended the Red Oak Industrial and Chamber Association (ROICA) steering committee meeting, items discussed were reviewing a community survey on how to make Red Oak a better place to live and work.

Donnie Bond was present and informed the board that they are still trying to push back snow from the road ditches allowing the roads to drain as they thaw. Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the NCRC projects (L-N9-8, LN9-29, LN5-33 and LN5-33A)- - 73-69 for the total amount of \$235,604.85 to Empire Construction. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Under old business, County Attorney Bruce Swanson was present and discussed options with the Board about the Durrant billing. He made the recommendation that we do nothing and force them to push it into mediation as we have offered a settlement. Chairman Amos stated he would like to see Swanson send another letter outlining what we are willing to pay and why. Supervisor Robinson also feels that we should force Durrant to make the mediation move unless Auditor Joni Ernst and/or Swanson could mediate it on behalf of the county. The consensus of the board was to have the County Attorney draft a letter asking Durrant what it would take to remedy this situation. If they reply by stating paying them \$9600.00 then the county will go into mediation; if they are willing to settle for less, then a decision can be made by the Board.

The County Septic Ordinance was discussed. Blue wanted to see something similar to what we have done with the VA and General Assistance and have a very short ordinance referencing the State Code and then adopt a set of regulatory items in a policy or rules to follow. This allows the rules to be changed by simple motion versus changing the entire ordinance. The County Attorney and Sanitarian Richard Price, will draft up an ordinance and set of rules.

A fuel card was discussed by Richard Price indicating that he feels the county has no effective tracking measure on how much or where the fuel we purchase is being used. He has checked with several local vendors, Shell, BP, and the Mercantile and he feels the Shell Fleet Card would be the best option. It has a minimum of \$1000.00 purchases a month and offers money back per gallon. It also allows the county to gain access to reports on how much fuel a vehicle uses and a report to use to get the annual tax credit from the state. Sheriff Sampson also stated he feels that this would benefit to the county and if needed they could still use the old type billing if the situation deemed it necessary. Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to approve the Shell Fleet Card to be used by the Conservation, Sheriff and Emergency Management departments. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board then discussed the issue of health and dental insurance for the supervisors. Robinson was surprised by how many counties provide supervisors' benefits. Blue stated she could support a plan that would allow them to take the health benefit if they purchased half of it. Supervisor Ratcliff was OK with leaving it as is. Chairman Amos would also like to see them pay half of the cost of health and leave dental alone for now. Motion by Blue, second by Robinson, that effective 1 January 2011 Supervisors would be required to pay one-half (50%) of the total premium for a single plan for health insurance. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Robinson, Amos. No: Benskin, Ratcliff. Motion carried.

Under New business, motion by Blue, second by Robinson to appoint the Auditor Joni K. Ernst as the Board's FMLA approving authority. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Recorder's Fees collected for February in the amount of \$6,519.58. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to receive the Sheriff's report of fees collected for February 2010 in the amount of \$3,385.56. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Robinson to receive the Treasurer's Ending Fund Balance for February in the amount of \$3,861,162.44. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the Rural Services Basic tax transfer to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$22,428.48. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Blue to approve the LOSST transfers to Secondary Roads, \$6,519.58; Public Safety, \$2,673.57; Courthouse Repair, \$1,336.78; and Fair, \$1,336.78. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. Motion carried.

Agenda items were discussed for next week including claims and payroll.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: TED A. SCHOONOVER

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR