

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
April 22, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, April 22, 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, Karen Blue, Steve Ratcliff, and Donna Robinson present.

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

Minutes of the April 15, 2010 regular meeting were approved as read.

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

In Supervisor weekly updates and assignments, Ratcliff stated he had attended the Conservation Board meeting. Blue said she had attended the Juvenile Detention meeting. Robinson said she had a Jail Subcommittee meeting tomorrow.

Engineer Brad Skinner presented the Secondary Roads update. He asked for approval of Right of Way purchase and payment addendum for temporary construction easements for bridge replacement project. Easements will be received from Thomas McDonald for \$1,075.83, Merle Schafer for \$1,479.27, Kevin Klepinger for \$1,261.18, and Kurt Stamp for \$897.31. Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to approve the right of way purchase and payment addendum for temporary construction easements for bridge replacement project BROS-CO69(44)—5F-69. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Skinner updated the Board on the upcoming fiscal year motorgrader purchase. He said the draft specifications are done. The Board and Skinner discussed the difference between the guaranteed buyback program and outright purchase. Consensus of the Board to have closed bids submitted to the Board for the motorgraders, to be evaluated by the Engineer.

Skinner also stated that he had met with Margaret Stoldorf last week. They hope to have the driveways in place for Stoldorf next week.

Ruan representative Chip Schultz met with the Board to explain the bonding process and show examples of varying dollar amounts for the law enforcement center and how it would affect the taxes of different classifications of property.

Weed Commissioner Damien Bond presented his annual resolution to the Board for approval. Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve Resolution 10-10, Destruction of Noxious Weeds, read as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY ACTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, that pursuant to the provisions of 317.14 of the Code of Iowa, 1995, it is hereby ordered...**

...that all noxious weeds shall be destroyed at the time and manner set forth below;

- a. Grower must make reasonable effort to control noxious weeds using appropriate combination of cultural, mechanical, or herbicidal practice resulting in the destruction of the plants.
- b. In a case where cultural and herbicidal methods have not destroyed the weeds, mechanical destruction of the plants to prevent reseeding must be done by the following dates...

Group 1: June 15

Buckthorn, Buckthorn Plantain, Canada Thistle, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Multiflora Rose, Poison Hemlock, Puncture Vine, Smooth Dock, Sour Dock, Wild Carrot, Wild Mustard, Quackgrass, Field Bindweed, Shattercane, exception MUSK THISTLE – MAY 15.

Group 2: August 15

Bull Thistle, Velvetleaf, Cocklebur, Perennial Peppergrass, Purple Loosestrife, Red Sorrel, Russian Knapweed, Tall Thistle, Common Sunflower, Teasel, Perennial Sowthistle.

...that this resolution shall pertain to all state and primary roads and railroad rights of way, as well as land held in private ownership.

...that if the owner or person in control of any real estate fails to exercise all reasonable efforts to comply with foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner may cause this to be done and the expense of said work including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be taxed against the land of the owners thereof AND/OR levy a fine of \$10/day for a period of up to 10 days.

...that the Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing to be published in each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2010.

Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board recessed briefly.

IT Director Patrick Binns submitted the Agility Recovery Solutions contract to the Board. He explained that the program is \$275 a month, and provides for the continuity of government during power outages, server failures, or disasters. Ratcliff questioned the cost of the program. Blue pointed out that it is like any other insurance policy. Binns stated that it was a budgeted item, and was needed to satisfy continuity of government inquiries by the State Auditor's Office. Motion by Blue to approve the contract, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Binns distributed updated IT policies for the Board to review; they will come back on a later agenda.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the Tobacco/Cigarette Permit for Cubby's Red Oak for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Joni Ernst discussed documentation of vacation, sick-time and hours worked for exempt and contract employees with the Board. The Board stated that accurate time sheets should be kept by the employees. They directed Ernst to check with the State Auditor's Office and Department of Labor for guidance on usage of earned sick and vacation time for exempt employees.

Ernst gave a brief special election update for the Board. The tentative date for the bond issue special election is August 3, 2010.

Motion by Ratcliff to approve claims payable in the amount of \$157, 142.55, second by Robinson. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff to approve payroll payable April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gross amount of \$113,252.44, net \$78,920.98, second by Benskin. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Blue updated the Board on the walk-through of Highland Annex done by Blue and Bryant last Friday. She stated there would be some movement of county offices to accommodate DHS.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting include IT policies, selection of bond counsel, and contract and exempt employees hours reporting update.

Motion by Benskin to adjourn, second by Ratcliff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR