

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
May 27, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, May 27, 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, and Donna Robinson present. Supervisor Steve Ratcliff was absent.

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

Minutes of the May 20, 2010, regular meeting were approved as read.

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

Under supervisor weekly updates and assignments Amos reported that Ratcliff had attended the Zion meeting. Robinson attended a Nishna Productions meeting and the IMWCA Loss Control visit. Blue attended several meetings including Western Iowa Tourism, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, and 4th Judicial meetings.

In the Secondary Roads Update, Engineer Brad Skinner asked that the Board proceed with the motor grader decision. He had compiled the costs and various options on a spreadsheet and presented it to the Board. There was discussion of whether two graders should be purchased at this time, with Robinson in favor of purchasing one. Motion by Benskin, second by Blue to purchase two John Deere motor graders, one with a five-year guaranteed buy back, and one with a six-year guaranteed buy back. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Amos. No: Robinson. Motion carried.

The IMWCA loss control visit was discussed at length, with most of the claims coming out of Secondary Roads. Auditor Joni Ernst reported that there were a couple of repeat claimants with new claims each year for the past three years, and all were in Secondary Roads. She stated that the \$22,000 worker's compensation insurance premium increase for this next year does not include the recent severe claims. Amos suggested that the county use a worker's compensation doctor out of the area that would provide an unbiased opinion on employees returning to work. The Board asked Ernst to gather the various employment policies from conservation, secondary roads, public health, and the county general policy for review on what actions can be taken for employees who are unsafe workers.

Skinner reported the 150th Street bridge work and several EWP projects were still underway. Chairman Amos signed the Dixon Construction contract that had been approved last week. Skinner stated next week will be a rock haul bid opening and also briefed the Board on replacement of a semi-tractor. He asked that it be on the agenda for next week for action.

Blue asked if she could give another assignment update, and proceeded to inform the Board on the Highland Annex roof leak. She said that Hoskins was at the annex working on the roof, and had attempted to powerwash the roof, which forced more water through the roof and into the office areas below. She said they would probably be billed for the work, which may not be covered by the warranty, but asked that any damages to the building or office areas be deducted from the bill. Ernst stated she would bring the bill to the Board before submitting it for payment.

Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve claims payable May 28, 2010 in the amount of \$199,002.73 with handwritten in the amount of \$876.90 for a total of \$199,879.63. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the Solutions View quote for \$3,629.04. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting included payroll, a safety coordinator position, semi-tractor purchase, rock haul bid opening, and worker's compensation issues. The Chairman announced that Richard Price was resigning as the Conservation Director and Sanitarian to take an Iowa DNR position in Pottawattamie County.

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

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K ERNST, AUDITOR