

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
August 12, 2010

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, August 12, 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 Steve Ratcliff present. Supervisor Donna Robinson was absent.

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

Minutes of the August 9, 2010 canvass meeting were read and stand as read.

The Chairman called for public comments. No public comment.

During Supervisor weekly updates and assignments, Blue stated she had attended a Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association executive board meeting.

Engineer Brad Skinner updated the Board on the construction plans for the T Avenue box culvert and the Coburg road progress.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to set the County Farm bid letting date for September 9, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

Blue led a discussion on proposed "Burma Shave" signs for Montgomery County. She said they would be paid for by Our Iowa magazine and they would send \$100 to the county to purchase steel posts locally for mounting the signs. She has located a stretch of property along old Highway 34 that is privately owned that would be appropriate for the signs. Consensus of the Board that Blue apply for the signs.

Auditor Joni Ernst presented an agreement from SWIPCO for signature. She read a portion of the letter describing the sustainable communities program. It is a program that requires no funding from the county, and is sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve the partnership agreement for SWIPCO's application for a sustainable communities program. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to re-appoint Mary Rolf to the Board of Health for the term expiring December 31, 2012. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Benskin to receive the Clerk of Court's report of fees for July in the amount of \$1,076.04. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Ratcliff to approve the payroll payable August 13, 2010 in the gross amount of \$114,719.51, net amount of \$79,178.85. Roll call: Yes: Benskin, Blue, Ratcliff, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Benskin to approve claims payable August 13, 2010 in the total amount \$408,213.07, which includes \$33,708.67 in handwritten claims. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Amos, Benskin. No: None. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked Ernst to confirm whether Prochaska and Associates were going to meet with the Board. Ernst called and reported back to the Board that they were unable to make this morning's meeting, and did not have the contract completed, but would be available next Thursday for the Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Chair asked audience and former Jail Committee members Jim Sifford and Roger Ehmke their feelings regarding keeping Prochaska on as the architectural firm for the Law Enforcement Center project. Both agreed that Montgomery County should stay with Prochaska. The Board's consensus was to continue on with Prochaska, also. There was additional discussion about the potential to start the demolition of the Washington Annex and the other county-owned buildings on the LEC site. Follow-up needs to be done on the asbestos reports before beginning demolition.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting are presentation and contract from Prochaska and county and municipal property tax abatements.

Motion by Benskin, second by Ratcliff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST  
AUDITOR