

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
January 6, 2011

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, January 6, 2011, 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, , Karen Blue, Donna Robinson, Steve Ratcliff and Randall Tye present.

Motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 10.g. Approve new part-time dispatcher by Robinson, second by Tye. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Joni Ernst swore in Carol Bullington as the Treasurer's Deputy, Janice Gravett as the Motor Vehicle Deputy, and Christin Bailey as the Recorder's Assistant.

Minutes of the January 4, 2011 organizational meeting stand as read.

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

During Supervisor weekly updates and assignments, Robinson updated the Board on the SWIPCO Executive Director interviews. Blue said she would be walking new Supervisor Randy Tye through the Highland Annex following this meeting.

There was no Secondary Roads update.

Amos and Robinson gave a brief update of the Law Enforcement Center progress. Amos stated that the geotechnical survey was complete, and yesterday had been spent reviewing the master control, office, kitchen, and laundry areas for the best use of space.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to receive the Recorder's report of fees for December, 2010 in the amount of \$38,139.64. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Tye. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff to receive the Sheriff's report of fees for December in the amount of \$3,065.23, second by Tye. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Tye, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to receive the Treasurer's ending fund balance for December in the amount of \$8,276,917.20. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Robinson to approve the tax transfer from Rural Services Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$19,428.46. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blue, second by Tye to approve the Local Option Sales and Services Tax transfer to the following: Secondary Roads, \$23,640.99; Public Safety, \$2,955.13; Courthouse Repairs, \$1,477.56; and County Fair, \$1,477.56. Roll call: Yes: Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Blue to approve the merit increase for Christin Bailey from 72 to 75% of the Recorder's salary. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Tye. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Blue to approve the merit increase for Linda Osmond-Simpson from \$10.15 to \$10.90 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Tye, Blue. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to accept with regret Auditor Joni Ernst's letter of resignation effective Friday evening, January 7, 2011. Roll call: Yes: Robinson, Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of the auditor's vacancy. Ernst advised the Board that they can appoint or call for a special election. She stated her wishes were that the Board would appoint First Deputy Ted Schoonover. Robinson asked how it would work with Schoonover being the mayor of Red Oak. Schoonover answered he will be meeting with County Attorney Bruce Swanson, and has requested guidance from the League of Cities and Iowa State Association of Counties on this

matter, and so far the information provided has stated that the statute allows the holding of both positions. He stated he would receive additional guidance from County Attorney Swanson today.

Ernst walked the Board through a timeline of events should they appoint. The soonest an appointment could be done would be January 20th, following the required publications of Notice of Intent to Appoint.

Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to publish the notice of intent to appoint Ted Schoonover as Auditor on January 20, 2011. Roll call: Yes: Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed including the budget schedule, holiday schedule, new year appointments for commissions, payroll, and claims.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Tye to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, AUDITOR