

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERVISORS MINUTES
November 23, 2011

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met in quorum, Thursday, November 23, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse for their regular meeting. The meeting was moved to Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryant Amos. There was a roll call of members with Supervisors: Bryant Amos, Karen Blue, Randy Tye, Steve Ratcliff and Donna Robinson.

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

Minutes of the November 17, 2011, meeting were approved as read.

Chairman Amos asked for public comments and Senator Joni Ernst informed the board that they should pay particular attention to the mental health funding as she foresees some changes on the horizon.

Supervisor weekly updates and assignments: Ratcliff attended the Iowa Workforce Development Center meeting and it was reported that Montgomery County's unemployment rate has dropped to 6.5% from the previous 8.2%.

Secondary Roads Update: Engineer Brad Skinner was absent but gave a report to Auditor Schoonover who presented it to the board. He reported that he had a conference call with the railroad and the consultants and it appears that they have verbally agreed that our numbers appear to be accurate. He also informed the board of a minor traffic incident between two county owned dump trucks.

Law Enforcement Update. Board reviewed and discussed the bill from Prochaska and Associates. Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the payment in the amount of \$8,236.27. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Tye. No: None. Motion carried.

Under New Business: Motion by Ratcliff, second by Tye to approve claims payable on November 23, 2011, in the gross amount of \$915,314.10. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Tye. No: None. Motion carried.

Patrick Binns, county IT Director, presented the board with the following updates to programs and items that need attention. First was the email system the current system is outdated and no longer capable of supporting our needs. He has found an off site hosted server through Microsoft and this has been budgeted for. It equals to \$297.50 per user per year. Motion by Blue, second by Robinson to approve the new upgrade to the email system as presented. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Tye, Blue, Robinson, Ratcliff. No: None. Motion carried.

Director Binns then informed the board that our current internet system is designed for 10 users. It currently has 40 and that will increase again once the LEC is completed. He recommends that we switch to T1 service that will give us a dedicated line and more reliable service. It does however increase the cost to \$610.00 per month. Motion by Blue, second by Tye to approve the internet system upgrade as presented. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Director Binns then informed them that O'Neal Electric has presented an approximate quote to ground the courthouse via the flag pole. O'Neal feels this should alleviate the problem of lightning strikes. Motion by Tye, second by Robinson to approve the quote by O'Neil Electric to ground the courthouse in the amount of \$3,924.00. Roll call: Yes; Amos, Tye, Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson. No: None. Motion carried.

Director Binns then presented the board with another quote from O'Neil to repair the clock and outdoor lighting in the amount of \$1,397.00. Motion by Robinson, second by Ratcliff to approve the quote as presented. Roll call: Yes: Blue, Ratcliff, Robinson, Amos, Tye. No: None. Motion carried.

Agenda items discussed for next regular board meeting were payroll and discussions from public hearing on the current jail.

The board will be in session for a public hearing regarding the current county jail on November 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ratcliff, second by Tye to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BRYANT AMOS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TED SCHOONOVER
AUDITOR