

# Montgomery County Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Official Verbal Oath was administered to newly elected members by Resident Circuit Judge Kelly Long.

Roll Call was given, with 20 members present, 0 members absent.

Clerk Leitheiser asked for a nomination of a temporary Chairman of the County Board. Motion by Sharon Kuchar, second by Roy Hertel that Terry Bone be elected temporary County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Leitheiser asked for motion to close the nominations. Motion by Jarod Hitchings, second by Mary Bathurst to close the nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Terry Bone then called for nominations for County Board Chairman. Motion by Ron Deabenderfer, second by Bonnie Branum that Mike Plunkett be nominated as County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried. Temporary Chairman Bone asked for more nominations for County Board Chairman a total of three times. None were heard.

Temporary Chairman Bone then asked for a motion to close the nominations. Motion by Jim Moore, second by Gene Miles to close the nominations for County Board Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Chairman Bone then asked for a motion to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by acclamation. Motion by George Blankenship, second by Richard Wendel to elect Mike Plunkett as County Board Chairman by acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.

Newly elected County Board Chairman Plunkett then addressed the board, thanking his wife Heather, who was present at the meeting, for all her support during his service as County Board Chairman, stressing that no one in public service takes on that responsibility alone, and everyone in the family shares that responsibility. Chairman Plunkett informed members that these next two years are going to present new opportunities to this board the like of which have never been faced in this county before. He envisioned the county to have improvements such as improved roads and safe bridges; an expanding diverse economy; a revitalized downtown areas throughout the county; and lower taxes for those who choose to live and do business here. Plunkett stated that a naysayer would argue that, although those goals are not uncommon, only one county in a thousand can ever hope to achieve them. That naysayer would be right. But that doesn't make him pessimistic, just all the more optimistic, because one county in a thousand does actually succeed in achieving those goals. Chairman Plunkett said that we in Montgomery County are at the very point in time where we can choose to use the opportunities in front of us to be that one county.

Chairman Plunkett then stated that the Republican Party has requested that Chuck Graden be appointed to serve in County Board District #2 for the remainder of the term vacated by Nelson Aumann, and asked for the County Board approval of that appointment. Motion by Joe Gasparich, second by Roy Hertel to approve the appointment of Chuck Graden to serve in County Board District #2 on the Montgomery County Board. All in favor, motion carried.

The Official Verbal Oath was administered to appointed board member Chuck Graden by Judge Kelly Long.

Chairman Plunkett named Terry Bone as Vice-Chairman of the Board and County Board Books were distributed to members that gave Committee Chairman and Committee Member assignments. Coordinator Chris Daniels reviewed the contents of the County Board Books with members.

Rules Committee-Ad Hoc Committee: Chairman Plunkett asked for a motion to appoint Mary Bathurst, Roy Hertel, Jim Moore, and Ron Deabenderfer to the Rules Committee to meet and review County Board rules and make any recommendations for changes to the County Board. Motion by Branum, second by Wendel to appoint those named above to the Rules Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Next County Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 8:30 AM in the County Board Room.

Motion by Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuchar to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.