

**Montgomery County VOAD Meeting**  
**October 17, 2007**

The final meeting of the Montgomery County VOAD Committee met at 10:00 at the Church of the Brethren at 16<sup>th</sup> and Myrtle in Independence. The meeting was opened by VOAD Coordinator, Phil Adams who asked Jack Gregory of the First United Methodist Church in Independence for an invocation. Nine members of the 15 member committee were in attendance and so a one third majority was achieved for voting and conducting business.

Phil then explained the makeup and purpose of the committee. In answer to the concern for a need for a 501 C3 for the Long Term Recovery Organization, he explained that his church, the Church of the Brethren, would be willing to use their 501 C3 and set up a separate bank account for the use of the new treasurer of the committee. An audit will need to be made by a CPA at year's end.

Jack Gregory moved and it was seconded that the committee accept that offer and the vote was called and motion was approved.

The members of the committee then moved to elect their new officers. Terry Hatfield nominated Phil as Chair, John Collins as Vice Chair, and Richard Peckman as treasurer. Phil declined nomination because of the time constraints of his building program his interests in developing the Community Access Center and Terry amended his nomination to nominate John Collins as Chair, Russell Anderson as Vice Chair, and Richard Peckman as treasurer. Following some discussion Terry Hatfield again amended his nomination to include Carrie Bacon as Secretary. Vote was taken. They were elected unanimously.

Jack Gregory moved and it was seconded that Richard Peckman, treasurer, open a checking account for the Long Term Recovery Committee. The motion was approved.

Norman Chambers moved and it was seconded that the chairman appoint the person for an alternate signature on the signature card A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the three at large members of the executive committee. Jack Gregory, Bill Henson and Natalie Birkel were nominated by Norman Chambers. The vote was taken and the three were elected. These members will meet when the executive committee meets to decide who will get assistance from the Montgomery County Long Term Recovery Organization's funds.

It was announced that the Region II (six counties in southeast Kansas) Long Term Recovery Organization had met, Russell Anderson had been the lone participant from Montgomery County. That organization elected their officers, reserving the treasurer responsibility for someone from Montgomery County. We are to elect a treasurer from our LTRO. .

Those elected for Region II were:

Les Griffith	Neodesha/Wilson County	Chair
Linda Weidert	Neosho County	Vice Chair
Charlotte Payne	Fredonia/Wilson County	Secretary
Carolyn Dye		Alternate Secretary
	Montgomery County	Treasurer

Norman Chamber was nominated for this position but he will have to check to see if that will be possible before he can be elected.

An alternate representative from FEMA arrived late and informed the committee that the brother of Cheryl Brekke had passed away and Cheryl was unable to attend the meeting.

Phil Adams announced that Region II was still looking for a Long Term Recovery Case Manager. This is a funded position.

He also announced the need for funding for gasoline expense for the volunteer case managers.

The next meeting will be announced by the incoming chair of the organization, John Collins.

Newly elected secretary, Carrie Bacon, will be sending out subsequent announcements of meetings from the Community Access Center. Minutes will continue to be posted on the Community Access Website

Margie Miller  
Secretary  
Montgomery County VOAD Committee