

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2013

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 10:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the New Year, adopt the courthouse roof and sheriff office loans resolutions, make the county manager position permanent through legislation and determine meeting days and time.

Members present were Frank Brantley, John Carpenter, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Current Vice-chairman Sumner called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to elect Frank Brantley as Chairman. There was no second. Tim Williamson made a motion, seconded by Frank Brantley to elect Vernon Sumner as Chairman. Commissioner Carpenter stated that when Brandon Braddy stepped down as Chairman Commissioner Sumner did not want to be Chairman because of health reasons. Commissioner Sumner said his health problems were temporary and he is well now. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the Board elected Frank Brantley as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley the Board elected John Carpenter as Deeds Commissioner. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to sign the resolutions to authorize the Chairman to renew the Courthouse Roof Loan for \$214,172.00 and the Sheriff's Department Building Loan for \$144,235.00 at 3% interest, both at Mt Vernon Bank. Motion carried.

The Board signed the signature cards for various accounts.

The Board agreed for the Commissioner liaisons for the departments as follows:

Fire	-	Carpenter
Solid Waste	-	Thomas
County Agent	-	Williamson
EMS	-	Chairman & EMA Director
Health Dept	-	Chairman
Road Dept	-	Thomas
Public Safety	-	Chairman
Budget & Finance	-	Brantley & Williamson
Bld. & Gro.	-	Chairman

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the Board reappointed Macky Bryant as County Attorney. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed for the meeting days and time to remain the same. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to make the County Manager position permanent by legislation.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sumner the Board agreed to keep David Curry as County Manager. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley. Motion carried.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Frank Brantley, John Carpenter, Tim Williamson, Clarence Thomas and Vernon Sumner.

Chairman Sumner called the meeting to order. Following the pledge to the flag Commissioner Thomas led the invocation.

The agenda was amended to add John and Johnny O'Conner under appearances and postpone amending the 2012 and 2013 budgets on a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

Keith Hamilton appeared before the Board to ask for approval to purchase a laptop computer for the Clerk's office. As of January 1, the Department of Corrections will not accept documents that are not computer generated. Mr. Hamilton needs this laptop to carry to Wheeler County when court is held there. Mr. Hamilton will not spend more than \$1,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved this request. Motion carried.

Dooley Carter of Three Rivers Lane appeared before the Board to ask why the County can haul dirt to Towns Bluff for a private road and they can't get any work done on Three Rivers Lane. The Board informed Mr. Carter again that Three River Lane is a private road and the people who live at Towns Bluff spread the dirt themselves. Mr. Carter also told the Board that the water lines crossing Bells Ferry Road had a leak at the pavement.

Jerry "Hoppy" Sikes asked the Board for an audit on the Sheriff's Budget. Mr. Sikes gave the Board a list of other requests for the Sheriff's Department. On a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Brantley, the Board agreed to allow the audit. Motion carried. Mr. Sikes and Manager Curry will meet the county's auditor to discuss this audit. Commissioner Carpenter told Mr. Sikes he had a question for him. Commissioner Carpenter stated the Uvalda Police Chief was running up and down the road and he is professing to be a Montgomery County Deputy. Commissioner Carpenter stated what his interest in the Chief's actions or his statement is, if he wrecks the city vehicle outside of Uvalda, is the Sheriff's Department or the Montgomery County Commissioners responsible for his actions. Mr. Sikes stated last Friday Sheriff O'Conner swore in all the deputies and the Uvalda Police Chief was not present and he is not a sworn deputy under this administration. Commissioner Carpenter asked Mr. Sikes for a letter from the Sheriff's Office to be presented to the City of Uvalda so it will clear the Montgomery County Commissioners in any way, shape, fashion, or form and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will not be liable for the Uvalda Police Chief's

actions. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion seconded by Commissioner Brantley to ask Mr. Sikes to proceed with the letter. Motion carried. Mr. Sikes said he would have the letter tomorrow and it would clarify that the Uvalda Police Chief is not a sworn deputy under Sheriff O'Conner's administration at this point and Montgomery County Commissioners or the Sheriff's Department is not liable for his actions.

John and Johnny O'Conner appeared before the Board to ask why the work on McArthur Circle has not been completed. County Manager Curry said he will get the road department on this.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports.

The Board reviewed the Road Department reports. Commissioner Thomas proposed combining the Road Department and Solid Waste facilities. The Board agreed to see what was necessary to make this move.

The Board reviewed the EMS report.

John Neff reported that the other seven counties that had been abandoned by the gentleman doing the Hazard Mitigation Plan update have referred the matter to their county attorney. Mr. Neff will send this gentleman a letter telling him he needs to contact us and produce some useable material by February 1st or it will be turned over to our county attorney.

Under Old Business, the Kibbee Fire Station truck lacks only a few things before it is complete and ready to be housed in the station.

After being advertised and a public hearing held with no opposition, the Board agreed to close Central Lane on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to Statewide Engineering's proposal for the LMIG projects for the first year. Motion carried.

Under New Business, Joe Filippone, Director of the Development Authority gave a presentation on what the Authority has done in the last 4 years.

The Board appointed Brandon Braddy to the Development Authority Board to replace Dr. Ronnie Smith on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley. Motion carried. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to reappoint Mark Burns and Colon Sammons the Development Authority for 3 years each. Motion carried. Commissioner Carpenter abstained from voting. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board reappointed Commissioner Carpenter this Board for one year. Motion carried.

Discussion of the new position at the Sheriff's Office was postponed.

On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed for Manager Curry to look for a senior center meal car in the price range of \$6,500.00 to \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

Gene Long of Roadside Inc. proposed to spray the county right-of-ways if the Board is interested. The Board made no decision at this time.

A table will be reserved for the Commissioner's at the Chamber's Annual Meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley the Board came out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed to increase Allen Denmark's salary by .39 to bring him up on the pay scale of similar positions. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Motion carried.

