

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2013

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Frank Brantley, John Carpenter, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Sumner called the meeting to order. Following the pledge to the flag the invocation was led by Commissioner Brantley.

The agenda was amended to add Kibbee Fire station sign to Old Business; update on County Manager position, SPLOST, and landfill to New Business; and David Fountain to appearances.

The minutes from February's regular and Executive Session meetings were approved on a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board was County Attorney Macky Bryant. Mr. Bryant told the Board he was representing the architect firm that has a lawsuit against the Board of Education. Mr. Bryant said he understood some of the Commissioners were concerned about this. Mr. Bryant said although he represented the Commissioners, the School Board was a separate entity and he felt this was not a conflict. Mr. Bryant said a similar situation has occurred before and the State Bar's opinion was there was not a conflict. Commissioners Brantley and Williamson stated they felt he will be representing a client in a negative form against the county. The Board agreed this would not be a conflict if Mr. Bryant represented the architect firm.

Tax Commissioner Loretta Lane appeared before the Board to ask if she could purchase software for an Online Service where the public can access tax records and will not tie up the office staff. Now that the Title Tax law is in place, this office has more to do. Ms. Lane may need additional help later on. This software will cost \$2,100.00 and the annual maintenance / support will be \$1,200.00. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed for Ms. Lane to purchase the software. Motion carried.

David Fountain appeared before the Board to inform them that Mickey Palmer has put a load of dirt on Doshia Road at the gate Mr. Fountain put up on closed road. A portion of this road was closed in 2011.

Under Reports, Director of Economic Development Joe Filippone told the Board they should be finalizing the repairs on the former Caboose Restaurant and closing the deal soon.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial statement

Interim Manager Brantley told the Board 188 hours had been put on the graders and a few roads had to be closed due to washouts. Manager Brantley presented a list of potholes on the roads based on severity. Mr. Brantley will send out some bids to get an estimate on the cost of contracting out the fixing of these roads. The County is eligible for a Federal Highway Safety

Grant which will help stripe roads that need it. Two companies submitted bids on repairing the old metal building for the Road Department to move into. These bids range from 25 - 35 thousand dollars. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to proceed with getting data together to get more bids. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the EMS Report.

EMA Director John Neff reported nothing new but there was no major flooding on the rivers. The Board agreed to charge \$650.00 for beer and wine license each as the Beer and Wine Ordinance states. This will be \$1,300.00 for both.

Under Old Business, the Board agreed for Ray White to put a new roof on the Library for \$7,792.00 on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley. Motion carried. This is a 50 – 50 cost to the County.

In the January meeting a motion was made for Statewide Engineering to oversee the LIMG projects for 6% of the cost. John Roller can and will do this overseeing. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board rescinded a previous motion on allowing Statewide Engineering to oversee the LIMG projects and agreed to allow Mr. Roller to oversee it. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to sign the 2012 Budget Amendment Resolution on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley pending verification of the auditors amending. Motion carried.

The ISO will not recognize the Kibbee Fire Station unless it has the Tarrytown Fire Department's name on it because they are operating it. On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed to change the name of the Kibbee Station to Tarrytown Fire Department Station II. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Treutlen/ Tarrytown Fire automatic aid agreement but made no decision.

Under new Business, after reviewing a letter from the Tax Commissioner stating that VNS has an overpayment on taxes, the Board agreed to refund \$6,972.56 to VNS. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Brantley the Board agreed to sign the 5311 Transit contract. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board declared the old computers and radios surplus property and eligible for disposal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Building Permit Ordinance and tabled it.

The Board discussed the Purchase Order Policy Resolution. Commissioner Carpenter said the County Commissioner handbook says that elected officials offices cannot be forced to abide by this resolution. This was also tabled.

The Board discussed outside lighting for County offices. Howard Farrow can install outdoor lighting for less than what Ga. Power charges. The Board agreed to proceed with installing these lights.

The Board made no decision on non county sponsored insurance.

The Board will proceed with advertising the County Manager position.

The Board discussed the current SLPOST which will end in 2014 and getting started working on the specifications of a new one.

The Board agreed for the Chairman to send a letter to the EPD stating the old landfill has been closed.

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed to terminate John Neff as EMA Director effective March 12, 2013. Motion carried.

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

