

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Members present were John Carpenter, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson. Commissioner Brantley was absent due to illness. Commissioner Williamson arrived at 6:50.

The agenda was amended to remove Chamber News and Uvalda's Chief Smith and add Executive Session on a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board was Kathleen Fennell, Director of the Montgomery County Senior Center. Mrs. Fennell asked the Board to increase the rent fee for the Senior Center from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Mrs. Fennell informed the Board that some renters leave the building unclean and their quilts have been torn several times. They sell these quilts for \$200.00 and the funds are used for things they need but they cannot sell a repaired quilt. On a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board raised the rent fee to \$500.00 with \$200.00 being the deposit and \$300.00 for the rent. Motion carried. A lock box will also be placed on the thermostat.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports.

The Board reviewed the Road Department reports.

Manager Braddy reported the EMA Director Leanza had received the grant for the cascade system.

The Board reviewed the EMS report.

Under Old Business, the Board amended the minutes to reflect they had agreed to fund MPI \$5,000.00 for the fiber optic study on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Motion carried.

Under New Business, Dale Barstow from Municode explained to the Board how Municode can codify the County's ordinances. The base fee is \$10,250.00. The Board made no decision at this time.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board adopted the 2013 Insurance Premium Tax Resolution. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board adopted the Road Abandonment / Closing Ordinance. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to proceed with adopting a Jail Fee Ordinance. Motion carried. This will add a 10% fee to fines.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed to raise the fees paid to the Board of Assessors from \$40.00 to \$50.00 effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to Judge Mullis requesting he authorize the Montgomery County Magistrate Judge to collect a Law Library Fee of \$5.00 on all legal docketed matters. Motion carried.

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 Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board came out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

The Board authorized Manager Braddy to give the employees a Christmas bonus of one weeks pay on a motion by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

After reviewing performance evaluations by the Commissioners, the Board agreed to adjust County Manager Braddy's salary as was determined at his hiring on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

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

