

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 7, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the 2014 millage rate on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Adult Literacy Center in Mt Vernon.

Members present were John Carpenter, Vernon Sumner and Clarence Thomas; Sharon Strickland and Jesse Fountain from the Board of Assessors and Chris Kight, Treutlen County Chief Appraiser.

Chairman Sumner called the hearing to order. Invocation was led by Commissioner Thomas.

County Manager Brandon Braddy reviewed the proposed 2015 General Fund Budget and the Five Year History of Levy.

There were 8 citizens at the hearing.

Some of the questions asked were concerning how much of the budget is for employee retirement; and who pays the bill when someone calls 911, and inmate medical.

Manager Braddy also told the citizens that about \$90,000.00 had been cut from sales taxes because of the GATE card.

After all questions were answered Chairman Sumner adjourned the hearing.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 7, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the 2014 millage rate on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6:00 am at the Adult Literacy Center in Mt Vernon.

Members present were Members present were John Carpenter and Vernon Sumner and Jesse Fountain from the Board of Assessors.

Chairman Sumner called the hearing to order. Invocation was led by Manager Braddy.

There were 11 citizens at the hearing.

County Manager Brandon Braddy reviewed the proposed 2015 General Fund Budget and the Five Year History of Levy.

Some of the questions asked were concerning taxes being higher in the cities than in the unincorporated areas; why do you have to pay for an ambulance when 911 is called; and can SPLOST funds be used to offset the general fund.

After all questions were answered, Chairman Sumner adjourned the hearing.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014 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 Thomas.

The agenda was amended to add County Agent Jennifer Miller to appearances on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Motion carried.

Bill Mitchell from the Chamber of Commerce informed the Board of upcoming events.

Randy Scott from Communication Site Evaluation appeared before the Board to tell them his company evaluates cell towers to be sure the county is being paid the property taxes on them.

Walt Woodard of Cell Tower Solutions appeared before the Board to tell them his company inspects cell towers for property tax purposes.

Joe Filippone informed the Board that a new business has opened called Roads to Success Counseling. Mr. Filippone also told the Board that a Dollar General was coming to Mt Vernon. Mr. Filippone would like to meet in Executive Session to discuss real estate property owned by the County.

Jennifer Miller appeared before the Board to explain the need for a van for the 4-H.

Under reports, the Board discussed purchasing a trailer for hauling pipe. No motion or action was taken to purchase a trailer to haul pipe. The Board agreed to purchase forks for around \$4,500.00 and a cage for around \$700.00 as an attachment for the backhoe. The cost will be paid from SPLOST. Road Superintendent Fountain proposed to have one grader pulling ditches and two graders behind it grading to see how it works. Mr. Fountain said he was going to pull all the ditches in the county and some people will have to move water lines. The Board discussed acquiring an easement from Lewis D. Moore to cut the trees so traffic can be seen around the curve at the Thompson Pond Rd and Old Kibbee Road North.

The Board reviewed a proposed ordinance from EMA Director Andy Leanza prohibiting gouging on materials, goods, services and housing during emergencies.

The Board reviewed the financial statement. County manager Braddy will republish the five year history levy in a different format so it will not be as confusing as the current one.

Under Old Business the Board agreed to amend a motion made in the June meeting declaring three bush hogs surplus instead of two on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried.

Under New Business, the Board agreed to sign the amended Heart of Georgia AAA contract on a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brantley the Board agreed to grant the request from the Montgomery County Sharpshooters to place a flag pole adjacent to the Confederate Memorial in front of the Courthouse. Commissioners Thomas and Carpenter abstained from voting. Chairman Sumner voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board went into Executive Session to discuss real estate and pending legal litigation. Motion carried.

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

There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 14, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the 2014 millage rate on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Adult Literacy Center in Mt Vernon.

Members present were Members present were Frank Brantley, John Carpenter, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson. Also present were Jesse Fountain and Sharon Strickland from the Board of Assessors and Melzar Nye from Technical Appraisal Services of Georgia.

Chairman Sumner called the hearing to order. Invocation was led by Commissioner Thomas.

There were 20 citizens at the hearing including two from the media.

County Manager Brandon Braddy reviewed the proposed 2015 General Fund Budget and the Five Year History of Levy.

Some questions were asked about departmental budgets and TAVT.

After all questions were answered, Chairman Sumner adjourned the hearing.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 11:15 am at the Adult Literacy Center in Mt Vernon. The purpose of the meeting was to set the 2014 Mileage rate.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Levy Resolution and to set the 2014 millage rate at 15.061, less sales tax rollback of 1.518, for a county wide net milege rate of 13.543. Motion carried with Commissioner Carpenter opposing.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter the Board agreed to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to the Department of Revenue designating the Insurance Premium Tax proceeds to Rural Fire and Solid Waste. Motion Carried.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 11:30 am at the Adult Literacy Center in Mt Vernon. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss real estate and purchasing a van for 4-H.

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

Chairman Sumner called the meeting to order. Commissioner Brantley led the invocation.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to transfer ownership of the old road department building and property to the Development Authority who will sell it to a distribution center prospect for \$7,500.00. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to purchase a 2011 Ford E350 XLT van for the 4-H from Webster Motor Company for \$16,500.00. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed pulling ditches and grading roads with the Board agreeing to pull ditches where they are needed.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the John Deere motor grader lease and discuss recreation.

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

Chairman Sumner called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Commissioner Brantley.

The Board agreed to sign a John Deere motor grader lease for \$227,216.24 to be paid in 5 annual payments of \$20,923.68 with 2% interest and a \$142,400.00 balloon payment after the 5 years on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to provide a recreation program for Montgomery County. The Board agreed for Manager Braddy to negotiate an agreement with the City that would include: the City acting as the fiscal agent, the establishment of a five member board consisting of two members from the County and two members from the City with one board member to be appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Education. The commissioners request that the Mayor of Mount Vernon serve as Chairman. The Board will be responsible for the advertising, interviewing and hiring of a suitable candidate for the position of Recreation Director. Manager Braddy agreed to draft an intergovernmental agreement with Mayor Fountain of Mount Vernon for the County and the City of Mount Vernon to consider regarding the establishing of a recreation program. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board agreed for

Manager Braddy to negotiate and draft an agreement for the County and the City of Mount Vernon to consider on the establishment of a recreation program. Motion carried.

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