

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Frank Brantley, 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 move Three Rivers property to appearances. The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried.

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

Appearing before the Board was Belinda Dozier. Mrs. Dozier donated the Three River Bait and Tackle property to the County with the understanding that a fire substation would be placed there. The county has not taken any action on building a substation on the property. Mrs. Dozier would like the property back. She plans to put a soup kitchen there and to build her own fire station if she can get the permits. Manager Braddy will check with the County attorney to see how and if this property can be given back to her or if it will have to be declared surplus and bids accepted for it.

Joe Filippone of the Development Authority gave a report regarding Economic Development.

Under reports, Altamaha EMC has a 2008 Sterling truck, 188,000 miles, with a bucket and a boom for sale for \$25,000.00. The current service truck is in bad shape and this truck could be used for clearing right of ways and will serve a service truck. Not all the Commissioners have had time to inspect the truck so no decision was made at this time. Superintendent Fountain reported he held a safety meeting on November 25 and the topic was chainsaw safety. There were 7 employees present and not accidents were reported in November.

Sheriff Ladson O'Conner appeared before the Board to ask for the money for a tag reader that was purchased in 2013 but paid in 2014 to be added to his 2014 budget. On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to amend the budget to reflect that the 2014 Sheriff's budget be increased by \$27,981.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Fountain invited everyone to the Mt Vernon City Christmas party on December 12th at 7:00.

Commissioner Brantley left the meeting at this time.

The Board decided before they act on the Three Rivers property, they will contact the Uvalda Fire Department to discuss their possible use of the property.

Under New Business, Manager Braddy opened interest rate quotes on the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office loans from Mt Vernon Bank and Altamaha Bank. Mt Vernon Bank offered 2% with a \$500.00 loan fee and Altamaha Bank offered 2.4% with a \$150.00 loan fee. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to go with Mt Vernon Bank. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to give the employees a Christmas bonus equal to one week's pay.

The Board adopted the 2015 Holiday Schedules on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to have a called meeting on January 2, 2015 to elect officers and approve the bank loans.

The Board agreed to sign a new building lease with the USDA on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried. The rent they pay us will increase from \$1,000.00 per month to \$1,364.00 per month through 2018.

The Board agreed to sign the 2015 United Way Contract to provide meals for the Senior Citizens Center on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the county officers swearing in ceremony dates.

The Board will have a budget workshop / called meeting on Friday, December 12th at 9:00 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to sign a privacy disclosure agreement with AT&T. Motion carried.

The 2015 Christmas Dinner will be held on December 19 at 12:15 at the Mt Vernon Community House.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 12, 2014

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting and budget workshop on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss purchase of road department equipment, workers comp renewal and personnel.

Members present were Frank Brantley, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson. Commissioner elect Leland Adams was also present.

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Brantley, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to increase Kathy Rudd's salary by \$1.00 per hour because she is taking on more responsibilities and to increase Jonathan Adams's salary by .50 per hour because he has completed his training. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to renew the workers comp insurance with ACCG for \$50,585.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brantley the Board agreed to purchase the Sterling truck from EMC for \$25,000.00. Motion carried. This will be paid from T-SPLOST. A down payment of \$8,500.00 will be paid next \$8,500.00 in 2016 and \$8,000.00 in 2017.

This concluded the regular meeting and the Board began the budget workshop at this time.

The meeting and workshop were adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Brantley. Motion carried.