

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2016 at 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the 2014 audit report from McLain, Calhoun, McCullough and Clark.

Members present were Leland Adams, Frank Brantley, Vernon Sumner, and Tim Williamson. Sheriff Doug Maybin and Deputy Ron Bivins were also present.

Darlene Chester from McLain, Calhoun, McCullough and Clark reviewed the audit report with the Commissioner.

Mrs. Chester reported that the audit report was reasonably stated and the Auditors had an unqualified opinion.

Mrs. Chester reported that she turned over information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation regarding a forensic audit of the Sheriff's Office last year. The forensic audit was dated May 14, 2015. The forensic audit was requested by the late Sheriff Ladson O'Connor regarding fraudulent activity in the Sheriff's Office during 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:40 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Frank Brantley, Vernon Sumner, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Brantley called the meeting to order.

Following the pledge to the flag the invocation was led by Commissioner Thomas.

The agenda was amended to add Currie Road discussion to New Business on a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Sumner. Motion carried.

The minutes were approved with noted corrections on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board was Bill Mitchell of the Toombs Montgomery Chamber. Mr. Mitchell reported on the Toombs-Montgomery Leadership events and informed the Board of the Legislative Breakfast on January 7, 2016.

County Agent Jennifer Miller appeared before the Board to give the annual County Agent Report.

Under Reports, County Manager Braddy informed the Board the Road Department and Solid Waste Department held a safety meeting on November 30, 2015. There were nine employees present at the meeting. The meeting topic was Hazard Conditions in Cold Weather.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports. After reviewing the financial report the Board agreed to give the employees a Christmas Bonus on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sumner. Motion carried. Those who have been employed one year will receive a bonus equal to one weeks pay. Those who have not been employed one year will receive a pro-rated bonus.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved the 2016 Holiday Schedules with noted changes. Motion carried.

The Board did not act on appointing Charlie Williams to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commissioner at this time.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Adams the Board agreed to sign the United Way contract. Motion carried.

After receiving quotes for patching and overlaying approximately 750 square yards of distressed pavement on Old River Road from Hooks Construction for \$18,540.00 and from East Coast Asphalt for \$26,700.00 the Board agreed to accept Hooks Construction's bid on a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried. John roller, engineer, recommended the County accept the bid from Hooks Construction.

The Board reviewed quotes for two new Ford trucks for Solid Waste and Road Department. Vidalia Ford quoted a 2016 F-150 for \$22,085 for Solid Waste and a 2016 F-250 for \$29,998 for Road Department; Woody Folsom quoted a 2016 F-150 for \$20,800.00 for Solid Waste and a 2016 F-250 for \$25,800.00 for Road Department. BB&T's quoted an interest rate of 2.10% and BankCorpSouth quoted 2.29%. On a motion by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to purchase the two trucks from Woody Folsom and finance through BB&T. Motion carried.

No action was taken on loan bids for the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse roof. The existing note will be paid off as budgeted.

The Board accepted the quote from Freightliner of Savannah on repairing the 2004 Solid waste roll off truck for \$26,036.22. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to adopt the 2015 Insurance Premium Tax Resolution (Res. No. 15-12-01).

The Commissioners, Manager Braddy and Road Superintendent Milton Fountain discussed issues with a property owner locating a fence in the ditch line along Currie Road. Mr. Fountain informed the board that the Road Department has not consistently maintained Currie Road over the past seven years. Manager Braddy informed the board that the County may have lost its prescriptive easement since the County has not consistently maintained Currie Road in the past seven years. The Commissioners agreed to suspend maintaining the road and ditches until the fence was removed from the ditch.

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sumner, the Board appointed Donnie Daniels as Emergency Management Agency Director and County Services Coordinator effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board appointed Donnie Daniels to the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS Council. Motion carried.

The Board discussed with newly appointed EMA Director Daniels some of the requirements they would like him to monitor closely. Mr. Daniels will also be maintaining the County's website and email server.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams seconded by Commissioner Sumner the Board agreed to accept the Sheriff's request to change the deputies' salary from hourly to \$30,576.00 annually. Motion carried.

County Manager Braddy reminded the Board of the County's Christmas Dinner on December 21st.

Commissioner Adams informed the Board he attended the DOT meeting concerning the replacing of the Hazlehurst Bridge on Highway 221.

The Board discussed the road changes at Joe Hilton Road and Thompson Pond Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Sumner. Motion carried.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 26, 2015 – 2:00PM

The Commissioners held an emergency called meeting on Saturday, December 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM, as requested by Donnie Daniels, Director of the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency. Commissioners present were, Clarence Thomas, Tim Williamson and Leland Adams. Also present, were EMA Director Donnie Daniels, County Manager Brandon Braddy, Sheriff Doug Maybin, Chief Deputy Ron Bivins and Road Superintendent Milton Fountain.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Clarence Thomas.

Mr. Daniels presented the board with reliable information that flooding of Three Rivers Lane, Dead River Road and Towns Bluff is imminent. After some discussion, it was motioned and seconded by the Commissioners to issue a mandatory evacuation of Three Rivers Lane, Dead River Road and Towns Bluff. The motion was adopted unanimously. Also, it was further motioned and seconded to adopt the Resolution declaring a local State of Emergency (Resolution No. 15-12-02). The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Chief Deputy, Ron Bivins, presented the Board of Commissioners with a joint press release informing the public of the emergency and the call for a mandatory evacuation of Three Rivers Lane, Dead River Road and Towns Bluff. The Commissioners approved the press release.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.