

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2016

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:30 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 adopting the 2015 amended budget and setting a 2017 budget workshop date on a motion by Commissioner Sumner seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

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

Appearing before the Board was Bill Mitchell from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mitchell informed the Board the 2017 Leadership classes had been selected and to note the Business Expo date on September 15th at 4:30.

Chief Tax Appraiser Julie Adams appeared before the Board to answer any question about her being appointed to the Board of Assessors. Ms. Adams already has to take the same training classes and can legally serve on this Board. Commissioner Adams had had some concerns on Ms. Adams serving on the Assessors Board but since has researched his concerns.

Joe Filippone, Director of the Development Authority gave the Board a list of the current Development Authority Board members and their appointed dates and term expirations dates. Mr. Filippone also told the Board that Clerk of Court Keith Hamilton, Probate Judge Rubie Nell Sanders and Sheriff Doug Maybin have decided to change the legal organ for the County from the Montgomery Monitor to the Vidalia Advance for one year. Mr. Filippone believes this will end the existence of the Monitor.

Kelly Willhite from the Montgomery County Recreation Department appeared before the Board with concerns about the Recreation Department. Mr. Willhite told the Board that people in the county think it is the City of Mt Vernon's recreation department and asked the Board to take ownership of the recreation facilities. The Board told Mr. Willhite they will consider his request in the preparation of the 2017 budget.

Under Reports, the Board reviewed the pending work orders and projects list. The Board discussed getting right of way easements on Hutchenson Lane and Fountain Lane. Milton Fountain reported Batir Bridge Company had installed the first three pilings and one cap on the Gibbs Bridge Road bridge.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports.

Under Old Business, the Board discussed appointing Julie Adams to the Board of Assessors. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sumner the Board agreed to appoint Julie Adams to the Board of Tax Assessors effective July 11, 2016 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Sharon Strickland. Ms. Adams' term will expire May 12, 2019 Motion carried.

Under New Business, the following surplus items were found to have exceptions noted by County auditors and need to be documented in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting:

- 1) 2000 Ford F250 Service Truck #6667 - This item was a surplus item but was omitted from the December 12, 2014 meeting or meeting agenda in error. In this meeting the Commissioners agreed to purchase a Sterling bucket truck to replace the 2000 Ford F250 Service Truck.

Recommended notion: The 2000 Ford F250 Service Truck is declared surplus effective December 12, 2014.

Recommended motion: The minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting did not reflect the winning bid for the 2000 Ford F250 Service Truck was Patrick Barger of Jacksonville, Florida in the amount of \$2,175.00. Let the current minutes to this meeting now record this information.

- 2) Massey Ferguson side arm mower - County Auditors found that this item was properly documented as being declared surplus equipment. However, the winning bid for the equipment was not recorded in the minutes. Many attempts were made to sell this equipment at Rebel Auction near Hazlehurst, Georgia but the bids did not reach the County's minimum of \$10,000. The County's minimum was reduced to \$6,000 and the equipment was sold to Ace Equipment Company, Inc. of Waycross, Georgia on June 16, 2014. The minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting did not reflect the winning bid for the Massey Ferguson side arm mower.

Recommended motion: The minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting did not reflect the winning bid for the Massey Ferguson side arm mower was Ace Equipment Company, Inc. of Waycross, Georgia in the amount of \$6,000 on June 16, 2014. Let the current minutes to this meeting now record this information.

- 3) Savannah Grading Plow - County Auditors found that this equipment was properly documented as being declared surplus equipment. However, the winning bid for the equipment was not recorded in the minutes to the June 8, 2015 meeting. The equipment was sold to J.J. Jones of Fosters, Alabama in the amount of \$7,000.00 on May 27, 2015.

Recommended motion: The minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting did not reflect the winning bid for the Savannah Grading Plow was J.J. Jones of Foster, Alabama in the amount of \$7,000.00 on May 27, 2015. Let the current minutes to this meeting now record this information.

On a motion by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the recommended motions as referenced above regarding the three pieces of surplus county property. Motion carried.

County Manager Brandon Braddy read the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the new codification of the county ordinances. This ordinance will become effective September 1, 2016.

Mt Vernon Attorney John Morrison has volunteered to install a new clock inside the courthouse dome. Mr. Morrison has solicited funds from the Holland – Underwood Foundation to supplement the purchase of a new courthouse clock. Mr. Morrison proposes to disassemble the original clock and relocate it as a display on the first floor of the courthouse. The three quotes received on a new clock are:

Elderhorst Bells, Inc.	\$ 4,950.00
Electric Time Company	\$ 7,795.00
Lumichron	\$22,790.00

The Holland – Underwood Foundation has already presented the Board with a check for \$2,500.00. This leaves \$2,450.00 to fund the balance for the new clock. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Adams the Board agreed to accept the Elderhorst Bells, Inc. bid for \$4,950.00. This will be for the purchase of the new clock only because Mr. Morrison has volunteered to install the new clock. The balance for the purchase of the new clock will be paid from the 2015 SPLOST. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to have a called meeting on July 14, 2016 at 2:00 pm to hold a bid opening for the Three Rivers CDBG Project. *(Note: This meeting was cancelled)*

The Board will decide on the date for the LMIG bid opening in the regular meeting in August.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to adopt the amended fiscal year 2015 Budget Resolution (Res. No.) based on audited figures. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Sumner the Board agreed to adopt a resolution to amend the 2009 SPLOST Budget. This will close out this account. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to hold a 2017 budget workshop for July 23 at 9:00.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to reappoint the following to the Development Authority Board for these terms:

Joey Fountain	1-1-2016	–	1-1-2020	–	four year term
Mitch Fulmer	1-1-2016	–	1-1-2019	–	three year term
Brandon Braddy	1-1-2016	–	1-1-2019	–	three year term
Mark Burns	1-1-2016	–	1-1-2019	–	three year term

These terms and expirations were presented by Joe Filippone, Director of Economic Development. Motion carried.

Under comments, Commissioner Adams would like a letter sent to the Clerk of Court Keith Hamilton, Probate Judge Ruby Nell Sanders and Sheriff Doug Maybin asking them to reconsider making the Vidalia Advance the county's legal organ. Commissioner Thomas and Williamson will speak with these officials before sending a letter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
July 23, 2016 – 9:00AM

The Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting July 23, 2016 at 9:00AM at the Board of Commissioners Office in Mount Vernon, Georgia to consider adoption of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oconee Drug Task Force to provide drug enforcement in Montgomery County. Commissioners present were Frank Brantley, Clarence Thomas, Vernon Sumner, Tim Williamson and Leland Adams.

Chairman Brantley called the meeting to order.

County Manager Brandon Braddy presented the Commissioners with a Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement from the Oconee Drug Task Force located in Eastman, Georgia. The Agreement calls for Montgomery County to appropriate \$13,379 of County funds to join the multijurisdictional task force which includes the Counties of Dodge, Pulaski, Wheeler, the Cities of Eastman, Cochran, McRae-Helena and the Office of District Attorney Tim Vaughn. The term of the Agreement is January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. County Manager Brandon Braddy recommended to the Commissioners that Montgomery County should join the Oconee Drug Task Force in the County's effort to reduce and eliminate drug activity in Montgomery County. Commissioner Tim Williamson made a motion to adopt the Oconee Drug Task Force Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement and to fund \$13,379 as required in the Agreement. Commissioner Clarence Thomas seconded the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
Budget Planning Work Session
July 23, 2016 – 9:00AM

The Board of Commissioners held a Budget Planning Work Session on July 23, 2016 at 9:00AM at the Board of Commissioners Office in Mount Vernon, Georgia. Commissioners present were Frank Brantley, Clarence Thomas, Vernon Sumner, Tim Williamson and Leland Adams. County Manager Brandon Braddy presented the Commissioners with a preliminary/draft General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The Commissioners reviewed and edited the draft budget as presented by County Manager Brandon Braddy. No formal decisions were made during the meeting. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.