

**Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting**

**April 6, 2004 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman – William D. Maness “Billy”**

**Vice-Chairman – Dolon W. Corbett**

**Commissioner - Sally M. Morris**

**Commissioner – R.C. Bostic**

**Commissioner – George H. Knight, Jr.**

**County Manager – Lee Matthews**

**Clerk – Laura B. Morton**

**County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner’s met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Montgomery County Commissioners’ Room. All board members were present. *Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:*

Commissioner Bostic gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes for the last meeting.

**Public Forum**

Chairman Maness explained to the audience that the board had been in a work session where they discussed water lines and he asked Mr. Tim Carpenter from Hobbs Upchurch to come up and explain what was discussed.

Mr. Carpenter explained that the board has been discussing water lines for the past several months, how to reach and how to serve all of those interested in water. He said I am looking at the existing budget to see how the county can either budget or borrow the funds necessary to run new water lines. We have old petitions and we have new petitions. He said I will be coming back at the next meeting with some information.

*Wayne Perkins* from Brewer Road did not appear.

*Paul Bodsford* from Cedar Creek Road appeared before the board representing his neighborhood. He said it is 2.5 miles with 31 dwellings from Troy Candor Road to McCaskill Road. He said he has approximately 27 signatures. Mr. Bodsford said there are a lot of elderly people on the road. Some wells are useless, some go dry, and some are contaminated. He said it is usually a long time before they get their power back on and they have no water without power.

*Nelson Smith* from Smith Drive appeared before the board requesting water on his road. He said there are six houses that need water. He said he would appreciate the board’s consideration in this matter.

*Nancy Ruppert* was present to invite the board to a meeting regarding agritourism in West End on April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**FY 04-05 Public Operating Assistance Program**

Chairman Maness recessed the regular session and call to order the public hearing regarding the FY 04-05 Public Operating Assistance Program. Mr. Russ Keeney was present from Randolph County Transportation to answer questions. Mr. Keeney said this amount has been reviewed by the committee the board appointed.

Commissioner Corbett asked if everything is on schedule. Mr. Keeney said we have the office and have ordered the computer, but a Transportation Coordinator has not been hired. No drivers have been hired.

Commissioner Corbett asked how many vans there are? Mr. Keeney said four. Mr. Corbett asked is the Council on Aging van can be used and Mr. Keeney said yes.

Commissioner Bostic said he is concerned about the dialysis patients that fall between the cracks of Medicaid. Can you help them? Mr. Keeney said yes, we very much hope we can help them. Mr. Bostic said he knows people that need transportation and churches try to help out. Mr. Keeney said there are people with tremendous needs.

Chairman Maness asked who is on the board? Mr. Matthews said Kathleen DeVore-Jones, Jim Sanders (Chairman), Bertha Cagle, Marie Deaton, Donna Strong, and himself.

Chairman Maness asked where the office will be located at? Mr. Keeney said the old Troy Town Hall.

Commissioner Bostic asked about the pay range. Mr. Keeney said from \$8.68 to \$12.50.

Commissioner Corbett asked the cost per mile. Mr. Keeney said a little more than that, but there is another grant that will help.

Chairman Maness said we have been waiting a long time for this.

Chairman Maness adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular session.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic and so the motion carried unanimously to apply for these transportation funds.

#### **Presentation from ALCOA to Sheriff's Department**

Mr. Gene Ellis from ALCOA presented Sheriff Jordan with a check for \$25,000 to purchase a patrol boat. Sheriff Jordan said he appreciated ALCOA's contribution.

#### **Presentation by Sandhills Area Mental Health**

Mr. Michael Watson gave the budget request for Sandhills Mental Health (which is the same as it has been \$108,500 (\$25,000 of that is an in kind contribution), gave an update on the mental health reform plan and explained the center's response to the reform request.

#### **Presentation on Community Justice Partnership Program**

Sheriff Jordan appeared before the board and invited the board to Camp E Ku Sume. Chairman Maness said the board has asked Mr. Matthews to call them and let them know we will be there.

Sheriff Jordan gave a presentation on the Community Justice Partnership Program (CJPP). He said there are state grant funds that are used for the day reporting program, pretrial screenings, the GED program, etc. This program has been going on since 1996. He said last year we were awarded \$61,759. This year the request is for \$81,759. It is time to reapply for it again.

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Community Justice Partnership Grant application.

#### **Tax Report**

*Vickie Maness requested approval for the following:*

- a) request approval to take out executions on all delinquent 2002 real estate taxes under foreclosure;
- b) request to record judgments on all delinquent 2003 real estate taxes.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the request approval to take out executions on all delinquent 2002 real estate taxes under foreclosure; and the request to record judgments on all delinquent 2003 real estate taxes.

#### **Approval of Wastewater Operations Budget for FY 04**

Mr. Matthews explained that after talking with Finance Officer Cathy Baxter, they decided that setting up another budget would not be necessary, that it could be done within the existing water budget. In a motion made by Commissioner Knight, seconded by Commissioner Corbett and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments to set up the Wastewater Operations Budget for FY 04.

#### **Approval of Budget Amendments**

##### **Health Department**

In a motion made by Commissioner Knight, seconded by Commissioner Bostic and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments for the Health Department (Family Planning, 21,205 and Child Care Health Consultant Program, \$673).

##### **Sheriff's Department**

The Sheriff requested an additional \$12,000 to be added to his budget for vehicle repair and maintenance. Sheriff Jordan said they have had an unusual year. He said I believe this is the first time I have come and asked for more money. Chairman Maness said you are not talking about moving money around, you are asking for more. The Sheriff said yes, there is no where in the budget to get it from. Mr. Matthews said it will have to come from fund balance there is no extra revenues that have come in. Commissioner Bostic said this is not for just one car is it? The Sheriff said no, this is for the entire fleet.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the transfer of \$12,000 from fund balance into the Sheriff's Department budget for repair and maintenance of vehicles.

**Items Carried Forward from the Work Session**  
**Double Sewer Charge on Lots at Twin Harbor**

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following:

Those owners that have more than one lot at Twin Harbor will not be charged a double minimum sewer charge (unless it is being used.).

Town of Troy

Mr. Matthews explained that the Town of Troy requested that they be allowed to connect approximately 24 customers from their old galvanized line on NC 109 (north of Brown's Mowers) to the county's 8" line. These customers would continue to be Town of Troy's customers, but Troy would pay the county for water used in this area. Troy has agreed to be responsible for any maintenance on this line that could be caused by these customers. Water billing and reading has been worked out with the water staffs. Also, in the Troy Business Park, Troy Millwork, Troy is also requesting that Troy Millwork be tapped onto the county's line, and the town will maintain it, and it would be simpler because the sewer bill will come from the town.

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried 4-1 to allow Troy to tap onto the above stated county water lines. (Voting For: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Maness, Commissioner Corbett. Voting Against: Commissioner Bostic).

**Airport Lease**

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Bostic and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the assignment of the lease.

**I 73-74 Association**

Chairman Maness asked where the money will come from. Mr. Matthews explained that it could come from fund balance.

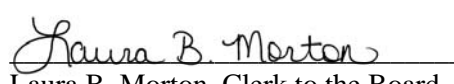
Commissioner Bostic made a motion to table this issue until budget time. The motion failed for lack of a second.

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried 4-1 to send \$1,000 to the I 73-74 Association. (Voting For: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Maness, Commissioner Corbett. Voting Against: Commissioner Bostic).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
William D. Maness, Chairman



  
Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board