

**Executive Session**  
**October 27, 2004**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in an executive session on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. All members were present but Commissioner Knight and he could not attend due to medical reasons. Chairman Maness called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Corbett moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This motion is made pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11(a)(6). A second to the motion was made by Commissioner Bostic; and so the motion carried unanimously to go into executive session.

Present in the executive session were Chairman Maness, Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Bostic, and Commissioner Morris, County Attorney Russ Hollers, and Clerk Laura Morton.

Chairman Maness closed the executive session and called the emergency meeting back to order. Mary Anderson from the Courier Tribune and Bill Lindau from the Montgomery Post joined the meeting.

The following statement was read:

The commissioners have come out of closed session to inform you that the board has voted and agreed to dismiss Lee Matthews as county manager. We feel that this is the best for Montgomery County. All commissioners together will actively pursue a interim manager and full time manager effective immediately.

Mrs. Anderson said there is no contract with Mr. Matthews, he was working "at the will" of the board. Chairman Maness said yes. We feel this is the best for the county. She also asked about his health insurance. Attorney Hollers said he will have whatever he is entitled to.

Mr. Lindau asked what if he is not convicted? Chairman Maness said we will address that issue at that time.

Mrs. Anderson asked if Mr. Matthews is aware of this? Chairman Maness said he will be informed. She asked if the decision was unanimous. Mr. Maness said yes it was unanimous.

Mr. Lindau asked the board if they had ever had a case like this? Attorney Hollers said no. He also asked if the county was going to do their own investigation. Chairman Maness said it is not necessary, the Sheriff's Department/SBI are investigating this situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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William D. Maness, Chairman

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Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board