

Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting
April 19, 2005 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Chairman – William D. Maness
Vice Chairman – Sally M. Morris
Commissioner – Dolon W. Corbett
Commissioner - R.C. Bostic

Commissioner – George H. Knight, Jr.
County Manager - Lance Metzler
Finance Officer – Cathy S. Baxter
County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in a regular session. A full board was present. Chairman Maness called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Jack Robinson, Director of Mission from the Montgomery Baptist Association gave the invocation.

Minutes

There were no minutes ready for approval

Introduction of the County Manager

Chairman Maness introduced the new county manager Lance Metzler. At this time I would like to formally introduce to you our new county manager Lance Metzler. Lance grew up in the Candor area and is a 1989 graduate of East Montgomery High School. Lance has a BS in urban/regional planning with a minor in business administration from East Carolina University, has taken courses in economic development from Virginia Tech and is currently completing a master's degree in public administration from Old Dominion University. His first job in public administration was an internship for the Town of Troy in 1993, followed by the town manager position in Kingstree, S.C., where he was one of the youngest town managers in the state. Following his three years there, he moved to the town manager position in West Point, Va., before his appointment as county administrator in Northampton, Va. in January 2000. Lance is married and has two children.

Public Forum

Cathy Baxter also welcomed our new county manager. She also wanted to thank Billy Maness for everything he has done, and presented him with a gift certificate.

Bruce Turner was present. He asked the board if they had any questions regarding the comments he made at the last public forum. He also thanked the board for the courtesy they have shown him. He also welcomed Mr. Metzler back into the county. Mr. Turner said it is good to see bright students from our county come back. We need that kind of brain power.

Larry Mabry also welcomed Mr. Metzler back into the county. He said many people have different ideas and he hoped there could be a compromise.

Pam Hill with CJPP appeared before the board and returned the \$16,000 the board approved for the program because additional funding from the state was received.

Tony Charpentier from Cole Road appeared before the board with questions regarding county water. He said the areas of Cole Road, Post Office Road, and Old Barn Road are in need of county water.

Chairman Maness explained that Cole Road is on the list of proposed water lines.

Mrs. Gladys Marshall a resident of Faduma Street appeared before the board with many concerns regarding her neighborhood. She said there is no reason that Faduma Street can't be like Tremont Street with all of its renovations. She said everyone on Faduma Street is not bad. She said she appreciates Sheriff Jordan for everything he has done. She was concerned about drug activity and prostitution on her street. She said her community does not have a park for the kids to play. The Town of Troy says they are out of the city limits and there is nothing they can do to help them. She said she can't do it all by herself. She said the Sheriff's Department tore some of the houses down, but left the debris.

Chairman Maness asked Mr. Metzler to get with Mrs. Marshall and Commissioner Knight on this issue.

Mr. Metzler made several suggestions which include possibly setting up a satellite office for deputies.

Mr. Knight said the Sheriff's Department tore the houses down and left it. They are outside of the city limits. They pay taxes too.

Paul Shaw appeared before the board and also welcomed Mr. Metzler. He asked the board to look at the existing contract with the landfill operators and make sure during the negotiations that Montgomery County gets their fair share.

Nancy Rupert was present. She said I come before you tonight to request clarification about an item from your last meet on April 5, 2005. During the discussion about our county's 911 emergency services, there was interest expressed in hiring an emergency services coordinator, and I think I heard you vote in favor of that hiring. But the vote about the leadership of the 911 system, especially for the immediate future, was very unclear. I left the meeting confused about exactly what action had been taken, and why. Has there been a significant problem with the operation of our emergency services, such that a major and immediate change was unavoidable? Has there been an effort to adequately prepare directly-involved staff, so that this transition can be as seamless as possible? Sheriff Jordan's apparent surprise at the timing and extent of the planned changes implies that there may not have been complete preparation and planning. What impact on our county budget will there be for such a complete change? I ask these questions not to put anyone on the spot. As a taxpayer and a potential user of 911 services, I am simply and respectfully requesting that you allay my concerns that there

might be preventable confusion during this transition. Emergency services oft involves literal life-and-death situations, and not a single life should be jeopardized of less-than-thorough preparedness

Presentation from Uwharrie Environmental

Mr. Tom Flanagan with Uwharrie Environmental was present and requested the Commissioners set a public hearing regarding alternative sites for the landfill.

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried 4-1 to set a public hearing on June 7 at the regular session. This public hearing will be on the alternative sites only. The location of this public hearing will be in the courtroom at 6:00 p.m. (Voting for the motion: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Bostic, Commissioner Knight, Chairman Maness; Voting against the motion: Commissioner Corbett).

Nursing Home Committee Appointments

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to appoint Harvey Mack and Lucille Carter to serve on the Montgomery County Joint Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

DSS Presentation of the State Review of Child Family Services and Recognition of Children Services Staff

Mr. Jim Sanders, director of Social Services was present along with his staff from the Children Services Unit. Mr. Sanders commended his staff for their hard work. He said the State Review of Child Family Services was outstanding. He explained this unit has come a long ways and he commended their efforts.

Public School Budget Amendments #11 & #13

Dr. Lindsey Suggs was present to discuss the Public School Budget Amendments #11 & #13. In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Budget Amendments #11 & #13.

Resolution Supporting an Informational Sign for the Immer Community.

John Callicutt was present to present the following:

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

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

Informational Sign for “Immer” Community

WHEREAS, the Board has received requests from property owners in the Immer area of Montgomery County for the installation of an informational sign for the Immer Community located in the Flint Hill area; and,


WHEREAS, the Immer area encompasses a portion of northern Montgomery County;

WHEREAS, an informational sign identifying the “Immer” Community as a landmark would be beneficial to residents and commuters in the County.

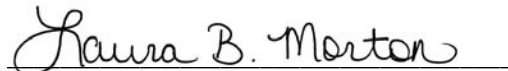
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider the installation of an information sign for “Immer” located in the Flint Hill area.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of April, 2004.




William D. Maness, Chairman
Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board
Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

CJPP – Montgomery County Day Reporting Center
(Public Forum)

Items Carried Forward from the Work Session

Chiller Issue - \$16,000 – In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to spend \$16,000 to repair the air conditioning problem at the Health Department.

Chairman Maness reminded the board of the upcoming budget hearings and the reception for Lance Metzler Thursday, April 21.

There being no further business, Chairman Maness adjourned the meeting.

William D. Maness, Chairman

Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board