The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday June 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Due to COVID 19, the meeting was held at the Adult Literacy Center. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

Donnie Daniels led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the May 11, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the May 29, 2020 called meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Reports, Drew James from Toombs Montgomery EMS reported there were 91 calls in Montgomery County in May. Mr. James reported COVID 19 has slowed the production of the new ambulance down and it will be August before the chassis is sent to Custom Body Works. Mr. James will keep the Board informed on the new ambulance.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported there has been about 30 inches of rain in the County since January. Mr. Daniels reported there were 28 fire calls including wrecks and traffic control. Mr. Daniels reported that on three different days there has been a COVID 19 testing site set up. About 220 people were tested and there were 11 positive cases reported. Mr. Daniels applied for a grant for Duracell batteries. GEMA gave the County 9,000 masks. These masks are made by Hanes and are not the N-95 masks. He also has picked up some food boxes for anyone in need. The County applied for and has received a grant through Hazard Mitigation for an early warning weather siren. This will be installed at Brewton Parker College and reach out about a mile and a half.

The Board reviewed the road work orders, complaints and projects list.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported he still has an open position for a truck driver. He is going to have all the road department employees get their CDL’s. Commissioner Palmer told the Board we have a chance to get 15-20 loads of cement rip rap from a contractor in Denton at no cost. Mr. Fountain will schedule the trucks to pick up this cement rip rap. Mr. Fountain told the Board the John Deere mower is down again.

The Board reviewed the financial reports.
Under Old Business, on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board denied the request to accept a private road into the County’s road system made by Mickey Moore, Gina Foster, and Gordon Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed quotes from Seamless Gutters and More, LLC for $1,200.00 and from Bryant Insulation for $2,693.00 for repair on the Tax Commissioner’s office ceiling insulation problem. On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board accepted the quote from Seamless Gutters and More, LLC for $1,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new Business, the Board tabled the appointments to the Library and DFACS boards.

After receiving a recommendation from Toombs-Montgomery EMS Director Drew James, the Board reappointed Jonathan Holland to the Region 5 EMS Council for a three-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board tabled the request from Toombs County Extension to pay their County Agent a stipend of $500.00 plus travel to serve Montgomery County until Montgomery County can get an agent. The Board would like to have more information from UGA before making any decision.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to continue the contract with the University of Georgia for a County Extension Program Assistant. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas, and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion because he did not have enough information. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to accept the contract with the Department of Corrections for an inmate work detail in the amount of 49,318.00. Motion carried unanimously. This contract has increased by $10,000.00.

The Board discussed the lights at the walking trail. County Manager Brandon Braddy will get quotes on replacing the lights that are not working and replacing all the lights.

The Board received the following quotes for paving Largo Drive and Ashley Alley including Toombs County’s portion:

Sikes Brothers: $349,028.14
Littlefield Construction: $470,121.44

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to adopt the contract from Sikes Brothers for $349,028.14 for paving Largo Drive and Ashely Alley. This is a CDBG project. Motion carried unanimously.
On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to adopt a reimbursement agreement with Toombs County to pave Toombs County’s portion of Largo of Largo Drive and Ashley Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to accept the ACCG-IRMA insurance renewal for $86,900.00, an increase of $7,188.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the resolution (Res. No 20-06-01) to call for a special election for the Sunday sale of beer and wine. Commissioners Adams, Kenney and Palmer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Thomas and Williamson voted against the motion. Motion carried.

County Manager Brandon Braddy requested the Board move the July 13, 2020 meeting to a later date because he will be out of town and will not be able to prepare for the meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Adams the Board agreed to move the July 13, 2020 meeting to July 20, 2020. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas, and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 26, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Adult Literacy Center, Mt Vernon, Ga. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the USDA Loan / Grant to purchase a new ambulance.

Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the USDA Loan / Grant with Donald Shepard with USDA Rural Development by telephone conference.

The cost of the new ambulance and stretcher is $181,100.00. The County will receive a $50,000.00 loan / grant if the application is accepted leaving $131,100.00 to be financed at a rate of 2.375%. The County should know by the end of today, June 26, 2020, if the $50,000.00 will be obligated to Montgomery County for the new ambulance.
On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to adopt a resolution (Res. No. 20-06-02) to finance the ambulance and stretcher and to authorize Chairman Adams to execute the documents. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.