

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 24, 2015

INFORMATION SESSION

Chairman Dean called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. The meeting was held at the Montgomery County Administration Building and Courthouse Annex III.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Dean, Vice Chairman Harris, and Members Hall and Williams were present. Commissioner Walker was absent recovering from surgery.

COMMENTS FROM SCHEDULED ATTENDEES, STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS FROM ADMINISTRATOR MIMS AND DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION

Administrator Mims briefed the Commission regarding items on the agenda.

Chairman Dean thanked former City Councilman Leu Hammonds and Probate Judge Steve Reed for moving so expediently in helping him arrange for an additional voting precinct in District Two which will be located at the Rufus A. Lewis Library, 3095 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, Alabama. He noted that the additional voting location will enable citizens to vote without having to travel as far to a polling place.

Administrator Mims informed the Commission that Probate Judge Steven Reed would like to place a position fill request for a Director of Elections on the next agenda. Vice Chairman Harris noted that Judge Reed set the bar high when he hired former Director of Elections Daniel Baxter and he encouraged him to find a new director who can bring as much to the county as Mr. Baxter.

Vice Chairman Harris told his fellow commissioners that there is need to call another Special Call Meeting for next Monday, November 30th, because the polling place he suggested as an additional site for his district is unavailable. He said that the new site, which has been inspected and approved by Probate Judge Reed, will be at the Kingdom Enforcement Worship Center which is located at 4530 Virginia Loop Road, Montgomery, Alabama. In order to meet the December 1st deadline, the meeting would need to be held on November 30th. Administrator Mims said that that date would allow for the required five day notice to the media. County Attorney Tyrone Means asked that the information session start at 9:00 a.m., with the formal session at 9:30 a.m., to better accommodate a scheduling conflict he has for that date. The Commission agreed.

Chairman Dean requested that Judge Reed's position fill request for Director of Elections be added to the November 30th Special Call Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed.

Vice Chairman Harris thanked Judge Reed, acknowledging that it was short notice but that the new voting precinct would allow approximately 10,000 people in his district a more convenient and accessible place to vote.

Chairman Dean acknowledged Administrator Mims' son, Nathan, and welcomed him to the meeting.

Administrator Mims reminded the Commission of the regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, December 7th and Monday, December 21st.

Chairman Dean stated that the Commission is good about giving praise and compensation to those who have done an outstanding job. He then told his fellow commissioners that County Engineer George Speake is requesting a three step pay increase for Assistant County Engineer James Kelley. Chairman Dean said that when the County hired James Kelley we got a trained engineer who has a great relationship with the state's transportation department since he worked there prior to coming to work for the county. Chairman Dean requested that Engineer Speake's request for a three step pay increase for Assistant County Engineer Kelley be added to the November 30th Special Call Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed.

County Engineer Speake noted that over \$9 million of federal funds have been given to the county since James has been on the MPO board.

Assistant County Engineer James Kelley thanked the commission. He also stated that the outer loop should be opened in January and that the signs have gone up advising travelers that paving work will soon begin on Mt. Zion Road.

RECESS TO FORMAL SESSION

Chairman Dean recessed the Information Session to the Formal Session.

FORMAL SESSION

Chairman Dean welcomed everyone to the Formal Session.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Vice Chairman Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Williams.

County Administrator Mims called Roll to establish a quorum, and the following Commissioners were present: Chairman Dean, Vice Chairman Harris and Members Hall, and Williams. Commissioner Walker was absent recovering from surgery. Also present were County Attorney Tyrone C. Means and County Engineer George C. Speake.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSION – ADOPTED RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND APPROVING A NEW POLLING PLACE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT TWO REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN ELTON N. DEAN, SR.

Administrator Mims presented the following memorandum and corresponding resolution:

November 20, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Commission

FROM: Donald L. Mims
County Administrator

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving Modifications to Precinct Boundaries and Approve a New Polling Place in Montgomery County Commission District Two

The Montgomery County Commission, at its meeting on November 16, 2015, requested to have a Special Call Meeting to consider adoption of a Resolution approving modifications to Precinct boundaries and approve a new polling place in Montgomery County Commission District Two represented by Chairman Elton N. Dean, Sr.

County Attorney Tyrone C. Means and Assistant Director of Elections Christopher Turner have reviewed and approved the Resolution.

I am requesting adoption of this item.

Attachment

End of Memorandum

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND APPROVING A NEW POLLING PLACE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT TWO REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN ELTON N. DEAN, SR.

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama 1975*, §17-6-2 provides that: “The governing body of each county shall establish precincts, define the territorial limits for which each precinct is established, prescribe their boundaries using the most recent federal decennial census tract and block map and designate the precincts. The governing body of each county shall by resolution adopt the establishment and boundaries of each precinct”; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Commission has heretofore entered into a Service Agreement authorizing and directing that Alabama State University Center for Leadership and Public Policy draft proposed modifications to precinct boundaries within Montgomery County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modifications of District Two, which is currently represented by Chairman Elton N. Dean, Sr., shall result in a precinct that is more convenient to voters by reducing congestion plus easing and reducing the commute to the polling place. The proposed modifications shall reduce the eligible voting population by changing the current boundaries of Precinct 203 which shall retain its same polling place located at the Hayneville Road Community Center, 3315 Hayneville Road, Montgomery, Alabama. An additional precinct, Precinct 211 composed of voters formerly in Precinct 203 shall be created. The polling place for Precinct 211 shall be located at the Rufus A. Lewis Library, 3095 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, Alabama; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, after careful consideration of the matter, the Montgomery County Commission does hereby authorize the proposed modifications to the precinct boundaries of Precinct 203 in Montgomery County Commission District Two and approve the creation of new Precinct 211, with a polling place located at the Rufus A. Lewis Library, 3095 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, Alabama, as prepared by Alabama State University Center for Leadership and Public Policy effective November 25, 2015, for County, State and Federal Elections, which is described in the attached census block schedule containing 6 pages and shown on the attached map.

See the attached exhibits. Exhibit A - Map of District Two Original Precinct Plan Adopted October 11, 2011; Exhibit B – Map of District Two Proposed Final Plan – Precinct 203 and 211; Exhibit C – Census Block Schedule, Montgomery County Precincts 203 and 211 Final Plan.

We hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Montgomery County Commission on this the 24th day of November, 2015.

End of Resolution

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Harris and unanimously approved by the Commission. (Copies of Exhibit A, B, and C, Agenda Pages 1-3 through 1-10, are attached to these Minutes.)

COUNTY COMMISSION – APPROVED PAYMENT OF 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES TO LEADERSHIP ALABAMA FOR VICE CHAIRMAN DANIEL HARRIS, JR.

Administrator Mims requested approval of payment of 2015-2016 membership dues in the amount of \$175 to Leadership Alabama for Vice Chairman Daniel Harris, Jr.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously approved by the Commission. (Copy of 2015-2016 Membership Dues Invoice, Agenda Page 2-1, is attached to these Minutes.)

COUNTY COMMISSION – APPROVED MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS
REPROGRAMMING REQUESTS

Administrator Mims requested approval of the following miscellaneous appropriations reprogramming requests:

November 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Commission

FROM: Donald L. Mims, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Appropriations Reprogramming Requests

I am requesting authority to reprogram the following from fund code 001-59320-498 (Agency, Miscellaneous Appropriations) and to sign the contracts:

C-2016-27: HGHG Inc., to Provide Education and Support to Brain Injury Patients and their Caregivers - \$2,000; (Dean-\$500 and Williams-\$1,500)

C-2016-28: Montgomery Community Action Agency, for Community Service Programs - \$6,000; (Dean)

NC-2016-64: City of Montgomery Parks and Recreation Department, for Old Selma Road Community Center for Senior Citizens Activities - \$800; (Dean)

NC-2016-65: City of Montgomery, to be used by BONDS to Support Greater McGehee Estates, with Funding to Promote the Community Enhancement and Beautification Programs/Projects - \$1,000; (Harris)

End of Memorandum

Vice Chairman Harris made a motion to approve the requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously approved by the Commission.

COUNTY COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS – APPROVED BUDGET CHANGE
REQUEST NUMBER 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO THE MONTGOMERY
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND
PROMOTION OF TOURISM COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

Administrator Mims requested approval of Budget Change Request Number 15, for \$60,000 to The Montgomery Improvement Association Foundation, County Commission Appropriations.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Harris and unanimously approved by the Commission. (Copy of Budget Change Request, Agenda Page 4-1, is attached to these Minutes.)

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS AND ATTENDEES

Commissioner Hall thanked Assistant County Engineer James Kelly for his service to Montgomery County. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Williams told the audience good morning. He congratulated Assistant County Engineer James Kelly and stated that Mr. Kelley and Mr. Speake have been a great help over the years within his district. Commissioner Williams wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded them to remember those who are without.

Chairman Dean thanked Sheriff's Office Grant Writer Regina Walker for her work at the Thanksgiving Day Parade. He mentioned that there would be a letter written to Strivers Ford for lending the Commission the car used during the Thanksgiving Day Parade. He told the audience that the former Director of the Elections Center Daniel Baxter changed the whole scope of the Elections Center and that he raised the bar for the next director. He applauded Administrator Mims, County Engineer George Speake, the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads for hiring skilled people. He applauded Revenue Manager Terri Henderson and told the audience that the Commission hears all kinds of accolades for the work she is doing in the Revenue Department. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Chairman Harris informed the audience that the Commission is trying to make a deadline of December 1st to make sure the citizens of District 1 have better access to the polling place. He stated that we elect people to make decisions in the County and that is why they have held a Special Call meeting today and will be holding another on November 30th. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Dean expressed his appreciation for the work former City Councilman Leu Hammonds has done regarding the new precincts.

Vice Chairman Harris told Mr. Hammonds that he couldn't have opened two new polling places and added an additional precinct without him. He thanked him for all that he has done.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Montgomery County Commission on November 24, 2015, at 9:42 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously approved by the Commission.

EXHIBIT A

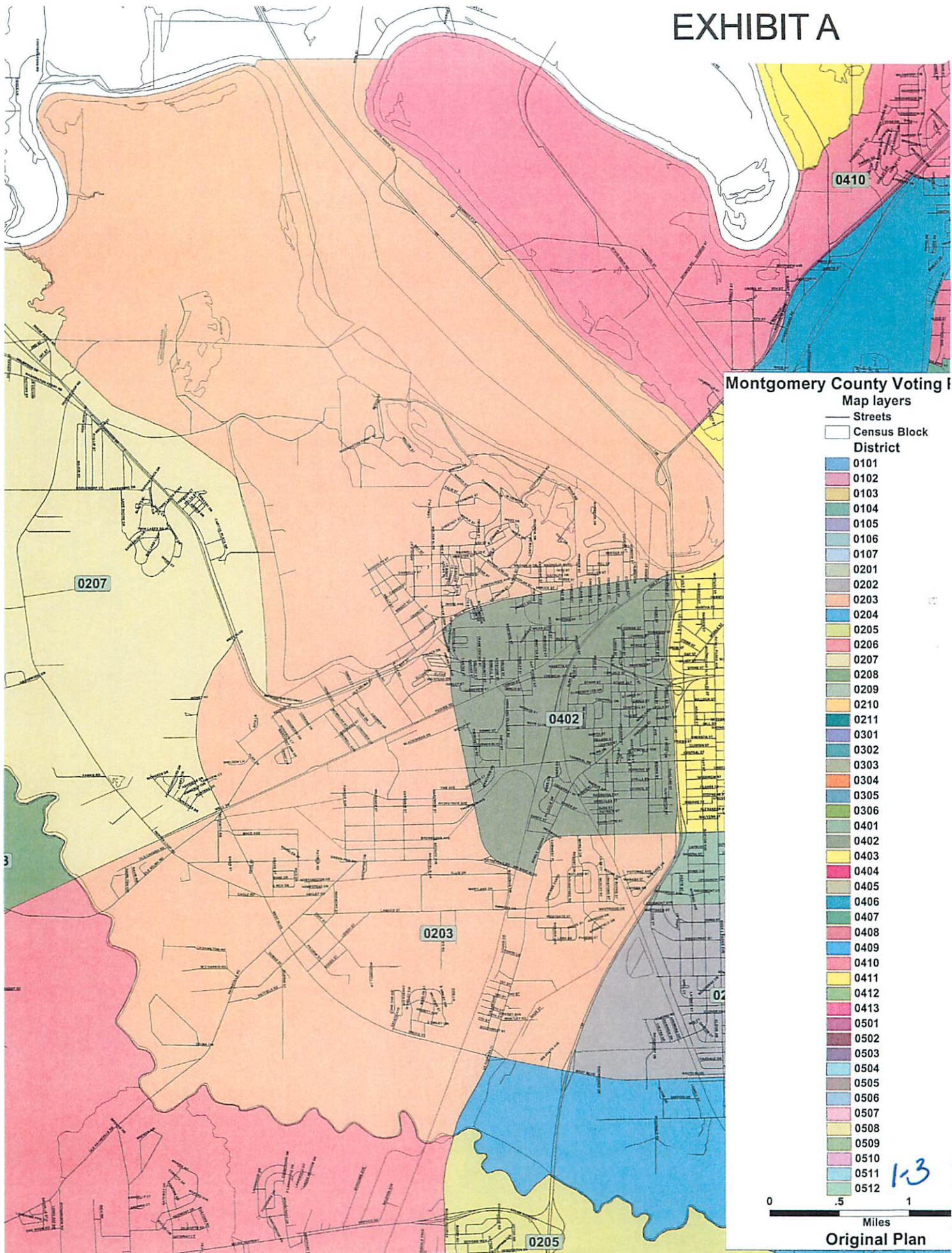


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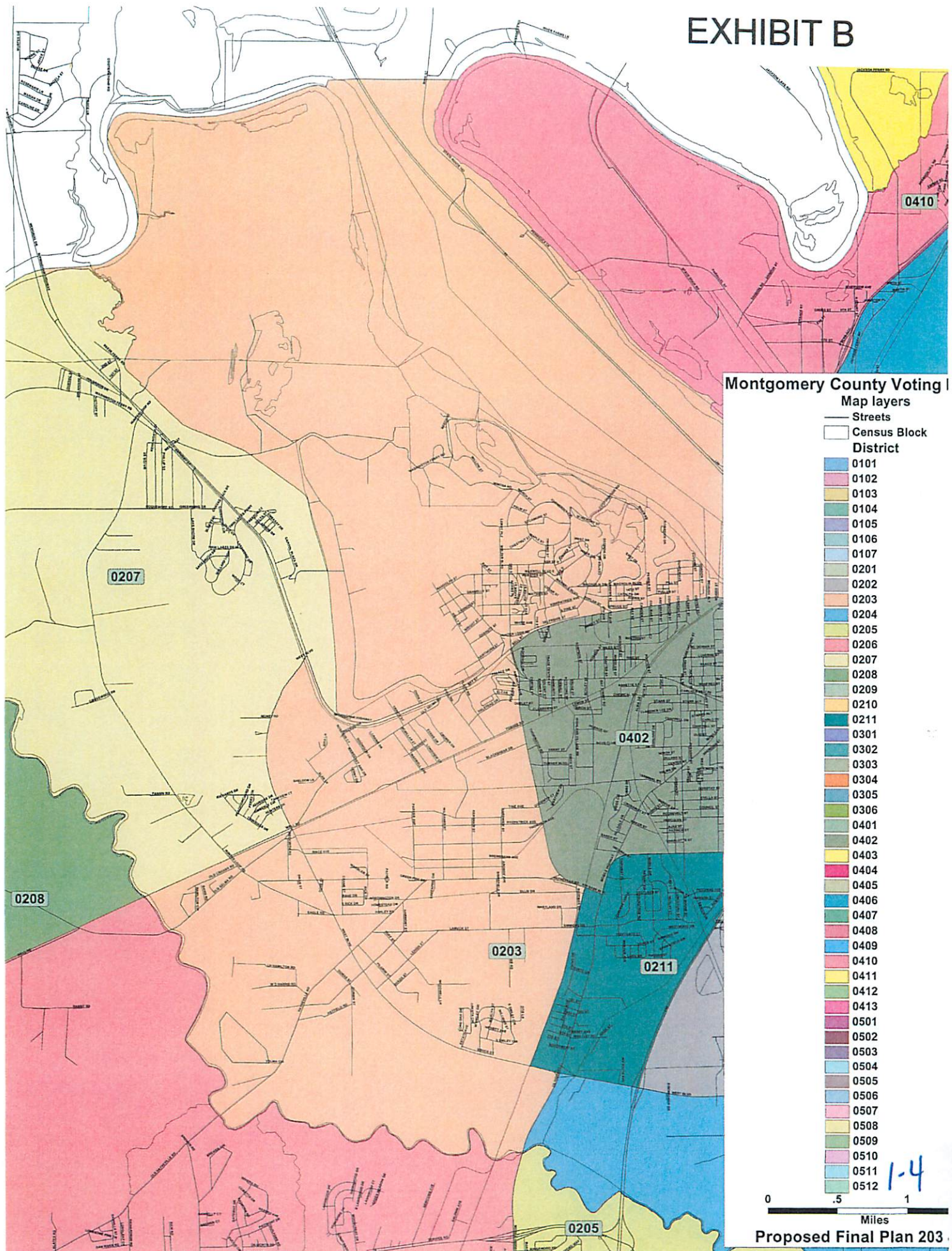


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AGENDA

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REMINDER

Mr. Daniel Harris Jr.
Vice Chairman, District 1
Montgomery County Commission
3857 Colline Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116

2015-2016 Membership Dues	\$ 175.00
2015-2016 Contribution	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

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BUDGET FORM 5

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER 15

DEPARTMENT:	County Comm Appropriati	REVIEWED:	S. Thomas	11/19/2015
DATE:	11/19/2015		Finance Director	Date
REQUESTED BY:	Donald L. Mims	APPROVED:		
Elected Official/Dept. Head		Administrator		Date

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	REVISED BUDGET
The Montgomery Improvement Association Foundation	001-56120.450	0	60,000	60,000
Fund Balance	001-59310.498		(60,000)	
TOTAL		0	0	60,000

JUSTIFICATION:

Budget for an appropriation to the Montgomery Improvement Association Foundation from General Fund reserves for educational activities and promotion of tourism commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting stood adjourned until Monday, November 30, 2015, at 8:00 in the morning.



Administrator



Chairman