

MINUTES
January 3, 2012
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2012 at 6:02 pm with the following present: Chairman James Vaughn, Vice-Chairman Larry Evans, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Patsy Miller, Commissioner Joe Proctor, County Attorney Mike Dillon and County Clerk/Administrator Anita Buice.

Tiffany Andrews, Chamber of Commerce/Development Authority

Ms. Andrews approached the Board with a request to help fund a marketing campaign to promote Forsyth/Monroe County as the “Public Safety Capital of Georgia”. Commissioner Miller made a motion to match the City of Forsyth’s portion of \$4000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 3-2 with Chairman Vaughn and Commissioner Ham opposed. Commissioner Evans also remarked that Ms. Andrews will help in promoting the 2014 SPLOST Civic Center project that will be voted on in March.

Qualifying Fees

Commissioner Ham made a motion to set 2012 Election Qualifying Fees at 3% of the base salary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 5-0.

Budget Meetings

By general consensus, it was agreed to meet at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17th to review the proposed budget.

Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meetings

Commissioner Evans suggested changing one of the BOC meetings to a morning meeting. After Board discussion, Commissioner Evans made a motion to change the regularly scheduled BOC meetings to the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm and

the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am starting in February. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 5-0.

Accounts Payable Checks

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks # 43289-43373 in the amount of \$338,110.38. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Payroll/Status Change Reports

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the attached Payroll/Status Change Reports, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to waive the reading and approve the **Minutes of December 21st** with the following changes: the vote for the auditing firm included FY2011 and FY2012; the approval for redistricting included the proposed maps, and for any other changes to come before the Board within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Middle Georgia Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee

Commissioner Ham made a motion to appoint Judge Hugh Sosebee to the Middle Georgia Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Commissioner Ham made a motion to appoint Commissioner Patsy Miller to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Commissioner Ham made a motion to appoint **Moses Pennington** to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to appoint **Loren NeSmith** to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to appoint **Alfred Gantt** to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to appoint **Buck Wilder** to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals as an alternate, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0.

Hospital Authority

Commissioner Evans made a motion to reappoint Rebecca Corley and Dr. Craig Caldwell to the Hospital Authority. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 5-0.

Forsyth/Monroe County Library Board

Commissioner Miller made a motion to reappoint Kenny Walker to the Forsyth/Monroe County Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 5-0.

Monroe County Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Proctor reappointed Philip Brewster. Commissioner Miller reappointed Catherine Sanders. Commissioner Evans reappointed Connie Gantt. Commissioner Ham reappointed Harold Benson. Chairman Vaughn reappointed Doris Ogletree.

Monroe County Recreation Board

Commissioner Proctor reappointed Raymond Layman. Commissioner Evans reappointed LaMarcus Davis. Commissioner Ham reappointed Rob DeReieux.

Chairman Vaughn reappointed Ken Boyer. Commissioner Miller tabled her appointment until a later time.

County Attorney

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to appoint Michael A. Dillon as County Attorney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Fire Chief

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to appoint Ronald Norris as Fire Chief, motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0. Commissioner Evans asked Chief Norris to find ways to initiate more volunteer participation in the Shi Road area.

Road Superintendent

Commissioner Evans made a motion to appoint Sid Banks as the Road Superintendent, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 5-0.

County Clerk/Administrator

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to appoint Anita Cauthen as County Clerk/Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0.

Sunday package sales of Alcohol

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to add Sunday Package Sales of Alcohol to the next available county wide ballot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 3-2 with Chairman Vaughn and Commissioner Miller opposed.

Harbour Shores and Brushy Creek Subdivisions

Commissioner Proctor informed the Board that he has been approached by several residents of the High Falls area concerned with the proposed industrial park bordering High Falls Lake in Butts County, Lamar County and Monroe County. The property is owned by the Butts County Development Authority. After some discussion, it was

agreed that Commissioner Proctor send a letter to Butts County expressing opposition to the development.

Edge Road

Commissioner Miller requested that County Attorney Mike Dillon contact the owner of the right of way for Turk Creek Estates on Edge Road and ask that he deed it either to the County or to the owner of the lot it is attached to.

“Synthetic Marijuana”

Commissioner Ham advised the Board of legally sold herbs in convenience stores, packaged as incense that is being misused as a drug. He stated legislature is addressing this problem but wanted to make sure parents and grandparents were aware of the hazards.

At 6:55 pm, the Board adjourned on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 5-0.