

MINUTES
Monroe County Board of Commissioners
November 3, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 3, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, County Attorney Michael Dillon, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Dr. Pricilla Doster, speaking on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Town and County Garden Club, requested that the Board agree to plant **Forsythia** on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Evans explained that the Courthouse Renovation Committee has prepared a plan for the landscaping that includes four Forsythia bushes around the statue of the Confederate Soldier. He explained that the Committee did not want any shrubbery that would grow too large for security purposes. He also invited Dr. Doster and any other interested parties to the next Committee meeting being held on November 11, 2009 at 10:00 am. Chairman Vaughn added that if the Forsythia planted does become an issue, it can always be replaced and that a plan should be able to be worked that would not interfere with security

Commissioner Ham addressed Dr. Doster about grant monies to clean the **Confederate Soldier statue** on the Courthouse lawn. Dr. Doster replied that she is still seeking funding but grant applications require an anticipated amount and one was not available. Commissioner Ham made a motion to find an expert on bronze and stone cleaning to give specifics on the process and to format a Request for Proposals for a bid package. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to fund repairs to the **Monroe County Jail** in the amount of \$10,951.36 (attached) with Jail Fine Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **budget amendments** (attached) to cover funds expended for the damaged roads during the flooding in April and to transfer funds from infrastructure to Road and Bridge maintenance services for work on

Dyas School Road and Pine Grove Church Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer the cost of a van for the Sheriff's Office from Capital Contingency to Motor Vehicle Equipment in the amount of \$31,704. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer \$284,560 from Contingency to Legal Services, Other Professional Services, Accounting and Auditing, Dues and Fees and Bank Service Charges. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer \$9,300 from Contingency to Rent, Telephone and Energy to cover the costs of relocation the Clerk of Courts office during renovations of the Courthouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer \$29,493.49 from Contingency to Salaries and Fica to cover the amount over in Magistrate due to a discrepancy on the calculation of an employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer \$870 from Contingency to Telephones to cover the amount over in Probate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer \$309 from Interest to Principal. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer funds from Contingency to General Supplies to cover the cost of the Health Fair sponsored by the Board of Commissioners Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the **budget amendment** (attached) to transfer funds from Contingency to Courthouse Capital in the amount of

\$85,000 to continue with the renovations of the Courthouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable checks** #35003-35166 in the amount of \$414,826.60. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes of October 20, 2009. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2009 with any corrections to come before the Board within 30 days. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn announced that he will reappoint the current members of the Middle Georgia Regional Commissioner to serve another term.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the contracts (attached) with **John R. Walker** for the water line extensions in Districts 2, 3 and 4 contingent on approval from the County Attorney. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the low bidder, **Phoenix Fabricators & Erection**, in the amount of \$584,657 to construct the proposed Blount Water Tower with \$40,000 to come from money set aside in the 2009 budget for the tower. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the **Monroe County Library** to install a second fax line. Commissioner Peters made a motion to deny the request, motion died for lack of second. No action was taken on this matter.

The Board reviewed a request from the **Registrars Office** to upgrade the security of the office. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve payment to ACCG/GSIWCF in the amount of \$17,038 for **workers compensation**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve for advertising the tentative **2010 Budget**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve a **Proclamation honoring L. Cary Bittick**. Commissioner Ham seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

At 6:58 pm, Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and land acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

At 7:35 pm, Board reconvened into regular session.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **Christmas bonuses** for Monroe County employees in the amount of \$100 for full time employees and \$50 for part time. Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the following office Holiday closings: November 25rd at noon, December 23rd at noon and December 31st at noon. Employees are to use vacation or comp time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioners Bilderback and Peters left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the purchase of a **new server** for the County Office buildings. Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm, on motion by Chairman Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 3-0.