

MINUTES
December 6, 2011
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 6, 2011 at 6:01 pm with the following present: Chairman James Vaughn, Vice-Chairman Larry Evans, Commissioner Patsy Miller, Commissioner Joe Proctor, County Attorney Mike Dillon and County Clerk/Administrator Anita Buice.

Conditional Use Application

Commissioner Evans made a motion to begin the public hearing for the Conditional Use Application for a Motor Cross Training School located on Hwy 341 in Culloden (Map 006, Parcel 10). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0. Matt Walker, applicant, spoke in favor of the proposed use. He explained the 22 acre track would be in the middle of 154 acres and the noise level would never exceed 77 decibels at the property line. The purpose of the track would be for training only, not to hold events. He proposed that his hours of operation be from 10am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday, 11am to 4 pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday. He also stated that he would have no more than 15 riders on the track at once. Several parents of his current students were in attendance to speak for the application. Mr. Bob Harris of Culloden, stated that he was not in opposition to the application but did have a preference that the time be limited until 3 pm, instead of 4 pm and that no public events would be held on site, no stands or lights erected and that all environmental procedures be adhered to. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: Hours of Operation, Monday through Friday-10am to 4pm, Saturday-11am to 4 pm, closed on Sunday; the number of riders on the track will not exceed 15; decibel levels will not exceed 77 decibels at any property line. Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Proctor had concerns that the practice track will develop into something larger and the conditions will be hard to enforce. Commissioner Evans reiterated that if any condition was not met, Mr. Walker would cease operations. Motion as approved 3-1 with Commissioner Proctor voting against. Commissioner

Evans made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Rezoning Application

At 6:54 pm, Commissioner Evans made a motion to begin the public hearing on the Rezoning Application to change 425 Klopfer Road (Map 102, Parcel 18C and A) made by property owner Clay Balkcom. Mr. Balkcom explained that he would like to use a portion of his 17 acres to plant a blueberry farm or other similar business. Virginia Storey had concerns about Mr. Balkcom crossing over the property boundary lines. Chairman Vaughn explained that would be a matter for the courts. No one else spoke in opposition of the application. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0. Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0.

Request for refund of penalties and interest

The Board reviewed a request letter from Trini Hughes requesting a refund of penalties and interest from her 2009 property taxes and also reviewed a letter from the county attorney recommending denial of the request. Commissioner Evans made a motion to deny the request of penalties and interest. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Bid Results: Compactors and Roll Off Containers

The board reviewed bids (attached) received for compactors for the recycling centers. According to Solid Waste Director Dana Renaud, although Wastequip was the lower bidder, the quality of the containers was not of the same standard as is used currently. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve Baker's Waste Equipment as the winning bid but asked for the order to not be placed until the new budget year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

The Board then reviewed bids (attached) for Roll Off Containers for the recycling centers. Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept Nulife as the low bidder. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Discussion of full time house keeper position

The Board reviewed a request from the Maintenance Department to change two part time house keeping positions into one full time position. This would be an additional cost to the county of approximately \$9,000. After discussion, the board decided to consider the change as they work on the 2012 Budget.

Election Equipment and Software

The Board reviewed a request from Judge Pitman to purchase new equipment and software for elections funded with money from her budget. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0.

Request from the Georgia Department of Transportation

The Board reviewed a request for the County to certify ownership of right of way at seven locations that are in need of new DOT signs and markings. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller approved 4-0.

Accounts Payable Checks

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks # 42841-43149 in the amount of \$904, 784.89. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Budget Amendments

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the attached budget amendments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to waive the reading and approve the **Minutes of November 1st, November 8th, and November 21st**, and with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans 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 4-0.

Playground Equipment

The Board reviewed a proposal for two playgrounds for the Recreation Department to be purchased with SPLOST funds. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved 4-0.

Boxankle Drive

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to accept Boxankle Drive as a county road by right of prescription. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Deputies at voting precincts

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to authorize the Chairman to request the Sheriff's Office have deputies located at voting precincts during elections. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Jeffrey Way

Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept Jeffrey Way as a county road by right of prescription. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0.

Grand Jury Presentments

Commissioner Evans read aloud the Grand Jury presentments to be made part of the public record (attached).

Library Board

Commissioner Miller made a motion to reappoint Linda Harris to the Forsyth/Monroe County Library Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Monroe County Board of Health

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to appoint Dr. Jeremy Goodwin to the Monroe County Board of Health to replace Dr. J. Ray Grant and to present Dr. Grant with a plaque of appreciation for his service on the Health Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor and approved 4-0.

Public Appearances

Mr. Jim Jackson of Bolingridge Drive addressed the Board. He has concerns with the cost of fighting the county line issue and but wants to see it settled. He would like the Secretary of State to make a decision. He would also like the Board of Commissioners and the editor of the *Monroe County Reporter* to reconcile their differences.

Ms. Donna Welch of Dames Ferry Road gave an update on research conducted on uranium in well water and asked the Board to please keep the problem in the forefront.

At 7:43 pm, the Board adjourned by general concensus.