

MINUTES
Monroe County Board of Commissioners
February 16, 2010

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, County Attorney Mike Dillon, Zoning Officer John Kutscher, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Zoning Officer John Kutscher opened a public hearing for a **Conditional Use** application made by American Tower to locate a cell tower on Map 31, Parcel 12H (Hopewell Road, owner Charles Callaway). Mr. Kutscher explained the rules of the hearing and began by reading the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board (attached). Kim Bucciero of American Tower spoke in favor of the request explaining that it will be placed in an area that currently has poor cell reception service, will be a monopole with the height of 195', will not require a light and will be available to all cellular service carriers. Charles Callaway spoke in favor of the request, stating that his property is a tree farm and the tower will have a very large buffer. No one was present to speak against the application however Mr. Kutscher presented letters from concerned property owners about the effect of radiation from the tower. Ms. Bucciero explained that the base of a cell tower emits as much radiation as a baby monitor. Chairman Vaughn closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Application (attached) of American Tower and Charles Callaway with the following stipulations: a monopole to not exceed 195', not lighted, no guide wires, a planted evergreen buffer and must serve all carriers. Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0.

James Green, a Monroe County resident, addressed the Board concerning a small irregular size piece of property located on Hwy 83 South next to the Senior Center. Mr. Green stated he owns the adjoining property and would like to acquire the County's property to make his more usable. Commissioner Bilderback made a motion for the County Attorney to research the original deed and look for any reversion clauses that

would keep the County from declaring this property to be surplus. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 4-0 with Commissioner Peters commenting that Mr. Dillon should have an answer by the first meeting in March.

Dana Lynch, Monroe County Extension Office, addressed the Board with ideas concerning a **County Employee Wellness Program** and asked the County to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the **Monroe County Family Connections**. Commissioner Evans explained that Family Connections is run entirely through grants and donations and has strong ties with Workforce Development. Commissioner Evans then made a motion to approve Family Connections' request for Monroe County to serve as the fiscal agent, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 4-0. Ms. Lynch also would like the County to explore a possible office location for the group.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to designate the Monroe County Building Inspector as the **Unsafe Building Enforcement Officer**, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 4-0.

Ken Boyer, Vice Chairman of the **Monroe County Recreation Board**, requested the Board of Commissioners allow the concessions at the Recreation Park to be bid out instead of relying on volunteers. Chairman Vaughn motioned to have the Recreation Board confer with the County Administrator and Purchasing Officer to set the standards for the bids. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-0.

The Board discussed a **Mental Health Proposal** for the inmates at the Monroe County Jail. By general consensus, it was agreed to gather more information and to table until the next meeting.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks #36116-36334 in the amount of \$1,299,179.99 with the exception of #36193 to Jackson Metal Roofing and #36212 to Mendola and Associates. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **Budget Amendments** (attached), seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 4-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve the **Minutes of February 2, 2010** with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to purchase **storage containers** for the Maintenance Department, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 4-0.

By general consensus, the Board decided to have a **load bearing soil study** completed on the property to be used for the new administration building.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve JTM Grassing as the low bidder for **grassing and hydroseeding for 2010**. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Evans approved the write off an **uncollected accounts receivable** invoice to Mike Hoover in the amount of \$1001. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 4-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to pursue a **Minor Modification** to be able to place a new county animal shelter at the Monroe County Landfill. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-0.

Mr. Crusand, a Monroe County resident addressed the Board about the proposed **C&D Landfill in Lamar County**. Chairman Vaughn excused himself from the meeting. Vice Chairman Peters explained to Mr. Crusand and other area residents that the owners of the Landfill had not yet applied to the Environmental Protection Division for a permit so it was premature for Monroe County to do anything at this time.

Chairman Vaughn reentered the meeting.

Mick Ashmore, Monroe County resident asked that the Board investigate the formation of the Forsyth-Monroe County Building Inspection Department.

At 8:01 pm, Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to enter into **executive session for land acquisition**, seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-0.

At 8:08 pm, Commissioner reconvened in regular session on vote by Commissioner Bilderback, seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 4-0.

The meeting **adjourned at 8:09 pm** on motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 4-0.