

MINUTES
Monroe County Board of Commissioners
March 2, 2010

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, County Attorney Mike Dillon, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Hugh Mercer, County Surveyor, addressed the Board with information concerning Mr. James Green's request to declare the property beside the Senior Center **surplus property** so that he may acquire it. Mr. Mercer stated the property had no practical use except as a buffer as it was only 1600th of an acre. The Board then tabled the discussion until the next meeting so that the County Attorney would have the steps necessary for the county to consider the property surplus.

The Board then discussed **concessions** at the Recreation Department. Commissioner Evans made a motion to designate a County employee to oversee the operations of the concessions for 2010 and revisit the issue next year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and approved 4-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the final draft of the **County Charter** (attached). Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion and motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the agreement (attached) with **RiverEdge Behavioral Health Center** for the mental health care of the Monroe County inmates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve the requests of Judge Karen Pitman and of Tax Commissioner Lori Andrews to have their employees placed under the **Monroe County Personnel Policy** with exemptions (attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 4-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to have the Chairman send a letter to the Georgia Legislature opposing the bill to make Coroners Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the purchase of books for the **Monroe County Library**. Motion was withdrawn and tabled.

By general consensus, the Board agreed to hold a Called Meeting on Thursday, March 4th to discuss the **2010 County Budget** and any other business that may be necessary.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2010 with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and approved 4-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks 36335 -36457 (attached) in the amount of \$251,008.77. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **budget amendments** (attached). Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Evans commented on the presentation given by Captain Freeman of the Sheriff's Office and Elliot Chambliss of Emergency Services at the Road Department's Safety Meeting. He asked for the presentations to be given to the City of Forsyth to air on their cable station.

Commissioner Bilderback voiced his concerns with illegal **massage parlors** locating in Monroe County and asked that the Board consider stronger ordinances.

Several residents of Willow Lake subdivision addressed the Board with concerns about inconsistencies with their **water billing** and customer service. After a lengthy discussion, the Board assured the residents that the inconsistencies would stop now that the new meters were installed and that the Water department would respond to all calls.

Kathryn Crussand asked if the Board if Lamar County had contacted Monroe County about supporting them in opposing the proposed **landfill in Lamar County**. Chairman Vaughn excused himself from this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Peters stated that he had spoken with Commissioners Thrasher and Brown in Lamar County and that a letter from Commissioner Mathews is pending.

Chairman Vaughn rejoined the meeting.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to hire the **Family Connections Coordinator** as a County Employee and to house the office in Extension Services, seconded by Chairman Vaughn and approved 4-0.

At 7:37 pm Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 4-0.