

MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 20, 2010

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, County Attorney Mike Dillon, Zoning Officer John Kutscher, Human Resource Officer Janet Abbott and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Development Authority Attorney Charles Haygood presented to the Board a Resolution (attached) approving the issuance of **Revenue Bonds for Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Power Corporation and Gulf Power Company**. Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 5-0.

At 6:02 pm, Chairman Vaughn opened a public hearing for a **conditional use request from Ms. Barbara Sims of 53 Cricket Run (Map 29, Parcel 40)**. Mr. Kutscher explained that Ms. Sims wished to operate a hair salon from her home. Ms. Sims spoke on behalf of her application stating that she would be the sole stylist and would not expand the business to include any other operators. No one present spoke against the request. Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the application with the condition that the business is not expanded beyond the one stylist. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 5-0.

John Pope, Agent for the **Monroe County Extension Service**, addressed the Board concerning recent proposed budget cuts from the state. Mr. Pope stated the State has reconsidered the closing of 4-H offices and that the new proposed cuts will not be as drastic as once thought.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request of the Extension Office to add another line to their **county cell phone service**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the agreement (attached) with **Harbin Engineering, P.C.** Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve a grant application to the **Land and Water Conservation Fund** for a park to replace the parking lot between the Annex building and the Forsyth-Monroe County Library. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans reappointed Connie Gantt to her position on the **Recreation Board.**

Commissioner Ham appointed Alan Benson to the **Recreation Board.**

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Proclamation in Recognition of April as **National Donate Life Month** (attached). Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve payment to GebCorp for the **county retirement plan.** Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Bilderback questioned if the Board was interested in bidding out the service to find if there is a firm that would offer competitive rates. Chairman Vaughn suggested that Commissioner Bilderback first research how the retirement service works with GebCorp by attending a seminar held to explain their program. Motion was called and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks #36840-37007 in the amount of \$767,601.32. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to waive the reading and approve the **Minutes of April 6, 2010** with any corrections to be brought before the Board within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion for the County to apply for turn out gear through the **Assistance to Firefighters Grant.** Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Mr. Elmo Remick addressed the Board concerning problems on his property caused by the widening and paving of Maynard Church Road. He asked the Board to take the time to personally inspect the angle of the slope.

Mr. Mel Suddeth addressed the Board with concerns and suggestions on the Monroe County Animal Control Ordinance. Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Suddeth to write his suggestions and send to the Board for review.

At 6:48 pm, Commissioner Ham made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 5-0.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 6:59 pm on motion by Chairman Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the reorganization of the **Recreation Department** with new titles and job descriptions (attached) at the same amount of pay. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and approved 5-0.

Jill Thomason with **Family Connections** updated the Board with information on the National Day of Prayer, a community gathering at the Unionhill Apartments and an Autism Awareness fundraiser.

At 7:08 pm, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.