

MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 21, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Michael Bilderback, County Administrator Anita Buice, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine and County Attorney Mike Dillon.

Ms. Sonja Daugherty, representative of **Census Partnership**, addressed the Board about the importance of working together to ensure that all of Monroe County is counted in the 2010 census. She suggested forming a Complete Count Committee to spread the word about how the Census helps the citizens of the County with grants and other federal money. Commissioner Evans agreed with Ms. Daugherty and stated the County had a serious stake in the Census numbers and we would be proactive with making sure everyone was counted.

Commissioner Jim Ham arrived at 6:05 pm.

The Board then reviewed the one bid received to supply the County with **Radio Read Meters** and equipment. Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the bid from HD Supply (attached). Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion for M&E Construction (attached) to install the **Radio Read Meters**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to table the request of Chief Norris to install internet at Stations 3 and 6 until it could be determined if access to inappropriate sites can be blocked. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-1 with Commissioner Peters opposed.

Chairman Vaughn addressed the Board about the request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to install **a traffic signal** on Hwy 83 North at the new school. He explained that the Board of Education was willing to pay the electricity bill for the traffic signal if the County would bill them at the end of the year along with the

Crossing Guards. Commissioner Evans made a motion for Chairman Vaughn to sign the agreement with the DOT (attached), seconded by Commissioner Peters. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve a proclamation (attached) honoring **Dr. Patton Smith**, seconded by Commissioner Peters. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn made a motion to table the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce concerning the percentage disbursement of the **Hotel/Motel Tax** until the County Attorney had more time for review. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 4-1 with Commissioner Peters opposed.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to submit the following roads (attached) for the **2010 LARP** program: Maynards Mill Road, Tharpe Road, Hopewell Road, Taylor Road, Towaliga South Road, Indian Springs Drive, Country Creek Drive, Tommy's Trail, Sutton Road, Charles Johnson Road and Laura Lane. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the following to the Board of **DFACS**: Lisa Davis for term 7-1-08 through 6-30-13; Oreatha Sewell for term 7-1-09 through 6-30-14. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve **Accounts Payable** checks #33819-33958 (attached) in the amount of \$362,929.77. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve a **budget amendment** moving \$1600 from infrastructure to Road and Bridge Maintenance Services. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to waive the reading of the **Minutes** of July 7, 2009 and to approve said Minutes with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the following **Payroll Change Reports**: Tim Renolds/hired as part time firefighter, Ricky Corley/hired as temporary employee for Road Department, Sandra Maddox/hired as Registrar, Charles Edwards/transferred from Road Department to Maintenance, and Craig

Ellerbee/transferred from Building Department to Water Department. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn explained that the **Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition** had funds available to initiate a program to address mobile source pollution. Teaming with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Coalition proposes to use funds to replace the outdated engines in Brosnan Yard with new GENSET technology. Bilderback asked Chairman Vaughn to bring up our railroad bore fees at the next Middle GA Clean Air Coalition because he believes that the railroad should waive the bore fees to those counties that support this grant. The Commissioners further discussed the project and by general consensus agreed that the suggested project was the best way to utilize the funds.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to authorize Chairman Vaughn to sign all of the Agreements that will be necessary to finalize the reimbursement granted by **FEMA** for damages caused by the heavy rains in late March and early April. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to hire **NaturChem** (attached) to spray for weeds along dirt roads in the County. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to expend up to \$10,000 from contingency for repairs to the **Culloden Club House** and for windows at the **Bolingbroke Club House**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to take bids on the installation of insulation at the **Bolingbroke Fire Station**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

By general consensus, it was agreed that an ambulance would be posted at the Bolingbroke fundraiser on July 25th and the Culloden Fundraiser August 1st.

The Board then reviewed the status of the 2009 budget.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to not allow the **Bolingbroke Volunteer Fire Department** to have a government tag on their 2008 Ford F250. Bilderback stated the Bolingbroke Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc. was replacing an existing vehicle tag on their service truck and that the BVFD Inc. is eligible for a government tag/plate because it is certified and registered through the state of Georgia (records to that effect are available at

the GA Public Safety Training Center). Bilderback also stated all of BVFD Inc. vehicles have government tags and asked why this vehicle was different. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-1 with Commissioner Bilderback opposed.

At 7:12 pm, Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to convene in **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Commissioner Ham seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened in regular session on vote by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to purchase a full page ad in the October issue of the **ACCG Georgia County Government Magazine**. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

The Board agreed that September 29th would be an acceptable night to have a **State of City/County Forum** hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.