

Minutes
Monroe County Board of Commissioners
August 27, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in a Called Meeting on August 27, 2009 at 4:11 pm. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine, Account Clerk Ashley Wooley and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Chairman Vaughn presented an application for Byrne JAG Funding (attached) for the **Towaliga Judicial Circuit**. Commissioner Ham questioned if the County would receive a fee for administrating the grant for the Circuit and would be opposed to approving the application if a fee was not included. Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve the grant application and to agree to serve as administrator to the grant. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and motion passed 4-1.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to amend the previous motion to include the caveat that the grant is not to have any effect on current salaries of the Towaliga Judicial Circuit. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Peters was not in the room during the vote.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to exempt **First United Methodist Church** from property taxes due on a house and lot that will be used for expansion of the church contingent on verification of ownership of the church during the period asked for. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the **Towaliga Judicial Budget** for the same amount asked for in the previous budget. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

The Board then reviewed the proposed **2010 budget** and made the following changes to Revenues:

- 31.1320 Mobile Home Taxes increase from \$54,942 to \$60,000
- 31.1600 Real Estate Transfer Tax increase from \$30,000 to \$40,000
- 31.9500 FIFA increase from \$5,000 to \$12,000

32.2210 Zoning and Subdivision Fees from \$15,000 to \$20,000

34.1101 Clerk of Superior Court from \$138,500 to \$155,000

34.2901 Sheriff from \$310,000 to \$350,000

35.1110 Superior Court Fines from \$100,000 to \$150,000

35.1150 Probate Court Fines from 1,310,000 to 1,400,000

These increases changed the total revenue from \$20,739,858 to \$20,992,916.

The Board the made the following changes to capital contingency:

1565 Maintenance

Decrease amount for Bolingbroke Club House from \$3,700 to 0 (work completed in 2009)

Decrease the amount for the courthouse from \$51,270 to \$10,000

Remove two Exmark Lawn Mowers for a decrease of \$14,200

Remove two ext Crew Cab Long Bed trucks for a decrease of \$42,000

New total for Maintenance capital contingency is \$28,974 roof repairs on annex building (\$18,974) and remodeling of courthouse (\$10,000).

3300 Sheriff

Decrease the amount of 3 investigation vehicles (\$114,530) and reduce the amount of courthouse security from \$33,798 to \$3000.

New total for Sheriff Office capital contingency is \$121,770 to be used for three patrol cars (\$118,770) and courthouse security (\$3,000).

3500 EMS

Decrease amount of new headquarters and remounting of ambulance from \$250,000 to 0 and the amount to remount ambulance from \$90,000 to 0. Also decreased \$23,963 for three generators to 0.

New total for EMS is \$28,000 for extrication equipment.

4220 Road Department

Decreased the amount for motor vehicles from \$263,600 to \$32,600 and decreased other equipment from \$69,150 to \$63,500.

New total for Road Department is \$651,100 with \$5,000 for Sites, \$550,000 for Infrastructure, \$32,600 for two pick up trucks and \$63,500 for a 6' Bushhog.

6500 Library

Decreased the amount of new reading chairs from 55 to 30.

New total amount for library is \$4,890.

507 Water System

Decrease amount of new truck from \$22,000 to 0.

New total for Water System is 0.

504 Solid Waste

Decrease amount of motor vehicle equipment in SW Collection Centers from \$153,850 to \$18,850.

Decrease amount of motor vehicle equipment in Landfill from \$270,389 to \$22,000.

New total for Solid Waste is \$137,900 with \$97,050 for 6 compactors, \$18,850 for a truck for solid waste and \$22,000 for a 4x4 truck for the landfill.

The new total for Capital Contingency decreased from \$2,280,826 to \$1,034,372.

By General Consensus, the Board agreed to send a letter to the City of Forsyth requesting that a list of all the **city prisoners** boarded at the Monroe County Jail be sent to the County Finance office every month.

Commissioner Ham made a motion that an insert be included in the tax bills explaining why the **Homeowners Tax Relief** was not being funded by the State. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve a Proclamation (attached) announcing September as **Literacy Month**. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve a Proclamation in honor of **Tess Hammock, 2009 Teen Miss Georgia Forestry Queen**. Motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve a **budget amendment** moving \$10,000 from temporary employees to overtime in Tick Control. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Peters opposed.

Commissioner Bilderback made a motion to approve the following **budget amendments**: \$8,400 from Contingency to Rent to cover the cost of the temporary Probate Office, \$15,000 from Contingency to General Supplies to cover invoices from

2008 not paid until 2009 and \$910 from Contingency to telephone to cover the cost of the Board of Registrars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve **accounts payable checks** #34313-34438 in the amount of \$245,560.33 and to approve any utility payments received before the next meeting (this includes checks #34298-34312 in the amount of \$28,240.72 and also #34439-34446 in the amount of \$71,006.82). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to dispense with the regularly scheduled meeting for September 1, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans addressed the Board about the need to have a **Workforce Development Center** in Monroe County. Chairman Vaughn made a motion to use a room at the Headstart Center to house the Workforce Development Center. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to purchase three **marked patrol cars**, preferably Crown Victorias, for the Sheriff's Office with funds to come from Capital Contingency. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm on motion by Chairman Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.