

MINUTES
October 6, 2015
Regular Session

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Chairman Mike Bilderback, District 1 Commissioner Larry Evans, District 3 Commissioner John Ambrose, District 4 Commissioner Jarod Lovett, County Attorney Ben Vaughn, County Clerk/Administrator Anita Cauthen and Administrative Assistant Kelsey Fortner.

Acceptance of Hubbard Grant Award

Middle Georgia Regional Commission Government Service Specialist Crystal Gaillard brought forth the Community Development Block Grant Redevelopment Fund Program award letter and contract for the rehabilitation of the Hubbard Dormitory. Commissioner Evans excused himself from the meeting during this presentation. Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve acceptance of the award and the contract agreements, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 3-0.

Public Hearing: Variance, Childs, Map 48 Parcel 13A, 820 Blue Ridge School Road

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to open the Public Hearing for this application, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 3-0. Commissioner Evans rejoined the meeting. Jeanette Childs represented the Variance application for 820 Blue Ridge School Road asking to put a second home on a 1 acre tract. The property has an existing septic and well. No one was there in opposition. County Clerk/Administrator read the Zoning Minutes. Commissioner Evans motioned to close public hearing seconded by Commissioner Ambrose approved 4-0. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the application seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 3-1 with Commissioner Lovett in opposition.

Public Hearing: Variance, Griffith, Map 83 Parcel 5, 8022 Estes Road

Commissioner Ambrose made the motion to open the public hearing seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 4-0. Quinn Connelly and Teresa Griffith represented their Variance application for a family cemetery on their property located at 8022 Estes Road. County Clerk/Administrator read the Zoning Minutes and Mr. Connelly explained that the cemetery would be approximately 1500' from the nearest neighbors' property line. No one was there in opposition. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 4-0. Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

Citizen Request: Mr. James Green

Mr. Green filed a complaint on Solid Waste Recycle Center Attendant Willie Watts and Solid Waste Director Dana Renaud for not allowing him to take his yard waste that is gathered from his rental homes to the Recycle Center. He said that he does have rental homes and knows there are restrictions at the Recycle Centers, however; he feels like Mrs. Renaud and Mr. Watts have something personal

against him. Solid Waste Director Dana Renaud was at the meeting to speak for her department and stated that Mr. Green has large amounts of yard waste and that is why he needs to utilize the City trash service or the landfill. Also, that it isn't anything personal because there are other citizens that are turned away as well if they don't follow the Commercial & Demolition Rules for the Recycle Centers. Chairman Bilderback stated that it was unfair to the taxpayer to make him go to the landfill and pay a tipping fee or pay for curbside pickup. Also, stating that the Recycle Center has a hard decision to make as well with determining what can and cannot be brought in the center. Commissioner Lovett stated that the Solid Waste Ordinance is confusing and that Mr. Green is a taxpayer, however; the Recycle Center has limited space for an abundance of yard waste. Commissioner Ambrose commented that Mr. Green had an aggressive manner and maybe that is why he is having a hard time getting the Center Attendants to assist him. Mr. Green said that even though he's a handicapped Veteran he never asks for help, he only wants to be able to take his yard waste from a rental home or his own home to the Hubbard Recycle Center. Mr. Green then asked could he clean up his mother-in-law's yard and take her yard waste to the Hubbard Center. The Board, by general consensus, approved him being able to take the clean up from his mother-in-law's yard to the center.

Walmart Pharmacy Flu Shot Agreement

An agreement (attached) from Walmart Pharmacy was presented to the Board for employee flu vaccinations. Commissioner Evans mentioned going to the Health Department, however, County Clerk/Administrator Anita Cauthen said that the Health Department does not file on our insurance. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the agreement with the changes as recommended by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Bids for HVAC at Health Department

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve Head Heating and Air at the quoted price of \$5,485 for the replacement of the Monroe County Health Department's heating and air unit, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Recreation/Maintenance/Groundskeeper Position

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the vacant maintenance/groundskeeper position at the Recreation Department, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0. Commissioner Evans stated that he would like to wait till the first of the year before hiring anyone. He suggested going through the Workforce Development Center to get Displaced Workers which will provide employees for the County for half of their hourly rate. He added that the Labor Department comes to the Workforce Development Office every Thursday for at least 5 interested applicants.

Emergency Management Positions

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the hiring of four EMS positions, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Road Department Positions

Road Superintendent Cliff Howard wanted to fill a Heavy Equipment Operator Position. He let Commissioner Evans know that when he had another temporary laborer position open he wanted to fill

it with a trainee from the Workforce Development Center. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the position, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Recreation Department Bylaws

The Recreation Board asked to change their monthly Recreation Board Meetings to quarterly meetings. Commissioner Lovett made a motion to table this decision until they could meet with the Recreation Board, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Tax Assessors Board Appointments

Ed Hutcheson, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, requested of the Commissioners to allow Tom Freeman and Eric Moody to be reappointed to their seats on the Assessors Board. Commissioner Ambrose made of motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0. Commissioner Lovett also asked Mr. Hutcheson about split billing. Mr. Hutcheson asked could they have a meeting with his preparations to discuss everything they need. Tax Assessors' Board Member Robert Grier added that the Tax Assessors Office was understaffed and they needed at least (2) more appraisers. Commissioner Lovett requested the Assessors bring their information to the October 20th board meeting.

Veterans Day Program

Priscilla Doster presented her Veterans Day Program for November 11th, 2015 at 11am. The emphasis this year is the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Monroe County Emergency Services

Chief Donny Mercer asked for approval to accept the deed for 551 Frontage Road for the purpose of a training burn on November 6th. The asbestos has been checked and the home will be ready for this training. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Minutes of September 15th, 17th, 24tham and 24th pm

Commissioner Evans made a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes of September 15th, 17th and 24th, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 15th, 17th and 24th, seconded by Commissioner Lovett. Chairman Bilderback asked for changes to be made for the Minutes of September 15th. Commissioner Ambrose withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Minutes of September 17th and 24th. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve accounts payable checks #55547-55703 in the amount of \$592,015.72, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

Budget Amendments

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve budget amendments (attached), seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

Priscilla Doster

Mrs. Doster let the board know that Scott Harold & Son Engraving would be engraving the commemorative blocks for the memorial and orders must be placed by October 15.

Don Daniels

Don Daniels with the Monroe County Reporter let the board know that they were looking for a place to have all the historical trains placed for every ones viewing pleasure.

Update: Central Georgia Interoperable Regional Radio System

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Central Georgia Interoperable Regional Radio System, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

County Attorney and County Engineer Rebid

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to rebid the County Attorney and the County Engineer, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Sheriff Office Position

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve the request to fill an open position in the Sheriff's Office Communications department, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Tax Appraiser Raise Approval

Ms. Cauthen stated that one of our Tax Appraisers had completed their Appraiser 3 Certification and needed to be approved for a moving up on the pay scale. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Conference Center

Chairman Bilderback discussed allowing non-profit groups to use the small room of the conference room free of charge. Commissioner Evans said that it sounded good at first considering that the taxpayers have already paid for it. Commissioner Lovett inserted that if you allow this to happen then the church group that already pays for Sundays would have to start reserving their Sunday spots due to the fact that they are non-profit and it would be first come first serve. Commissioner Evans looked at it in retrospect and decided it would not be good idea to allow non-profit to use it free of charge and to bring this subject at a later date.

Zoning/Future Land Use

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion for the MGRC to get a 2017 Comprehensive plan update in conjunction with updating the Zoning Ordinance and Future Land Use map, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

Other Business

Chairman Bilderback discussed that the Board of Commissioners should attend the City and County School Board Meeting to discuss the Fuel Depot and the fuels attainment and unattainment.

Executive Session

At 8:39 pm, Commissioner Evans made the motion to close the meeting and go into Executive Session for Personnel and Land Acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 4-0.

The Board reentered into regular session at 9:18 pm on motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:18 pm on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.