

MINUTES

February 2, 2016

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm with the following present: Chairman Mike Bilderback, Vice Chairman Jim Ham, District 1 Commissioner Larry Evans, District 3 Commissioner John Ambrose, District 4 Commissioner Jarod Lovett, County Attorney Ben Vaughn, Human Resource Officer/Deputy Clerk Janet Abbott, and County Clerk/Administrator Anita Cauthen.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Emergency Services

The Board reviewed the prices received for the following: a remount of an ambulance, purchase of a new Class A Pumper/Engine, and purchase of a quick response vehicle. Commissioner Lovett motioned to approve Chief Mercers recommendations of accepting the quote of \$104,500 from Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. for the ambulance remount, accepting the quote of \$280,084 from Deep South for the Class A Pumper/Engine, and the quote of \$36,580 from Allen Vigil Ford-Lincoln Government Sales for a quick response vehicle. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion for discussion. At Commissioner Evans request, Chief Mercer reviewed the projects with the Board. Commissioner Lovett amended his motion to include the equipment necessary to meet apparatus regulations but not to exceed the budgeted amount. Commissioner Ambrose amended his second. Motion was approved 5-0.

Fuel Depot

The Board reviewed a proposal from Trak Systems to upgrade the software and keypad hardware to the fuel depot at a cost of \$7,000. Commissioner Lovett motioned to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Sheriff's Office

The Board reviewed a request from Sheriff Bittick to allow the use of \$150,000 in capital contingency to purchase and outfit patrol vehicles. Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lovett motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes of January 19th, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the Minutes of January 19th, 2016 with changes requested by Chairman Bilderback and any other changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Accounts Payable Checks

Commissioner Lovett motioned to approve AP checks #56557-56671 in the amount of \$704,401.02, with the exclusion of check#56601 which needs correction, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Ambrose reappointed Katherine Sanders to the Monroe County Planning and Zoning Board.

Board of Assessors

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to appoint Dennis Benson to fill the vacancy left by Ed Hutcheson with a term ending 2/16/19 and Steve Slocumb to fill the vacancy left by Eric Moody with a term ending 11/2/16. Chairman Bilderback seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Robert Grier, Chairman of the Assessor Board asked if the Board would also reappoint Lillian Davis, whose term is ending in February. Commissioner Evans confirmed that Ms. Davis is willing to serve until Mr. Robert Watson gains his certification. Motion was approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to reappoint Ms. Lillian Davis, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to use county funds to send Mr. Robert Watson to Assessor Board Certification class, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose. Motion was approved 4-1 with Commissioner Ham opposed to using county funds to pay for a class for someone who was not on the Board of Assessors.

Commissioner Lovett left the meeting at 6:42 pm.

ACCG Legal Assistance for Personnel Actions

The Board reviewed information concerning a new service offered by the Association of County Commissioners that provides expert legal advice in the area of personnel law free of charge. Commissioner Ambrose motioned to name Janet Abbott, Human Resources Director as the liaison for the service, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County to accept the petitions of the Pulaski County Sole Commissioner, Putnam County Commissioners, and Wilkinson County Commissioners to join the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 4-0.

Budget Amendment

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve a Budget Amendment transferring \$296,845 from Road Department Infrastructure to Commissioners Infrastructure. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 3-1 with Commissioner Ham opposed.

Cell Phone Stipend Amendment

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the amendment to include Travis Huff, Maintenance Department, to receive a yearly stipend for the use of his personal cell phone for County business. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 4-0.

Probate Public Defender Contract

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the renewal contract with Curtis Jenkins to provide public defender services to Monroe County Probate Court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ambrose for discussion. Chairman Bilderback reminded everyone that it's the County who contracts for these services so that the courtroom can remain adversarial as Georgia law dictates. Motion was approved 4-0.

Other Business

Commissioner Evans relayed to the Board he was still working closely with the engineers to find a way to cross the Towaliga River with water lines.

City of Forsyth Mayor Eric Wilson addressed the Board with the news that City Council has moved their meetings to Mondays so that the Commissioners and the Council will have the opportunity to attend each other's meetings. He added that they have asked the Forsyth Monroe County Chamber of Commerce to host the City/County dinners. In regards to a shared City/County fire station, he informed the Board that the City had decided to not pursue a second location but they were willing to discuss housing a county ambulance at the existing city fire station.

Executive Session

At 7:04 pm, Commissioner Evans motioned to enter into executive session for land acquisition and litigation seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:21 pm, on motion by Commissioner Ham seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

At 7:23 pm, the board adjourned on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Anita Cauthen, County Clerk/Administrator