

MINUTES

March 1, 2016

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 1, 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.

Public Hearing: Conditional Use, Egloff, 2682 Maynards Mill Road, 057002B

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Mr. Joseph Egloff explained he and his wife would like to have a conditional use to use their property for weddings, fundraisers, and other private parties. He stated he would not allow liquor at any event and would have security present. No one else spoke on behalf of the application.

Dr. Clay Lisenby of 2596 Maynards Mill Road, Ms. Mason of 2700 Maynards Mill Road, Stuart Hammock of 110 Hunter Court, Gene Hartman of 1205 Charles Johnson Road, Susan Millwood of 127 Rogers Church Road and Lee Lisenby of 2596 Maynards Mill Road all spoke against the application, citing noise and traffic as the reasons this shouldn't be allowed.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ham motioned to deny the application based on section 94 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 5-0.

Leadership Monroe

Daniel Stickler and Renee Jenkins of the 2016 Class of Leadership Monroe announced their class project of raising funds and constructing an "All Abilities Playground". They requested approval to construct the playground next to the existing playground at the Recreation Department. Commissioner Lovett motioned to allow the project to be placed at the Recreation Department and to accept the maintenance of the playground once installed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0. Commissioner Lovett also motioned to donate the use of one night at the Monroe County Conference Center for a fundraiser event, seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Bulky Waste Bid

The Board reviewed the two bids received for the removal of bulky waste and yard waste from the Convenience Centers. Commissioner Lovett motioned to accept F-5 Hauling Services as the low bidder and to enter into contract negotiations with them. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ambrose for discussion. Commissioner Lovett explained that contracting out this service will save the county \$25 per ton and the

containers will be emptied more often. Commissioner Evans stated for the record he did not want to change how it is done now. Motion was approved 5-0.

River Mist Road

Mr. Lane Davis of 391 River Mist Road addressed the Board requesting that county water be extended under the railroad to serve the property along the river. Commissioner Ham motioned to authorize the County Engineer to contact the railroad to acquire a cost estimate, motion was seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Recreation Department

Commissioner Lovett motioned to allow the purchase of an Expression Swing for the playground at the recreation complex, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to surplus the 2000 Ford F-150 vin #8121 using gov.deals, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Conference Center

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the purchase of a warming drawer for the Conference Center, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Training Burn

Commissioner Evans motioned to return the property located on Map 040 Parcel 007 that was donated by Georgia Forestry to use as a training burn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid agreement (attached), seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer

Commissioner Lovett motioned to advertise the position of Code Enforcement Officer who is POST certified or can become POST certified within 6 months of hire, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose for discussion. Commissioner Lovett explained that this position will be POST certified and Sheriff Bittick is willing to work with the County to oversee all the necessary training to acquire the certification. He also stated that the county is not creating new rules but will have a better enforcement of rules currently in place. Commissioner Evans offered that the building inspector already goes into the field and he can take on these duties. He also stated that he is in opposition to adding any new positions.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Margaret Holland of High Falls who asked the Board to please hire this officer as it is greatly needed.

The motion was approved 3-2 with Commissioner Ham and Commissioner Evans opposed.

Mr. Jamie Renfroe of 114 Drewery Company Road thanked the Board for approving the position and stated he thinks it is a good idea.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Evans motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes of February 16, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2016 with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Accounts Payable Checks

Commissioner Lovett motioned to approve AP checks #56814-56929 in the amount of \$254,464.61, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Lease Agreements

County Attorney Ben Vaughn explained to the Board that he was drafting lease agreements for the Head Start Center, Save the Children and Workforce Development for the continued use of county buildings. Commissioner Ham motioned to approve the agreements (attached) and to authorize the Chairman to sign, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Water Department

Commissioner Ham motioned to allow donated time to a water department employee who will have an extended absence due to a family medical need and to also allow the part time office personnel in the water office to serve as a temporary full time until the absent employee returned, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Flags at Half Mast

Commissioner Lovett motioned to lower the county flags at half mast in remembrance of Culloden Mayor Steve Eller until his internment on Saturday March 5th.

Animal Shelter

MaryBeth Jenkins, a member of the local Girl Scout troupe, addressed the Board with a request to install more directional signage to the Animal Shelter. The Board commended Ms. Jenkins for her work at the shelter and agreed to add more signage on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Executive Session

At 7:46 pm, Commissioner Ham motioned to enter into executive session for land acquisition and litigation seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:07 pm, on motion by Commissioner Ham, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

MCBOC Minutes of 3-1-16

MCBOC approved 3-15-16

Respectfully Submitted by,

Anita Cauthen, County Clerk/Administrator