

MINUTES

April 5, 2016

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 5, 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: Graybeal, 253 Colvin Road, Map 78 Parcel 16C

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

Ms. Graybeal was present to speak on behalf of her variance application to have two homes on a legal non conforming lot. She explained that this was family property with two singlewide mobile homes on 1.86 acres. She would like to replace one of the singlewide homes with a doublewide. No one was present to speak against the application.

Commissioner Evans motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the application on the condition that the existing home be removed within 90 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer

Several residents were in attendance to speak to the Board concerning the newly created position of Code Enforcement Officer. Alvin Crusand of Lakeshore Drive stated that he understands that the codes are already in place and this position will have the authority to enforce the codes that current personnel does not have. James Beavers of 2757 Boxankle Road stated that he is opposed to code enforcement and that more restrictions means less freedom and no one should tell him when to cut his grass. Ken Martin of 1511 Blount Road questioned the current codes and asked for a copy of them. Commissioner Lovett responded that the codes are already in place and the need is for someone to enforce them. John Lovett of River Forest stated that he is in favor of the position and that residents like Mr. Beavers who live far off the road will never have an issue with the Code Enforcement Officer. Dennis Smith of River Forest also spoke in favor of the position. Chairman Bilderback explained the officer will be hired by the Sheriff but assigned to the Commissioners Office and an issue in the past was the availability of an officer when a code needed to be enforced. He added that he was in favor of the position because of the Unsafe Building Ordinance. Joe Cannon of 73 Timberline Road said that once it was law that it can't be repealed. Commissioner Lovett explained that it could. Mr. Cannon also said that the people complaining should be made public and that if he had a heart attack while cleaning his property that the Board would hear from his attorney. Jamie Bussel of 452 Old Union Gin Road said he was in

favor of this position. He said he lives next door to junk and making people clean up would make him feel better about paying taxes.

Hubbard Proclamation

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Proclamation in Honor of the 2016 Hubbard Day celebration (attached), seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Care Cottage Grant purchases

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the expenditure of grant funds to purchase a copier (\$5,386) and a filing system (\$8,552.12) for the Care Cottage. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Probate Court

Commissioner Lovett motioned to table the request by Judge Robins to hire a part time employee, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-1 with Commissioner Ham opposed.

Large Format Scanner/Printer

The Board reviewed a proposed fee schedule for public use of the large format scanner/printer. By general consensus, the Board authorized the County Clerk/Administrator to set the fee schedule.

ACCG advertisement

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to decline the offer from the Association of County Commissioners to place an ad in the County Excellence edition of their magazine. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bilderback and denied 2-3 with Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Ham and Commissioner Evans voting against.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve a half page ad in the magazine, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 3-2 with Commissioner Ambrose and Chairman Bilderback opposed.

Appointments to City/County Committees

By general consensus, the Board made the following appointments:

Job Creation-Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Ham

Passive Recreation-Commissioner Lovett

Infrastructure-Commissioner Ham and Commissioner Evans

Public Private Partnership for Plant Camellia-Chairman Bilderback and
Commissioner Ambrose

Swimming Pool/Multi use Sports Complex-Commissioner Lovett and
Commissioner Evans

Accounts Payable Checks

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve AP checks #57063-57260 in the amount of \$1,857,522.73, seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes of March 15, 2016 seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2016 with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes of March 24, 2016 seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2016 with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes of March 29, 2016 seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Minutes of March 29, 2016 with any changes to come before the Board within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0-1 with Commissioner Ham abstaining.

Tick Spraying Program

Ms. Cauthen informed the Board that the number of residents that has signed up to be sprayed is equal to the amount of chemical that has been purchased. Commissioner Evans motioned to allow residents to continue to sign up for spraying and to purchase enough chemicals to complete the season with fund to come from contingency. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0. Commissioner Evans also asked that a public service announcement about the dangers of tick bites be placed on the County website.

Tax Assessors

Commissioner Evans motioned to appoint Robert Watson to fill the unexpired term of Lillian Davis on the Board of Assessors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Road Department

Ms. Cauthen informed the Board of the retirement announcement of Road Department Secretary Melanie Gay and asked if this position will be filled. Commissioner Lovett motioned to table approval of this position, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

County Property Insurance

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the funds to pay the premium required to add a 2012 Dodge Charger to the county liability insurance. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bilderback and approved 5-0.

Water Meters

Commissioner Ham reported to the Board what he believed is an undue hardship placed on county water customers. He explained that when buildings have a certain occupancy level, including churches, that they are required to have a dedicated 6" line installed for fire suppression. The County charges a base fee of \$250 per month for a 6" line. Commissioner Ham motioned to waive the monthly fee for any 6" line that is dedicated to fire suppression. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Other Business

John Ricketson approached the Board to say he is also in favor of a Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Eric Wilson thanked the Board for all their help with the city water line break the previous weekend.

Executive Session

At 7:30 pm, Commissioner Ambrose motioned to enter into executive session for land acquisition, potential litigation, and personnel seconded by Commissioner Lovett and approved 5-0.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:20 pm, on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Ham and approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm on motion by Commissioner Ham, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Anita Cauthen, County Clerk/Administrator