

MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 7, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in a called dinner meeting at 4:45 pm at the Royal Palm Restaurant with the Cities of Forsyth and Culloden and the Development Authority of Monroe County. Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Michael Bilderback, County Administrator Anita Buice and Deputy Clerk Kim Romine were present. The Boards discussed several projects in the area.

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at the County Annex Building at 6:03 pm with all Commissioners and County Administrator and Deputy Clerk present.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to remove a boat owned by Mr. Joseph Thompson off of the County Tax Digest and to refund any penalties and interest paid on the tax bill by Mr. Thompson in 2009. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 4-1 with Commissioner Peters opposed.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to adopt the Water Conservation Plans for the North and South Water System (attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Attorney David Hollingsworth spoke on behalf of his client, Tred Shurling, requesting that the unworked portion of an old county road known as Joe Sizemore Road be abandoned. The unworked portion currently has a gate blocking access to the road. Mr. John Thompson, a property owner who uses the old road bed to access the back of his property spoke against the request. Commissioner Ham made a motion to table advertising a public hearing on the road closing until the two parties had another opportunity to meet and possibly work out an agreement. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Lamar County (attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve an invoice from Technical Appraisal Services (attached) in the amount of \$750. Commissioner Bilderback

seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Vaughn and Commissioner Bilderback discussed the terms of the contract with TAS. Motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Ham and Commissioner Peters opposed.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve accounts payable checks #33655-33818 in the amount of \$330,778.41. Commissioner Ham seconded the motion and was passed 5-0.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve a budget amendment (attached) to move \$30,000 from contingency to Building and Grounds Maintenance Supplies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

Chief Appraiser Alveno Ross presented the Board with a contract with Mendola and Associates, a firm who performs personal property audits for the County. Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bilderback seconded the motion and motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Peters opposed.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of June 16th and 23rd, 2009 and to approve the minutes with any corrections to come before the Board within thirty days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Billy Glover of Rocky Creek Road presented a request letter and a petition to the Board asking for the paving of Rocky Creek Road, High Road and Unionville Road. Several residents of the area spoke on behalf of the request.

Helen Graziadei of Edge Road requested the Board consult with the Environmental Protection Division in order to remedy an erosion problem on her property caused by an adjoining property owner.

Don Daniel, in reference to Joe Sizemore Road, questioned the legality of placing a gate on a county road.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 7:26 pm. Commissioner Ham seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0. Included with the Commissioners in Executive Session were Ms. Graziadei, Bruce Moore and David Jenkins.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session on motion by Commissioner Ham and seconded by Commissioner Bilderback.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to ask the EPD to intervene in the erosion problems on Edge Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0.

At 7:40 pm Commissioner Ham made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilderback and passed 5-0. The Board was joined by Dr. Nancy Brunson and Gwen Byrd of the Library Board from 7:57 pm to 8:43 pm.

At 8:45 pm the Board reconvened in Regular Session on motion by Commissioner Bilderback, seconded by Commissioner Peters.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve the following Payroll Change Reports: Olin Sykes/Solid Waste Department-Leave of Absence without pay, Travis White/Sheriff's Office-from Patrol to Investigator, Lee Fowler/Road Department-Termination. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to table the Payroll Change Reports for the Tax Assessors Office until the budget had been reviewed. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 on motion by Commissioner Peters and seconded by Commissioner Ham.