

MINUTES

Monroe County Board of Commissioners August 7, 2009

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in a **Called Meeting** on August 7, 2009 at 7:04 am. Present were Chairman James Vaughn, Vice Chairman Jim Peters, Commissioner Larry Evans, Commissioner Jim Ham, Commissioner Mike Bilderback, Deputy Clerk Kim Romine, Accountant I Ashley Wooley, Human Resources Officer Janet Abbott and County Administrator Anita Buice.

Ms. Romine presented preliminary revenue figures to the Board which shows a decrease in the overall digest. After much discussion where the budget could be cut and when the finale figures would be available, Commissioner Ham made a motion to set a **tentative millage rate of 10.431%**. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion for discussion. The Board debated the merits of setting a higher millage rate for now that can be lowered later. Chairman Vaughn called the motion and motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to send the State of Georgia a letter requesting that the **utility digest** be given to the County as soon as possible. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed 5-0.

Jimmy Smith, Recreation Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the **park at Ensign Road**. He informed the Commissioners that he has grass cutting scheduled for every other week and he will line the fields for football, soccer and baseball.

Commissioner Peters made a motion to ratify the **County Organizational Chart** for clarity purposes (attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

Commissioners discussed placing a **spending limit** on County Departments. Commissioner Peters made a motion to require purchases over \$2500 to come before the Board, excluding purchases made for the renovation of the Courthouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ham and passed 5-0.

The Board debated the intended use of approximately \$400,000 in **road infrastructure**.

At 8:00 am, Commissioner Ham made a motion to convene in **Executive Session** for personnel. Chairman Vaughn seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:02 am on motion by Commissioner Ham, second by Chairman Vaughn and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ham made a motion to approve an **interdepartmental transfer** of Craig Ellerbee from Building Department to Water Department as an Assistant Water Office Supervisor. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Bilderback and Commissioner Evans opposed.

At 8:15 am, the Board adjourned on motion by Commissioner Ham and second by Commissioner Bilderback.