

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the November 3, 2023

Called Commissioners Meeting

Location: Monroe County Conference Center

8:00 A.M.

Present:

Greg Tapley, Chairman

Eddie Rowland, Vice Chairman

Lamarcus Davis, District 1

John Ambrose, District 3

George Emami, District 4

Staff:

Jim Hedges, County Manager

Janet Abbott, County Clerk (Not Present)

Richard Dumas, County Public Information Officer

Kimbel Stokes, County Public Works Director

Gary Futch, County Road Superintendent

Tammy Selman, County Grant Writer

Others in Attendance:

Eric Wilson, Forsyth Mayor

Craig Mims, Forsyth City Manager

Regina Ivie, Forsyth City Clerk

Shayla Furlow, Forsyth Executive Administrative Assistant

Mike Dodd, Forsyth Councilman

Greg Goolsby, Forsyth Councilman

Chris Hewett, Forsyth Councilman

Mike Batchelor, Forsyth Utilities Director

Lynn Miller, Culloden Mayor

Lisa Elder, Culloden City Clerk

Louise Brice, Culloden Councilwoman

Margie Bryant, Culloden Councilwoman

Audrey Gravelle, Culloden Councilwoman

Diane Glidewell, Monroe County Reporter

Welcome

Chairman Tapley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Prayer

Mayor Wilson gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Public Information Officer Dumas called roll.

Call to Order

Chairman Tapley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

New Business

Approve Agenda

Chairman Tapley presented the agenda for approval.

Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Emami seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 5-0.

Monroe County TSPLOST Projects

County Public Works Director Kimbel Stokes said Monroe County has adopted a long-range transportation plan developed by HNTB engineers and the Georgia Department of Transportation in which Monroe County roads are categorized as local, collector, or arterial. Stokes said Monroe County then contracted with Neel-Schaffer Engineering on a pavement study in which all county road surfaces were evaluated. Stokes said he then scored the road surfaces based on whether they needed a 0 to 10 percent pavement repair, a 10 to 30 percent pavement repair, or a greater than 30 percent pavement repair and created an improvement plan based on each level of need. Stokes said roads needing between 0 and 10 percent asphalt patching would receive full-depth patching with micro-surfacing or a chip seal. He said roads needing between 10 and 30 percent asphalt patching would get full-depth patching with an asphalt overlay that has an estimated 10 to 12-year lifespan. He said roads needing

greater than 30 percent asphalt patching would require a cement-stabilized full-depth reclamation with an asphalt overlay that has an estimated 20-year lifespan. Stokes said funds collected from TSPLOST would go toward repairs on local, collector, and arterial roads. Stokes said the TSPLOST program will solve the most severe infrastructure issues the county has regarding roads in the most cost-effective manner.

Forsyth City Manager Craig Mims said City of Forsyth TSPLOST funds would be used for sidewalks and road resurfacing projects within the City of Forsyth.

Culloden Mayor Lynn Miller said City of Culloden TSPLOST funds would be used for sidewalks and road resurfacing projects within the City of Culloden.

Intergovernmental Agreement-Approval-County

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Intergovernmental Contract.

Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 5-0.

Culloden Councilmembers then also approved the TSPLOST Intergovernmental Contract in a separate vote.

Commissioner Ambrose said the upcoming five-year TSPLOST is a continuation of the current penny TSPLOST and would not be an additional tax on local citizens.

County Manager Hedges said Commissioners will vote on Dec. 5 on a resolution calling for a countywide TSPLOST referendum. If approved, the countywide TSPLOST referendum would be held on March 12, 2024 on the same ballot as the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary.

Adjourn

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to adjourn at 8:13 a.m.

Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 5-0.