

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the January 19, 2021

Workshop

8:00 A.M. Workshop

Present:

Greg Tapley, Chairman

Lamarcus Davis, Vice Chairman, District 1

Eddie Rowland, District 2

John Ambrose, District 3

George Emami, District 4

Staff:

Jim Hedges, County Manager

Ben Vaughn, County Attorney

Janet Abbott, County Clerk/HR

Richard Dumas, Public Information Officer

Workshop

Chairman Tapley called the January 19, 2021 Workshop to order at 8:00A.M. The Board discussed the following items on the regular session agenda:

Speaker Appearance-Bicentennial Update

Ralph Bass/Richard Dumas

- A. Approve Agenda
- B. Approve Minutes
 - a. BOC Meeting-January 5, 2021
- C. Design/Build Contract-High Falls Fire Station
- D. Intergovernmental Agreements Review
- E. Curb Out Ordinance Discussion
- F. Timber Harvesting Ordinance Discussion
- G. Local Emergency Operations Plan Resolution
- H. Trinity EMS Consulting Services Contract Renewal
- I. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application
- J. Surplus Property
- K. F-5/Grapple Truck Purchase

Greg Tapley
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Jim Hedges
Jim Hedges
Ben Vaughn
Ben Vaughn
Jim Hedges/Matt Jackson
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Old Business

- L. Bolingbroke Manor Final Plat Approval
- M. CDBG Contract Award

Kelsey Fortner
Jim Hedges

Commissioner Tapley adjourned the work session at 8:48 A.M.

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Regular Commissioners Meeting

9:00 A.M. Meeting

Present:

Greg Tapley, Chairman

Lamarcus Davis, Vice Chairman

Eddie Rowland, District 2

John Ambrose, District 3

George Emami, District 4

Staff:

Jim Hedges, County Manager

Ben Vaughn, County Attorney

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Welcome

Chairman Tapley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Prayer

Commissioner Davis gave the invocation.

Pledge

Chairman Tapley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

County Clerk Janet Abbott called roll.

Call to Order

Chairman Tapley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker Appearance-Bicentennial Update-Ralph Bass/Richard Dumas

Mr. Bass gave an update on the plans and arrangements for the upcoming Bicentennial Festival stating the festival would be moved to the fall.

Richard Dumas stated in the upcoming months they would be soliciting funds for the festival and the decision to move the festival to the fall was due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Ambrose stated he would like to donate a portion of his discretionary funds to run a full-page ad to advertise for the festival and need for funds.

New Business

Approve Agenda

Chairman Tapley presented the agenda for approval with the removal of item J.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of item J.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Minutes-BOC Meeting-January 5, 2021

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2020 Regular Meeting with the usual 30 days for changes.

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

Design/Build Contract-High Falls Fire Station

County Manager Jim Hedges presented the Design/Build bids for the High Falls Fire Station. Mr. Hedges stated five bids had been received and one had been rejected for not including a fee schedule in their proposal.

The bids were as follows:

Contractor	Design	Construction	General Conditions	Total
• Tommy Gibson-rejected				
• Spratlin & Sons	5%	5%	TBD	10% Plus
• Warren & Associates	5.75%	5%	0	10.75%
• Proform Construction	5%	5%	5%	15%
• Renfroe Construction	TBD	8%	TBD	10% Plus

Funding for the project is as follows:

• Water & Building Projects	\$20,354,911
• Water SPLOST	\$ 5,126,768
• Bonds	<u>\$20,300,000</u>
	\$25,426,765
• Contingency	\$ 5,071,854
• North to South	<u>\$ 1,428,414</u>
	\$ 6,500,268
• Leachate Tank	(120,000)
• High Falls Fire Station	(1,000,000)

- Rumble Road Fire Station (750,000)
- Horse Arena (800,000)
- Balance \$3,830,268

Mr. Hedges stated his recommendation is to award the Design/Build contract to Warren & Associates for the High Falls Fire Station.

Following a Board discussion, Commissioner Ambrose motioned to award the contract to Warren & Associates.

Commissioner Emami seconded the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Ambrose recommended the parking lot be adjusted so all visitors coming in are to enter on Lakeshore Drive.

Commissioner Emami stated he would really like to be hands-on with this project with the other commissioner's approval.

Warren Selby stated he had no problem working with Commissioner Emami on this building.

Commissioner Emami stated he had a vision of this being the center piece of the area.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Defender/District Attorney Building

Warren Selby gave an update on the Public Defender/DA Building. Mr. Selby stated they finished ahead of schedule and below budget.

Intergovernmental Agreements Review

Mr. Hedges presented for review seven active Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Forsyth, stating there is a potential eighth agreement for the funding of the Monroe County Library, but it cannot be found, nor can it be confirmed that the City of Forsyth is contributing to the funding of the Library. The IGA's are as follows:

- Elections-City pays 25% on all cost associated with General Election, 100 % of all cost associated with a Municipal election. No change is recommended.
- Animal Control-City pays an annual fee of \$7500 plus \$22.00 per animal collected within the city and the actual cost (\$55.00) to euthanize an animal collected within the city. No change is recommended.
- Fuel-Forsyth pays for the actual cost of fuel. The IGA references a 11.2% operational charge but what it applies to is unknown and is not being billed. Cost of funding, fuel depot and finance administrative costs are not being refunded. Recommend a flat \$100 monthly fee for both Forsyth and the MCBOE.
- E-911-Commissioner Rowland is reviewing.

- Courts-City only pays for Bailiffs.
- Inmate & Medical-Prisoner housed, incarcerated, or boarded \$45.00 per day, Booking and processing fee; \$15.00 per prisoner, medical 100% of medical cost, recommend no change.
- Jail Fine Fund-Georgia Code 15-21-93 requires an additional penalty in fine cases of 10% and they are complying. No change is recommended.
- Library (?) IGA cannot be located, Librarian confirms no funding from the City of Forsyth.
Recommend IGA with the City of Forsyth to fund the library at least 15% above budget levels, thus giving the library additional funding for equipment and books.

Mr. Hedges states his recommendation is to instruct the County Attorney to draft a new Intergovernmental Agreement for the Fuel Depot and the Justice Center and to hold discussions with the City of Forsyth regarding annual contributions to the Monroe County Library.

Following a Board discussion, Mr. Hedges recommended to table the topic and allow him to get more information.

Commissioner Emami motioned to table.

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

Curb Cut Ordinance Discussion

County Attorney Ben Vaughn presented the proposed Curb Cut Ordinance as a first reader. Mr. Vaughn stated the proposed ordinance would regulate how property owners apply and get approval for curb cuts to access county roads.

Timber Harvesting Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Vaughn presented a Timber Harvesting Ordinance for discussion. Mr. Vaughn stated during the last legislative session, HB 897 made several changes to the state timber harvesting statute, O.C.G.A. 12-6-24. Mr. Vaughn stated the amendments require the State Forestry Commission to create a notification website for providing notice of timber harvesting operations to local governments. The legislation also changed surety bond and letter of credit requirements and provides procedures for making and adjudicating claims against bonds, including appeals. Mr. Vaughn stated ACCG recommends every county update its local timber harvesting ordinance as a result of these amendments.

Local Emergency Operations Plan Resolution

Emergency Services Chief Matt Jackson presented a Resolution adopting the revised Local Emergency Operation Plan for Monroe County and its Municipalities. Chief Jackson stated this was a housekeeping item and requires updating every 4 years.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the resolution giving the Chairman authority to sign.

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

Trinity EMS Consulting Services Contract Renewal

County Manager Jim Hedges presented the Trinity EMS Consulting Services contract renewal for approval.

Mr. Hedges stated the contract expired on December 31, 2020 and they are offering the following options for renewal.

- One-year contract at 6%
- Two-year contract at 5.5%
- Three-year at 5%

Mr. Hedges stated TEMS has done an excellent job for Monroe County and a three-year contract is recommended.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the 3-year contract.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application

Emergency Services Director Matt Jackson presented for approval an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Chief Jackson stated we have the opportunity to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant that is a nationwide competitive process. With this grant we could replace 85 breathing apparatus, 170 air bottles, 100 face pieces, and 3 rapid intervention kits with 60-minute bottles. Chief Jackson stated the requested grant would be for \$873,000 and if approved, an \$87,000 match would be required.

Chairman Tapley stated the matching funds would come from SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Ambrose motion to allow Chief Jackson to apply.

Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0

Surplus Property

Removed from Agenda.

F-5/Grapple Truck Purchase

County Manager Jim Hedges gave the Board an update on the F-5 Hauling contract stating the performance has significantly declined and a letter was sent to F-5 informing them of non-performance issues on December 28, 2020 and no response has been received.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the purchase of the grapple truck and to approve the hiring of an operator.

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

Old Business

Bolingbroke Manor Final Plat Approval

Zoning Office Kelsey Fortner presented the final plat for Bolingbroke Manor for approval. Ms. Fortner stated the preliminary plat was presented to the Board in April of 2019. Ms. Fortner stated the Road Superintendent has inspected the roads and gave my office approval to move forward. Ms. Fortner stated her recommendation is to approve.

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve.

Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

County Manager Jim Hedges stated in 2019, the Board of Commissioners and the Monroe County Health Department applied for a Community Development Block Grant of \$750,000 for the renovation of the Health Department Building. The grant is a matching grant, and the match would be \$75,000 by the county and \$75,000 by the Health Department for a total budget of \$900,000. The Middle Georgia Regional Commission is the Project Administrator, and the project completion date is projected to be October 2021. Mr. Hedges stated the grant was awarded in late 2019, an architectural firm had been selected and the scope of work had been finalized. He continued to state the bids for a general contractor were advertised and the following twelve bids were received:

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| • C.T. Bone, Inc | \$1,132,409 |
| • Spratlin & Son LLC | \$ 984,000 |
| • PSI Place Services | \$ 952,000 |
| • Diversified Construction | \$ 936,498 |
| • Attaiham Construction | \$ 933,700 |
| • McWright LLC | \$ 909,895 |
| • BM&K Construction | \$ 898,000 |
| • Ward-Humpitrey | \$ 869,000 |

- Scott Contracting LLC \$ 864,640
- ICB Inc. \$ 838,900
- Cornerstone Construction \$ 758,125
- Proform Construction \$ 745,200

Commissioner Emami motioned to award the Health Department CDBG renovation contract to the lowest bidder, Proform Construction, LLC at a bid price of \$745,200.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

No public Comments

Commissioner Emami made a public apology for the last meeting and a specific apology to Larry Evans.

Executive Session

No executive session.

Adjourn

Commissioner Emami motioned to adjourn at 10:03 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.