

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the February 16, 2021

Workshop

9:00 A.M. Workshop

Present:

Greg Tapley, Chairman

Lamarcus Davis, Vice Chairman, District 1

Eddie Rowland, District 2

John Ambrose, District 3-Not Present

George Emami, District 4

Staff:

Jim Hedges, County Manager

Janet Abbott, County Clerk/HR

Richard Dumas, Public Information Officer

Workshop

Chairman Tapley called the February 16, 2021 Workshop to order at 8:12 A.M. The Board discussed the following items on the regular session agenda:

New Business

- A. Approve Agenda
- B. Approve Minutes
 - a. BOC Meeting-February 2, 2021
- C. Budget Amendments
- D. Strickland Loop Landfill-Engineering Contract
- E. Juliette Water Project-Phase 2-Contract 1

Greg Tapley

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Lorri Robinson

Jim Hedges

Jim Hedges

Commissioner Ambrose entered the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

- F. Development Authority Appointment

Greg Tapley

Old Business

- G. Curb Cut Ordinance (Second Reading)
- H. Timber Harvesting Ordinance (Second Reading)

Ben Vaughn

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Commissioner Tapley adjourned the work session at 8:55 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

Janet Abbott, County Clerk/HR

Richard Dumas, Public Information Officer

Welcome

Chairman Tapley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Prayer

Commissioner Rowland 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 9:04 A.M.

New Business

Approve Agenda

Chairman Tapley presented the agenda for approval removing items G and H under old business from the agenda.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of items G and H.

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

Approve Minutes-BOC Meeting-January 19, 2021

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting with the usual 30 days for changes.

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

New Business

Budget Amendments-Lorri Robinson

Finance Director Lorri Robinson presented the following budget amendments for approval:

- Towaliga Judicial Circuit:
 - Carolee Jordan \$ 42,738.00
- Towaliga Drug Court \$ 41,300.00
- Development Authority \$ 80,000.00
- Employee Benefits \$ 210,076.00
- **Sub Total \$ 374,114.00**
- **Contingency \$(374,114.00)**

The current amount in contingency is \$916,579.00. After the budget amendment of \$ 374,114.00 the amended total will be \$542,465.00. Ms. Robinson stated the general fund approved budget bottom line of \$33,316,882 will not change.

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the budget amendments.

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

Strickland Loop Landfill-Engineering Contract-Jim Hedges

County Manager Jim Hedges presented a contract for Strickland Loop Landfill Cell Engineering. Mr. Hedges stated the existing cell at the Strickland Loop Landfill will be at capacity by year-end 2021. Harbin Engineering has developed a scope-of-work and a timeline surveying, environmental monitoring, and construction administration. The engineering fee for the contract is \$67,500 and the estimated timeline for EPD approval to receive waste is January 2022.

The scope of work for the project is as follows:

- Prepare detail construction plans.
- Prepare bidding documents.
- Prepare proposals for construction, quality assurance testing, surveying, and environmental monitoring.
- Construction Administration
 - Bid Advertising
 - Pre-bid conference
 - Bid review, tabulation, letter of recommendation.

- Construction observation
- Review application for payment and change orders.
- Construction certification to EPD

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the engineering contract with Harbin Engineering for \$67,500 and issue notice to proceed with the engineering for the new 8.5-acre cell at Strickland Loop Waste Landfill.

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

Juliette Water Project-Phase 2-Contract 1-Jim Hedges

County Manager Jim Hedges along with Joe Wood with Carter & Sloop, presented the contract award for the Juliette Water Project-Phase II-Contract 1. Mr. Hedges stated this will be the largest contract of the overall project and the key issue in awarding this contract is how much the cost of pipe has risen because of resin manufacturers in Lake Charles, Louisiana closing due to the hurricanes last year coupled with the increase in overseas product demand.

Mr. Hedges stated the project area has the water mains starting at 3799 Dames Ferry Road to Highway 87, Highway 87 to Newton Road, and Highway 87 to Christian Road. The scope of work is as follows:

- Furnish all material, labor, and equipment.
 - 57,300 linear feet of 12” water main.
 - 11,040 linear feet of 8” water main.
 - 1,260 linear feet of 6” water main.
 - Hydrants, valves, fittings, joint restraints, jack & bore casings, clearing, and erosion control.

This would be 69,900 linear feet or 13.18 miles and the contract time is 240 days.

Mr. Hedges stated the original Construction and Incidental items, engineering and surveying for this project total \$3,539,714.00. Mr. Hedges stated the lowest bid is 35% higher than the original.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to award Phase II Contract 1 to United Grading in the amount of \$4,454,207 to furnish all material, labor, and equipment for the installation of 69,600’ of water main at a cost of \$ with the funding to come from the 2020 Bonds.

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

Development Authority Appointment-Greg Tapley

Tom Baugh’s term as Chairman of the Monroe County Development Authority expires on February 16, 2021. Tom was appointed to the Development Authority on December 16, 2016 and has agreed to serve for another term.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to reappoint Tom Baugh as Chairman of the Monroe County Development Authority.

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

Old Business

Curb Cut Ordinance (Second Reading)-Ben Vaughn

Removed from the agenda.

Timber Harvesting Ordinance (Second Reading)-Ben Vaughn

Removed from the agenda.

Public Comments

No public comments

Executive Session (Personnel)

Commissioner Rowland motioned to enter executive session at 9:25 A.M. for Personnel.

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

Commissioner Emami motioned to come out of executive session at 9:33 A.M.

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

Action from Executive Session (If necessary)

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the amendment to the County Manager's contract.

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland motioned to adjourn at 9:35 A.M.

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

Respectively Submitted by:

County Clerk, Janet Abbott