

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the March 07, 2023

Regular Commissioners Meeting

6:00 P.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

Janet Abbott, County Clerk

Richard Dumas, Public Information Officer

Welcome

Chairman Tapley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Prayer

Chaplain Rod Callahan with the Ministerial Association gave the invocation.

Pledge

Chairman Tapley led the Pledge.

Roll Call

County Clerk Janet Abbott called roll.

Call to Order

Chairman Tapley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Proclamation-Mary Persons Cheerleaders

Chairman Tapley presented a proclamation commemorating March 7, 2023, as Mary Persons Game Day Cheerleading Squad Appreciation Day in honor of the program's second consecutive Class AAA-AAAA state championship at the 2023 Game Day Cheerleading Championship Meet at Columbus State University on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Proclamations were presented to the Mary Persons Game Day Cheerleading team members: Ellie Adams, Aleah Bailey, Journey Brantley, Gracie Butler, Addie Cobb, Olivia Elder, Maddie Emami, Carter Fletcher, Emily Grant, Amelia James, Sidney McCowell, Jayla McHomes, Ava Nelson, Emma Phelan, Molly Rivers, Riley Roberts, Ethan Robinson(mascot), Maycie Smith, Emmie Starr, Mary Michael Tane, Hayden Tonn, Walker Tonn,, Addison Winget and coaches Hannah Mock, Stefani Simmons, and Kyle Ward.

New Business

Approve Agenda

Chairman Tapley motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of the courthouse camera upgrade. Commissioner Emami seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Minutes-BOC Meeting-February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Regular meeting with the usual 30 days for changes.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Rowland abstaining due to not being present at the February 21, 2023, meeting.

Subdivision Plat-Deer Creek Manor

Community Development Director Kelsey Fortner presented a plat application/re-subdivision for approval. The plat application is for Deer Creek Manor off Turk Creek Estates, Map 091A 098E and 091A 098B. Mrs. Fortner stated the request is for an existing plat that was approved by the Board of Commissioners and cannot be divided without board approval. The new plat shows 1-acre being parceled off 4.72-acres and combined with the lot 2 in the rear of the parcel. This division will not leave any lots out of compliance.

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the plat/re-subdivision application.

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

Subdivision Plat-Bolingbroke Estates

Community Development Director Kelsey Fortner presented a plat application/re-subdivision for approval. The plat application is for Bolingbroke Estates off Cory Drive, Map 102 048 and 102A 016B. The request is for an existing plat that was approved by the Board of Commissioners and cannot be divided without board approval.

This new plat shows 0.43 acre, being parceled off 2.93-acres and combined with the Beech Tree Supply in the rear of the parcel. The division will not leave any lots out of compliance.

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the plat/re-subdivision application.

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

Subdivision Plat-Dyas Farms

Community Development Director Kelsey Fortner presented a plat application for a private road. The plat application has been submitted for Hwy 42 South and Hwy 74 area. The proposed lots are on tax map/parcel 035-009 and 035-009B. 256-acres will be divided into four parcels ranging from 32-acres to 103 plus acres. The request is for a private road. The creation of private roads can only be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

County Attorney Ben Vaughn addressed the Board stating he would ask that it be noted on the plat this is a private road and the maintenance obligations are of the individual property owners and not the county.

Mrs. Fortner replied that is a requirement of the subdivision ordinance.

Following a Board discussion, Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the application with a notation made on the plat stating this is private road maintained by property owners and the county will not maintain.

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

Alcohol License-Marrow 41

Community Development Director Kelsey Fortner presented an alcohol license for Marrow 41 in Bolingbroke. Ms. Fortner stated Catrina M Webb is the new owner and requires a license. The license is for all Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage Packaging, Malt Beverage pouring, and Wine packaging and pouring. The advertisement and background have been completed.

Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the alcohol license application.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and carried 5-0.

CSRA Probation Contract Renewal

County Manager Jim Hedges stated the contract for probation services provided by CSRA Probation Services, Inc., expired on December 31, 2022. The renewal contract is for the period January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024, with automatic renewal of four annual extension. The renewal contract has already been signed by Judge Wilson, and Judge Robins.

The cost and fee schedule are as follows:

- Probation Supervision Fee \$45/month
- Pre-trial Diversion Supervision Fee \$45/month
- Case Set-up Fee \$15.00

- Drug Testing \$25/Test
- Lab Confirmation \$25/confirmation
- Electronic Monitoring RF \$25 install fee, \$8/day
- Electronic Monitoring GPS active \$25 install fee, \$10/day
- Alcohol Monitoring-Random \$5 combined w/RF
- Alcohol Monitoring-Continuous (SCRAM) \$25 install fee, \$12/day
- Bond Supervision Fee \$45/month
- ACCI Offender Education Course \$60/course

Commissioner Emami motioned approve the CSRA Probation Services contract.

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

Surplus Equipment

County Manager Jim Hedges stated the first auction of 2023 includes vehicles, trucks, fire trucks, a boat, camper shells, tires, a DuraPatcher, scoreboards, pipe, exhaust fans, kitchen hoods, and a broom (list attached), the old Smarr Fire Station and one acre of land. The action for the Board of Commissioners is to declare the items listed as surplus and authorize the sale by auction utilizing the firm of Hudson & Marshall.

Terms and conditions for the auction with Hudson & Marshall remain the same, i.e., buyer pays 10% above the selling price, and seller receives 10% less than the selling price; this also applies to the sale of the old Smarr Fire Station and land.

Mr. Hedges stated the Care Cottage is asking for the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe to be declared surplus to be used for trade-in. Mr. Hedges stated the Sheriffs Office had not gotten a suitable offer for trade-in for the prior vehicles approved for surplus and they would like to list them on GovDeals for two weeks and if they don't get suitable offer they will be included in this auction with a reserve.

Item	Qty	Vin#/Description	Year	Make	Model
Score Boards	10				
8"x18' water pipes	17				
12"x18' water pipes	17				
18" Bore casing x 18' water pipes	7				
10"x18' water pipes	9				
8" elbows water	2				
8" T water	1				

Exhaust Fans (kitchen)	2	24" H x 48" D X 112" W			
Hoods (kitchen)	2	24" H x 48" D X 112" W			
311-07-5	1	3GCEC14Z47G177443	2007	Chevy	C1500
311-10-1	1	1FTMF1CW0AKB68233	2010	Ford	F150
Broom	1	RC350401083/51800000-932	2003	Broce	Broce
Tractor	1	1L06105MAEH797950	2015	JD	6105M-1
Firetruck	1	1FVABXCS92HK12733	2001	Freightliner	
Firetruck	1	1FVABXCS52HK12731	2001	Freightliner	
Truck	1	3GCEK14Z47G175629	2006	Chevy	1500 4x4
Truck	1	1GCEC14V52Z221391	2001	Chevy	Silverado
Firetruck	1	1HTMKAZR76H287174	2005	International	
Pothole Patcher	1	15048-MOD#125DJT	2010	Duraco	
Vehicle	1	2C3DXAT1KH646184	2019	Dodge	Charger
Vehicle	1	2C3CDXAT1JH253204	2018	Dodge	Charger
Truck	1	1GCEK14008Z210413	2007	Chevy	Silverado
Vehicle	1	2B3KA43H66H461787	2006	Dodge	Charger
Truck	1	1FTNF20F61EB67021	2001	Ford	F250
Vehicle	1	2C3CA5CV1AH206458	2010	Chrysler	300
Vehicle	1	1GNLC2E01CR319150	2012	Chevy	Tahoe
Vehicle	1	2FABP7BV7BX157797	2011	Ford	Crown Vic
Bed	1	2020 CHEVY 2500 8 FT BED		With tailgate	Tow Pkg
Truck Cap	1	For Ford F-150			
Truck Cap	1	For Ford F-350			
Lights LEA Various	?	CONEX WITH VARIOUS OLD LEA LIGHTS			
Boat w/ 9.9 hp motor	1				
Lt. bars off sheriff cars	17				
SUV	1	CARE COTTAGE-TRADE-IN 145,414 MILES	2012	Chevrolet	Tahoe
Tires	4	265/70R17		Goodyear Wrangler	Fortitude
Tires	1	31/10.50/RIS		Kelly Safari	SUV

Tires	1	265/70/R16		Kelly Safari	Signature
Tires	4	LT245/75/R17		Firestone	Transforce HT
Tires	4	P275/55/R20		Continental Cross	Contact LX20
Tires	3	275/55/R20		Hancock Dyna	Pro AT2
Tires	3	ST205/75/R15		Power King	Towmaxstr
Tires	1	ST205/75/15		PowerKing Towmax	Vangaurd
Tires	4	LT245/75/16		Goodyear G947	RSS
Tires	2	LT245/75/16		Goodyear G947	RSA
Tires	3	LT275/65/18		Goodyear	Duratrak
Tires	1	205/70/R14		Steel Trac	Metric
Tires	4	275/65/18		Michelin	PrimaryXC
Tires	1	9.5L-15		Harvest King	Farm Wagon
Tires	2	11L-15		Fat Cat	Fat Cat
Smarr Fire Station Bldg/1 acre	1	Parcel 080 018A-Evans Road			

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve to surplus the items listed and to sell at auction.

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

GDOT CVL Lighting-MOU

The Georgia Department of Transportation is proposing the installation of interstate lights along the new Commercial Vehicle Lanes; specifically, at the I-475 split, and from Bunn Road to the Forsyth city limits. GDOT is requesting Monroe County enter into a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding wherein the county will be responsible for energy, all repairs and maintenance estimated at a cost of \$88k annually. The cost over the term of the MOU calculates to be \$4.4 million, and with a 2.5% escalation factored in, the cost to the county would be \$8.9 million. GDOT has the right of termination, the County cannot terminate the MOU.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to reject the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of lighting.

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

Water Tap Fees

County Manager Jim Hedges stated at the request of Commissioner John Ambrose, I have reviewed our current tap fees compared to tap fees charged by the Macon Water Authority, with input on cost calculated by H2O, and suggestions from United Grading. Bottom-line is our water tap fees are low compared to the MWA and

suggestions from United Grading, and in a number of cases, we are losing money on the installation of water taps.

Current Tap Fees

Size	Current	Short Side Cost	Long Side Cost
3/4"	\$1200*	\$751	\$1667
1"	\$1500	\$1074	\$2031
1 1/2"	\$2100	\$2359	\$2575
2"	\$3100	\$2745	\$3819

*\$500 if installed within 6 months of a project completion

Recommendation

Size	Current	Short Side		Long Side	
		Cost	Recommended	Cost	Recommended
3/4"	\$1200	\$751	\$1500	\$1667	\$2000
1"	\$1500	\$1074	\$1074	\$2031	\$2400
1 1/2"	\$2100	\$2359	\$2359	\$2575	\$2900
2"	\$3100	\$2745	\$2745	\$3819	\$4200

Mr. Hedges stated the recommended rates are in line with MWA tap fees and recommendation from United Grading.

County Manager Jim Hedges stated he recommends focusing on the long side rates and set these for the county's new fees and don't worry about the short side fees.

Commissioner Emami suggested set at cost plus 10% and round up for long side fee.

Alton West, Ingram Road property owner, spoke stating he worked for Macon-Bibb Water Authority and the rates being proposed are in line with their rates.

Following an extensive Board discussion, Commissioner Emami motioned to approve the recommended long side amounts as the Tap fees.

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

High Falls Fire Station

County Manager Jim Hedges stated the final budget for the High Falls Fire Station, prepared by Proform Construction, is \$1,139,388. This is a decrease of \$142,526 from the estimated budget.

Final Budget:

- Sitework \$154,775
- Building Renovation \$565,960

- Apparatus Bay \$353,723
- Contractor Fee \$48,350
- Design Fee \$16,580
- Total \$1,139,388

The is a decrease of \$142,526 from the original budget of \$1,281,914.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the final budget with ProForm Construction for the renovation of the High Falls Fire Station at a cost of \$1,139,388.

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

Central Georgia Joint Development Authority Appointment

Chairman Greg Tapley is the current Monroe County representative on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority and his term expires December 31, 2024. Chairman Tapley has informed the Board of Commissioners that he has resigned this appointment effective March 6, 2024, and recommends and nominates Commissioner George Emami to fulfill the remainder of his appointment to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Development Authority of Monroe County Appointment

Commissioner George Emami is the current Monroe County liaison on the Development Authority of Monroe County and his term expires December 31, 2024. Commissioner Emami has informed the Board of Commissioners that he has resigned this appointment effective March 6, 2023, and recommends and nominates Chairman Greg Tapley to fulfill the remainder of his appointment to the Development Authority of Monroe County.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to appoint Chairman Tapley to Development Authority and Commissioner Emami to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Emami stated his scheduled has been too much to devote the time needed to the Development Authority, and his recommendation to the Board is to appoint Commissioner Lamarcus Davis.

Commissioner Ambrose withdrew his motion and Commissioner Rowland withdrew his second.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to appoint Commissioner Davis to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority and Chairman Tapley to the Development Authority of Monroe County.

Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion.

Following a Board discussion regarding the terms for appointed Board of Commissioner members to the Development Authority, County Attorney Ben Vaughn stated once appointed the appointment is until the term ends or the person dies.

The motion to appoint Commissioner Davis to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority and Chairman Tapley to the Development Authority of Monroe County carried 5-0.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Davis reminded everyone of the 5K race on March 25th at the Monroe County Achievement Center. Commissioner Davis stated there are 5 spots available if anyone would like to participate.

Commissioner Davis stated he has received his certification as a Certified County Commissioner.

Commissioner Davis stated the town hall meetings he and Forsyth City Councilman Julius Stroud hold will be starting back up and the first one will be held in Culloden.

Commissioner Ambrose stated lots of people participated in the county wide clean up day and thanked everyone for participating.

Commissioner Ambrose stated he would like for the fines for littering to be raised and would like for the community service program to start back up.

Commissioner Emami reminded everyone of the motorcycle bike ride that will be held on March 25th in High Falls.

Commissioner Emami stated if anyone is interested in volunteering at the community garden in High Falls, they can come on Sundays starting at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Tapley stated he was proud of the cheerleaders that were present tonight in honor of their championship.

Chairman Tapley stated there was a good turnout for Malik Herrings celebration and thanked those that attended.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session (Personnel/Real Estate, and Litigation)

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to enter executive session for personnel at 7:02 p.m.

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

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to close executive session at 7:36 p.m.

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

Action from Executive Session

County Attorney Ben Vaughn stated the Board discussed several matters of litigation and no action was taken, the Board discussed real estate and no action was taken and a personnel matter was discussed that needs action.

The action item is to approve the County Manager's recommendation for the salary changes for the library employees with one change to his recommendation.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the County Manager's recommendation for the library salaries and the change that was made.

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Emami motioned to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

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

Respectively Submitted by:

Janet Abbott, County Clerk