

MINUTES

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 26, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Commissioners for Monroe County, Tennessee, was begun and held at the Courthouse in Madisonville, Tennessee, in Regular Session, July 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Present and presiding was Wanda Alexander, Chairperson, and the following Commissioners were present and answered roll call.

FIRST DISTRICT

Wanda Alexander
Marty Allen
Bennie Moser

SECOND DISTRICT

Richard Kirkland
Judy Lee

THIRD DISTRICT

Harold Hawkins
Bill Shadden
Roger Thomas

ALSO PRESENT, were Mayor, Tim Yates, Clerk, Larry C. Sloan, County Attorney, Jerome Melson & several department heads.

Absent was Commissioner Bivins, 2nd District.

The Board of Commissioners was officially opened by Captain Wakefield.

The invocation was given by the Chairperson.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairperson.

726-1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2011-APPROVED

There being no exceptions to the Board of Commissioners Minutes for June 28, 2011, it was moved by Commissioner ALLEN, seconded by Commissioner HAWKINS, that these minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried. Aye 8 Nay 0

726-2 THRU 726-20 DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERLY REPORTS-APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner THOMAS, seconded by Commissioner KIRKLAND, that the following departmental quarterly reports be approved as presented. Motion carried. Aye 8 Nay 0

- 726-2 Mayor's Report
- 726-3 Road Supt Quarterly Report-NONE PRESENTED
- 726-4 School Supt Quarterly Report-NONE PRESENTED
- 726-5 Director of Finance Report-NONE PRESENTED
- 726-6 Ambulance Service Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-7 Animal Shelter Quarterly Report
- 726-8 Archives Quarterly Report
- 726-9 Building Permits Quarterly Report
- 726-10 Circuit Court Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-11 Clerk & Master Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-12 County Clerk Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-13 GIS Directors Report
- 726-14 Industrial Development Quarterly Report
- 726-15 Register of Deeds Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-16 Service Officer Quarterly Report
- 726-17 Sheriffs Dept Quarterly/Annual Report
- 726-18 Solid Waste Quarterly Report
- 726-19 Tourism Quarterly Report
- 726-20 Trustee Monthly Report

726-21 NOTARY PUBLIC APPLICATIONS-APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner THOMAS, seconded by Commissioner HAWKINS, that the following notary public applications be approved as presented. Motion carried. Aye 8 Nay 0

- Lacindy Faye Akins
- Carolyn Ann Best
- Crystal M. Bledsoe
- David Zane Cates
- Terri Lynn Cates
- Lori Ann Moore
- Crystal Denise Paramo
- Tammy B. Rausin
- Charles E. Ridenour
- Robert Kenneth Rule

726-22 RESOLUTION: BUDGET AMENDMENT, COUNTY GENERAL FUND BUDGET –NONE PRESENTED

726-23 RESOLUTION: BUDGET AMENDMENT, SCHOOL DEPARTMENT- NONE PRESENTED

726-24 PROPOSAL: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS INCENTIVE PROGRAM-APPROVED

The Monroe County Dental Clinic requests the opportunity to participate in the State Electronic Health Records Incentive Program. This proposal requires the purchase of a "certified" electronic dental record

(EDR) system to receive the five years of Federally-funded incentive amounts. Three of the dentists presently at the Dental Clinic have been registered for this program. When the clinic can demonstrate the purchase of this EDR, the Clinic will be eligible to receive the first of five payments for each of the three dentists presently employed.

For the past three decades, the Monroe County Dental Clinic has provided quality dental services to residents of Monroe County, specifically children and older individuals who have limited access to dental care. The Clinic, which is housed in the Monroe County Health Department, is a county-operated facility, with some oversight from the Regional Dental Director, but no direct connection to the Regional or State Health Departments.

The proposed electronic dental record system will improve both the ease of documentation and reporting. The use of this data for quality management is also well-known. The need to move to an electronic record keeping system is being driven by both National and State requirements for reporting. For the past several years, all clinical bills have had to be filed electronically. In a similar manner, the national goal line for clinical electronic information is 2014.

At this time, the Federal government has provided funds to each state to incentivize the conversion to electronic record. The first year increment of this incentive is \$21,000 per dentist. Over the five year course, each dentist can receive up to \$60,000.

The cost of purchasing such an electronic dental record system is approximately \$20,000 – 25,000. We have discussed with several vendors the needed system requirements. The most difficult part of this proposal is the fact that the Clinic MUST show that they have purchased a system before the final part of the application for incentive payments can be completed. Therefore, the clinic will have to proceed with the purchase prior to receiving the incentive funding. For this reason, the County Commission must be aware of this project and its requirements.

If there are specific questions regarding the technology involved or the specifics of the incentive program, further information can be provided.

It was moved by Commissioner THOMAS, seconded by Commissioner ALLEN, that this proposal be approved as presented. Motion carried on roll call. Aye 8 Nay 0

726-25 APPOINTMENT: AD HOC –JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE-APPROVED

Mayor Yates addressed the commission of the need to appoint a TEMPORARY JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE. This committee is formed for the specific task of accessing the needs of a new Justice Center for Monroe County and make recommendations for necessary beds to house prisoners, court rooms, office space and any other item as deemed necessary for the decertification of the present jail system.

JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

Session Judge - Reed Dixon
Circuit Court Clerk - Marty Cook
Clerk & Master - Teresa Choate
County Sheriff - Bill Bivens
County Attorney - Jerome Melson
Economic Development Director - Shan Harris

This committee is a temporary committee and shall be dissolved at completion of their task as deemed by the Monroe County Mayor – Tim Yates

It was moved by Commissioner HAWKINS, seconded by Commissioner THOMAS, that this appointment be approved as presented. Motion carried. Aye 8 Nay 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

TIM YATES
County Mayor

ATTEST

LARRY C. SLOAN
County Clerk