

Carroll County Fiscal Court
Minutes
August 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the Carroll County Fiscal Court was held on August 25, 2009. Members present were Judge/Executive Harold “Shorty” Tomlinson, Magistrate Floyd Bowling, Magistrate Dean Miller, and Magistrate Mark Bates. Judge Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., observing a moment of silence for our servicemen and women overseas and those less fortunate.

Approve Minutes

Magistrate Bates made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11 meeting. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Budget Amendment—1st Reading

Magistrate Miller made a motion authorizing Judge Tomlinson to read the attached budget amendment. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Judge Tomlinson read the attached budget amendment #2 aloud.

Magistrate Bowling made a motion to approve the attached first reading. Magistrate Bates 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Budget Transfers

Magistrate Bates made a motion to approve the attached budget transfer. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Invoice Approval

Magistrate Miller made a motion to approve the attached invoices. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Tax Rates (County)

Magistrate Miller made a motion to leave the tax rates unchanged for the coming tax year. Magistrate Bates 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Magistrate Bates made a motion to lower the real property tax rates to 4.5% and leave the personal property tax rate at 15.3%. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Magistrate Bowling made a motion to certify the Library tax rate at 9.0%; the school tax rate at 51.8%; and the Ghent Fire District at 9.9%. Magistrate Miller 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Magistrate Bates made a motion to keep the motor vehicle/watercraft tax rates the same, at 15.3%. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Bid Opening—Vehicles

The county bid out for two vehicles, one for the road department and one for the Emergency Management Director. The following bids were opened in court by Magistrate Bates due to the absence of the county attorney:

Earl Floyd Ford (ROAD)	2010 F550 4x4	\$46,535.29 (includes bed)
Kinman Chevrolet (ROAD)	2010 Chevy Silverado3500	\$34,163.20 (includes bed)
Kinman Chevrolet (EM)	2010 Chevy Tahoe 4x4	\$30,906.00

After opening the bids, Magistrate Bowling made a motion to table until the next meeting so bids can be examined more closely. Magistrate Bates 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Board Appointment—NKADD

Upon the recommendation of the County Judge, Magistrate Miller made a motion to re-appoint Joan Moore to the NKADD board for a term from September 2009-September 2012. Magistrate Bates 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Tobacco Festival Request

Magistrate Miller made a motion to approve the release of \$5000 budgeted to the Carroll County Tobacco Festival Committee. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4 ayes 0 nays

Parks & Recreation

Judge Tomlinson addressed the court with his ideas to re-vamp the Parks and Recreation Department. There have been some communication break-down between staff and coaches that need to improve. There is also the possibility of adding as many as three additional members to the Parks and Recreation Board.

There was also discussion of adding bleachers and fencing at the park. Magistrate Bates made a suggestion of adding lights to illuminate the playground equipment so that families can use the areas after dark.

The Judge will be looking into purchasing approx 6 bleachers at this time.

The waiver form that parents sign when they enroll their children in a sport through the department is also being looked at. The Judge is checking with the county's insurance carrier to see if anything needs to be added to protect the county's liability. In addition, they are also looking into training and background checks for those individuals who volunteer to protect the safety of children participating.

County Judge Comments

The new owners of Graham-Dunn Funeral Home have donated a 1989 Chrysler Van to the county. It has some repairs that are needed but can be used for removal purposes.

The Lewis Road Bridge is nearing completion.

The Design and Engineering is to start soon on the Locust Road Bridge.

Highway 36 should take an additional 1-1.5 weeks to get blacktopped as there is one contractor doing the milling and a different one doing the paving.

Judge Tomlinson advised the court on a loose timeline for the Milton-Madison Bridge Project.

Adjournment

Magistrate Miller made a motion to adjourn. Magistrate Bowling 2nd. All in favor.
Motion carries.

4 ayes

0 nays

Approved: September 8, 2009

Harold "Shorty" Tomlinson
Carroll County Judge/Executive

Nicki Beckham
Fiscal Court Clerk