

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 12-19-2007

Division: Community Services Division

Bulk Item: Yes  No

Department: Transportation

Staff Contact Person/Phone #: Jerry Eskew X4425

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval of resolution to increase on 1/1/08 the Monroe County Transit (MCT) fare for a 1-way trip from \$1.00 for every 10 miles (established in 2003) to \$2.00 with no mileage increments; and approval to increase on 1/1/08 the MCT BusPass from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for unlimited use in the calendar month of purchase. Low income persons for which this increase would create a financial hardship will be referred to Monroe County Community Support Services (CSS) to determine eligibility for MCT rates in effect in 2003.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** The rate increase (without the eligibility program) was proposed by Community Services Division at the 11/7/07 BOCC workshop seeking options to reduce division expenditures and/or offset with additional receipts. BOCC requested that a system be put in place to handle requests for current fares that the increase may cause a financial hardship. The eligibility determination for MCT fare consideration will be handled by CSS upon referral by MCT.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** N/A

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval of Resolution.

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**TOTAL COST:** \$0

**BUDGETED:** Yes N/A No

**COST TO COUNTY:** \$0

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMT PER MO** \$3,000 **Year** \$40,000

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty  B OMB/Purchasing  Risk Management MS

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included  Not Required

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. -2007**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING A RATE INCREASE FOR MONROE COUNTY TRANSIT FROM A 1-WAY TRIP FARE OF \$1.00 FOR EVERY 10 MILES ESTABLISHED IN 2003 TO A 1-WAY TRIP FARE OF \$2.00 WITH NO MILEAGE INCREMENTS AND A RATE INCREASE FOR MONROE COUNTY TRANSIT BUSPASS FROM \$25.00 TO \$40.00 FOR UNLIMITED USE FOR THE CALENDAR MONTH OF PURCHASE

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**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners is committed to providing paratransit services throughout Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, these services are provided by Monroe County Transit, a program within the Social Services Department within the Community Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services Division endeavors to reduce operating costs and/or increase revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services Division presented an option to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2007, to increase Monroe County Transit revenues that maintained paratransit service levels while increasing trip fares; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for increased receipts for operating Monroe County Transit services while being concerned about persons with financial hardships that use the services; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners directed Community Services Division establish a method for fare relief for those who face financial hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County Transit will refer those who face financial hardships to Community Support Services, a program of the Social Services Department, to determine fares that revert back to December 19, 2003 fee for service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, with consideration of said referral and fare determination procedure, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners approves an increase on January 1, 2008 of the Monroe County Transit 1-way trip fare of \$1.00 for every 10 miles established in 2003 to \$2.00 with no mileage increments; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners further approves an increase on January 1, 2008, of the Monroe County Transit BusPass from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for unlimited use in the calendar month of purchase; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners fully supports a rate increase for Monroe County Transit for the 1-way trip fare and monthly BusPass.

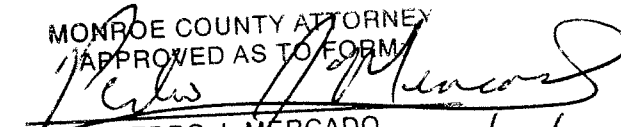
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Pro Tem Mario DiGennaro \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Dixie Spehar \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner George Neugent \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles "Sonny" McCoy, Mayor

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
PEDRO J. MERCADO  
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Date 11/15/07