

**MACON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 7th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, Scott Gammons, Mike Jenkins, Benton Bartley, Charles (Chop) Porter, Mchelle Phillips, Justin Dyer, Ken Witte, Barry Marshall, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson, and Larry West.

Absent: Tony Wix

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Michael Slayton gave the Invocation.

Helen Hesson led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by Dyer to accept minutes as presented from the 1/18/22 Legislative Body meeting and 12/21/21 Planning Commission meeting defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #2 by West, 2nd by Hughes accept Budget Amendments #1 through #10 (#1 Election Commission, #2 Register of Deeds, #3 Planning Commission, #4 Judicial Commissioners, #5 Planning Commission, #6 Sheriff's Department, #7 Other Charges – Benefit Line, #8 Chancery Court, #9 General Fund – Bridge Construction, and #10 Planning Commission) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #3 by West, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #2-24/22 Keith Property Rezoning Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Snow, 2nd by Gentry to defer #2-25/22 2022 CDBG Application Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #2-26/22 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week Proclamation to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2nd by West to defer #2-27/22 FFA Week Proclamation to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles told the Commissioners that he did not renew his contract and his last day as director will be June 30, 2022.

During a lengthy discussion, Mayor Jones explained the breakdown of the funds that was put into the FY21-22 171-Capital Projects budget. He told the Commissioners that Macon County had received a \$5,865,400 grant for a new health department which had a matching fund of \$477,900. He stated that Attorney Guy Holliman is getting the deed prepared for the purchase of the land on Nature Trail Way where the Health Department and Administrative Building will be located. Attorney Holliman will also be working with the City of Lafayette attorney on the deed for the Donoho Property. Mayor Jones ask the

Commissioners to allow a budget amendment to be brought back using American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds to purchase the properties and pay the matching funds. He stated that the Commissioners could put the money from the sale of the old health department back in the budget to pay for the health department land and matching funds.

Mayor Jones stated that Macon County has been allotted and will be eligible for approximately \$3,987,000 dollars in grant funding from TDEC for waterlines. This funding depends on the County being able to work with the utility districts. The mayor said the waterline projects have already been funded by the commissioners through ARP funds, but he would like to apply for the funding through the TDEC funds in an effort to use the allocated funds. The mayor said he was working with the City of Lafayette and TDEC to develop a plan that would be approved to use the TDEC grant funding. He suggested to try to use the grant money for the waterlines on Old Bottom Rd, Sycamore Valley Rd, and Addison Hollow Rd first if possible before using the \$2,000,000 that was already set aside in the budget.

Jeff Harper representing the City of Lafayette spoke stating that unless the water reservoir at White Springs is increased that they city would have to be cautious of the number of new customers getting water due to not having the capacity to supply them. Mayor Jones said he had met with the City of Lafayette Mayor, City of Red Boiling Springs Mayor, Representative Keisling and TDEC representatives on a plan to increase the water capacity for Macon County residents. Mayor Jones suggested donating \$1,000,000 of the TDEC funding to the City of Lafayette to help expand the reservoir and increase the water capacity. Mayor Jones told the commissioners that if the city did not get more capacity of water, then Macon County would not be able to install more waterlines. The city currently has the water capacity, this is all about having the capacity needed in the future.

Motion #7 by Snow, 2nd by Dyer to allow Mayor Jones to bring back Capital Projects budget amendment and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by King, 2nd by Dyer to approve using Upland Design in Crossville to design the Administrative Building and Health Department and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #9 by West, 2nd by Hughes to have a meeting about the administrative building's design on February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to City of Lafayette Mayor Jerry Wilmore about building a pavilion type structure for the Farmer's Market. This building would be built at Key Park in the center of the parking lot and would be funded using a 3-Star grant Macon County received.

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by Bartley to build a Farmer's Market pavilion at Key Park using the 3-Star grant and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried (18-Yes, 1-No)

Mayor Jones explained that 2 bids had been submitted for the construction of the Fairground bathrooms and work at the Meador Building. The two bids submitted were from Crowder Construction and JH Farms. JH Farms submitted the lowest bids of \$167,564 for the Fairground bathroom and \$16,250 for the work at the Meador Building. Commissioners felt the bids were too high and wanted to rebid the project.

Motion #11 by Hughes, 2nd by King to rebid the Fairground bathrooms and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Snow, 2nd by West to accept Select-Tech, Inc bid of \$129,200 for an ambulance and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd by Slayton to accept the resignation of Alecia King and appointment of Carolyn Blankenship to the Library Board and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that he had spoken to Road Supervisor Audie Cook concerning the driveway tiles installation for new construction. Mr. Cook's suggestion would be to let the planning commission research and develop this as part of getting a building permit.

Motion #14 by King, 2nd by West to let the planning commission research and develop plan for driveway installation for new construction and defer to Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Hesson, 2nd Jones to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by West, 2nd by Petty to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to accept the EMS Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion #18 by King, 2nd by Hesson to defer road closures on Hagan Circle, Wilson Rd, and Wright Lane to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Keith Pedigo, representing a group of citizens spoke to the Commissioners asking for waterlines to be run on Shrum Hollow Rd.

Mayor Jones explained that there is an ongoing list of people requesting water lines for different county roads and that Shrum Hollow Rd could be added to that list. He stated that a meeting could be set up at a later date to discuss water lines.

Motion #19 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to add Shrum Hollow Rd to the list of requests for waterlines and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to adjourn.

Motion Carried