

**MACON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 4th, 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, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, and Larry West.

Absent: Ken Witte and Helen Hesson

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Michael Slayton gave the Invocation.

Scott Gammons led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by C. West to accept minutes as presented from the 3/21/22 Legislative Body meeting, 2/15/22 Planning Commission meeting, 2/15/22 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 3/23/22 JECDB meeting, and 3/21/22 and 3/28/22 Budget meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Gammons, 2nd by King to accept Budget Amendments #3 Sheriff's Department and #7 Drug Fund and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by L. West, 2nd by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1-2,4-6, and 8-11 (#1 Capital Projects – Justice Center, #2 Planning Commission, #4 Animal Control, #5 Park & Fair Board – Non-Profit Contribution, #6 Park & Fair Board – Non-Profit Contribution, #8 Library, #9 Library - Restricted, #10 Capital Projects - EMS, and #11 Board of Education – General Purpose School) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by C. West, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #4-29/22 Powers Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 15.01) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by C. West, 2nd by Petty to defer #4-30/22 Powers Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 15.02) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #4-31/22 RBS Fire Tanker Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by L. West, 2nd by Petty to defer #4-32/22 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that the Highway Department building needed repairs, especially roof damage due to wear and tear, and age of building.

Motion #8 by King, 2nd by C. West to allow Mayor Jones to advertise for bids on the Highway Department building repairs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

A resident of California Hollow Lane came before the Commissioners questioning the length of the lane. He explained that he was not asking for any road work to be done that he was graveling it himself, he just wanted to know where the road stopped. Road Supervisor Audie Cook recommended the Road Committee meet on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, at 3:00p.m. to go and look at it and bring back their recommendations.

Motion #9 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to allow the Road Supervisor Audie Cook and Road Committee to bring back road repairs recommendations for California Hollow Ln and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mark Gammons spoke to the Commissioners about the cost increase of fuel and asked for a \$10,000 budget amendment out of General Fund (101) to be brought back before them.

Motion #10 by C. West, 2nd by King to approve bringing back a \$10,000 budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department gasoline budget line and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that Mid-Tenn Engineering had negotiated a final amount for the Taylor Branch Ln waterline. The cost came to \$276,115 which was a \$68,610 increase from the \$207,505 bid amount due to TDEC requiring more work than anticipated.

Motion #11 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to approve to pay the Taylor Branch Ln waterline invoice of \$276,115 and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that he had been in meetings with TDEC about the ARP waterline funding. The applications process has not been released yet, but the County's allocated funds are \$3,987,171.97 with a 15% match. He stated that the City of Lafayette and City of RBS are also receiving funding. To receive funding for waterline extensions the County will have to work with all the utility departments individually providing water to receive TDEC funding. Mayor Jones stated that he is still working with TDEC to use a portion of the County's allocations to give the City of Lafayette, to increase the White Springs water reservoir.

Mayor Jones explained that the deed is almost finished to purchase the land on Nature Trail Way for the Administrative Building and Health Department. He stated that the intersection at Church Street and Nature Trail Way are a safety concern. He has spoken with State Representative Kelly Keisling and TDOT Chief Engineer Paul Diggs about the concerns. Mr. Diggs agreed this could be a problem and stated he would have his engineers look at how the state could help correct the problem. Mayor Jones also stated that the contract is almost complete for Upland Design and there is a meeting scheduled with them on Friday to start the design process. The Administrative Building will be approximately 14,500 sq ft and each elected official will be designing their own office space to best fit their needs. The commissioners will then have the final approval on the design.

Mayor Jones stated he had met with the regional directors for the new Health Department on Friday. He stated that the funding contract with the State of TN would not be available until June. The County is allocated \$5,856,400 for a new health department with a 10% match of \$477,900 using ARP funds. The purchase amount of \$240,000 used on the land on Nature Trail Way can be used as part of the matching funds. Mayor Jones stated that the grant is a reimbursable grant but was told that the State of TN is expecting a 30 day return on invoices. The Health Department will also be approximately a 14,000 sq ft. building.

Motion #12 by Petty, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd Petty to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Hughes, 2nd King to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and Write-offs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that he would have to appoint 2 people to the Fair Board and 1 person to the E-911 Board.

Motion #15 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to allow Mayor Jones to bring back 2 appointees to the Fair Board and 1 appointee to the E-911 Board and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Scott Gammons stated that he had spoken to Road Supervisor Audie Cook about the need of children at play signs on Macedonia Circle.

Motion #16 by Gammons, 2nd by Bartley to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to put up children at play signs on Macedonia Circle and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

County Commissioner Barry King stated he that he felt the Property Assessor's vehicle needed to have stickers on the side like Animal Control and Codes Enforcement to let the community know whose vehicle it is.

Motion #17 by King, 2nd by Wilmore to have stickers installed on the Property Assessor's County vehicle and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mark Gammons invited everyone to come and participate in the Citizens Academy hosted by the Sheriff's Department on Tuesday April 12th at the E-911 building.

Motion #18 by Gammons, 2nd by L. West to adjourn.

Motion Carried