

**MACON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday May 2nd, 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, Ken Witte, Justin Dyer, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, and Larry West.

Absent: Helen Hesson

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Chad West gave the Invocation.

Benton Bartley led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by Witte to accept minutes as presented from the 4/18/22 Legislative Body meeting, 3/15/22 Planning Commission meeting, 4/11/22, 4/18/22, and 4/25/22 Budget meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Wix, 2nd by King to accept Budget Amendments #1-13 (#1 Highway Department, #2 County Buildings - Courthouse, # 3 Sheriff's Department, #4 EMA, #5 Library, #6 Library – Restricted, #7 Election Commission #8 Sex Offender Registry, #9 Sheriff's Department, #10 EMS, #11 New Elementary School, #12 EMS, and #13 Sheriff's Department) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Slayton, 2nd by Petty to defer #5-33/22 Smith Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 048.06) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by West, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #5-34/22 Smith Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 048.06) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by West, 2nd by Snow to defer #5-35/22 Hospital Week Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to defer #5-36/22 EMS Week Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles came before the Commissioners explaining his current base salary of \$115,113 per year due to discussions about the new school director's salary. The salary would be considerably more than Mr. Boles is receiving now.

Sheriff Mark Gammons along with Deputy Mark Bartley came before the Commissioners requesting to purchase a drone using funds from the Drug Fund. Mr. Bartley also explained that there are 4 patrol cars that need to be sold. He also stated that County Attorney Guy Holliman recommends that a storage fee

should be added to any confiscated vehicles to make the process quicker to be able to sale confiscated items after judgement has been made.

Motion #7 by Snow, 2nd by Dyer to approve Sheriff Mark Gammons to purchase drone using Drug Funds and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Election Commission Barry Doss was requesting another full-time employee due to the extra workload. He stated that a budget amendment would need to be brought back for the extra expense.

Motion #8 by Witte, 2nd by Jenkins to approve bringing back a budget amendment for an additional full-time employee at the Election Commission and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had been asked if the County was going to observe June 19th (Juneteenth). He stated that it is recognized as a federal holiday and the City of Lafayette had just approved to recognize it as well.

Motion #9 by West, 2nd by West to approve County to observe June 19th (Juneteenth) as a holiday and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (14-yes, 3-no, and 2-pass)

Mayor Jones explained that he had been contacted by NCTC concerning the phone systems at the EMS and Justice Center. They stated that they were older systems and if there is a problem they would not have parts to repair them. The cost of the system at EMS would be \$12,275.20 and the Justice Center's would be \$65,250.79. A new system would tie all the phone systems together including E-911. After some discussion, Mayor Jones stated he could get someone from NCTC to come and explain their concerns.

Motion #10 by Snow, 2nd by West to approve further discussions on a new phone system at EMS and Justice Center and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Witte, 2nd by Gammons to approve County Attorney Guy Holliman to draw up a waiver for the permit fees for the new administrative building and health department and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that Animal Control Officer Travis Cothron is ill and going to be out of work for an undetermined recovery time. He stated that during this time Animal Control Officer Ashley Carter was going to need additional help. He stated that he had spoken to Cindy Holland with Mid-Cumberland Work Force Services about receiving a WEX program grant for a temporary employee to work through the end of the fiscal year.

Motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by Gammons to approve further discussion about an additional Animal Control temporary employee and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Macon County had received an ARC grant for \$519,750 with a 50% match to rehab the water tank at the BabyNov plant in RBS. He spoke to BabyNov about paying half of the 50% match of \$259,875. He stated that the County's portion of \$129,937 could be paid out of the ARP grant funds.

Motion #13 by Bartley, 2nd by Jenkins to approve the BabyNov water tank renovations and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Gammons, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Petty, 2nd Wilmore to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #16 by West, 2nd Gentry to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and Write-offs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that County Attorney Guy Holliman has the deed and easement ready for the land on Nature Trail Way and will be sent to City Attorney Jimmy White for approval. He stated that he had met with the architecture firm, and they are in the process of getting a design ready. He stated that Mike Holland is surveying the Donoho property to get that land ready to purchase.

Mayor Jones gave the Commissioners a water extension list of citizens that have requested water. He also stated the City of Lafayette wanted to increase the water tank capacity. He stated that while meeting with the City of Lafayette they had requested donating them \$1 million dollars, if approved using TDEC grant funding, to help rehab the current water tank.

Motion #17 by Gammons, 2nd by West to allow further discussion on the water extension list and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to adjourn.
Motion Carried