

**MACON COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday June 6th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Phillip Snow, Michael Slayton, and Chad West

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Mchelle Phillips led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to accept minutes as presented from the 5/16/22 Legislative Body meeting, 4/19/22 Planning Commission meeting, 3/15/22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 5/2/22, 5/9/22, 5/16/22 and 5/23/22 Budget meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to accept Budget Amendments #1-22 (#1 General Fund – Bridge Construction, #2 Solid Waste, # 3 County Coroner/Medical Examiner, #4 Capital Projects - Land, #5 Capital Projects – Farmer’s Market, #6 County Commission, #7 General Sessions Judge, #8 Animal Control, #9 Macon County Rescue Squad, #10 Sheriff’s Department, #11 Drug Fund, #12 Highway Department, #13 Drug Fund, #14 EMS, #15 Judicial Commissioners, #16 Willette Fire Department, #17 Property Assessor’s Office, #18 General Purpose Schools, #19 Mayor’s Office, #20 EMS, #21 Circuit Court Clerk, and #22 Other Charges – Benefit Line) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to defer #6-37/22 Dairy Month Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to defer #6-38/22 ThreeStar Fiscal Confirmation Letter to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles explained that the State of TN is now requiring any leases the Board of Education enters must have the Commissioners approval. Mid-Tenn Office Equipment has quoted to a lease maintenance on 19 copiers for \$3,800 per month.

Motion #5 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to approve Board of Education to have a copier lease with Mid-Tenn Office Equipment for \$3,800 per month and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve Highway Departments Road list and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he is meeting with the Cordell Hull Utility District and Smith County Mayor Jeff Mason concerning the waterline extension on Sycamore Valley Rd this week. He explained that we are still going to try to use the funds from TDEC for this project using the collaborative portion of the grant. Mayor Jones told the commissioners he was working with the City of Lafayette on the waterline extension on Old Bottom Rd, Addison Hollow Rd and is going to be trying to work with Castalian Springs and Bethpage on the Hicks Hollow Rd, also.

Motion #7 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to allow further discussions about water line extensions at future meetings and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that after speaking with CTAS, there may be a resolution that has to be brought back regarding the Donoho property being collectively purchased by the County and City of Lafayette. He stated that he would discuss it with Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to allow a resolution for Donoho Property be brought back and defer to the Legislative Body for approval and recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that an arborist out of Nashville had come to look at the Oak tree outside the Courthouse. His estimate was going to cost approximately \$14,000. Midwest Maintenance has given an estimate of \$5,000 for them to take the asphalt up around the bottom of the tree. He stated that after speaking to UT Extension Officer Keith Allen, they felt comfortable with taking the advice of the UT extension main office and have the inmates cautiously remove the asphalt. Sheriff Mark Gammons also stated that the trees that are in the center of the entrance at the Justice Center needed to be removed due to being overgrown and scratching individuals' vehicles. He stated that more manageable shrubs needed to be put in their place.

Motion #9 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve having the inmates remove the asphalt around the Oak tree with the guidance of the UT Extension office and remove the Holly trees at the entrance of the Justice Center and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hesson to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wix to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> West to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and Write-offs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that a resident had sent in a request and petition for 25mph speed limit signs to be placed on Wilmore Hollow Rd. He stated signage was there previously but was no longer there and the citizens were requesting the signs to be put back up.

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to approve replacing the 25mph speed limit request on Wilmore Hollow Rd and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to adjourn.

Motion Carried