

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

Monday October 3rd, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, Keith Newberry, Mike Jenkins, Benton Bartley, Ethan Flippin, Billy Wilmore, Dan Hill, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Bobby Ray King, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson and Larry West.

Absent: Justin Dyer

Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones opened the meeting.

Michael Slayton gave the Invocation.

Helen Hesson led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Hesson, 2nd by Wilmore to accept minutes as presented from the 9/19/22 Legislative Body meeting, 9/21/22 Joint Economic meeting, 6/21/22, 7/19/22, 8/30/22 Planning Commission meeting, 6/21/22, 7/19/22 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Slayton to defer Budget Amendments #1-11 (#1 Animal Control, #2 Sheriff's Department, #3 Debt Service – Courthouse, #4 General Fund – Sheriff's Department, #5 General Fund – EMS, #6 Debt Service – Sheriff's Department, #7 General Fund – Sheriff's Department, #8 Circuit Court Clerk, #9 Library, #10 EMS, and #11 Capital Projects – Voting Machine System) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hesson, 2nd by West to defer #10-17/22 USDA Funding Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

4-H Honor members came and explained the importance of 4-H and all the upcoming events that they are involved in, along with the appreciation of the support they receive.

Motion #4 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #10-18/22 4-H Week Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hesson, 2nd by Newberry to defer #10-19/22 Ken Witcher Proclamation and #10-20/22 Mark Gammons Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Shawn Carter introduced himself to the Commissioners as the new School Director effective November 1st.

Mayor Jones explained that a resident of Dog Trot Circle had contacted him about wanting to install a gate across the road. He explained that he along with Attorney Guy Holliman and the Road Supervisor had already looked at the road in question and Mr. Holliman recommended that the Highway Committee meet to look at it and bring back recommendations to the Legislative Body.

Motion #6 by Wix, 2nd by Hughes to approve Highway Committee to bring back recommendations on Dog Trot Circle and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that John David with the West Macon Rescue Squad had contacted him about needing batteries replaced in some of their Hurst equipment.

Motion #7 by Newberry, 2nd by Gentry to allow discussion on West Macon Rescue Squad equipment replacement and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that the Commissioner group pictures were planned for October 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion #8 by Hesson, 2nd Petty to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Petty, 2nd Wix to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Jeff Hughes stated he was concerned about the continuous number of EMS write-offs and asked if Mayor Jones could get someone from Fox Collections to come and discuss the reason the money couldn't be collected.

Motion #10 by Hughes, 2nd Bartley to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and have someone from Fox Collections explain about the Write-offs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Benton Bartley stated that he had received some calls and asked EMS Director Randy Carter to explain why there were no ambulances at the last 2 Red Boiling Springs football games. Mr. Carter stated that they had so many runs that there were no ambulances available at those times. Commissioner Billy Wilmore stated that he was also concerned about there not being an ambulance at the Lafayette football games either. Commissioner Dan Hill asked about possibly having a contract service to come in to help with non-emergency runs to help with the concerns. There were some concerns about having a private service come into the county and not having control over the quality of service that would provide. Mr. Carter stated that he had some would start soon and hopefully be able to help run day trucks and that he was staffed at all 3 stations. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Jones stated that the Committee assignments would take place in November and that if anyone would like to be on a specific committee to let him know. Commissioner Billy Wilmore stated that there needed to be a Notary Public committee established. Mayor Jones stated he would look into adding a committee to review the applicants.

Mayor Jones stated that he is meeting and having a walk through with CTAS tomorrow about concerns at the Jail and would bring back recommendations after speaking with them.

Motion #11 by King, 2nd by Newberry to allow discussions about jail concerns and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Barry King stated that he had some calls about getting water ran on Hillsdale Circle. The road that needs water is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and has 6-8 people that need water. He requested to get Evan White with Mid-Tenn Engineering to get an estimate of the cost.

Motion #12 by King, 2nd by Newberry to get Mid-Tenn Engineering to get an estimate of the cost of waterlines on Hillsdale Circle and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Jones, 2nd by Marshall to adjourn.
Motion Carried