

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

Monday November 7, 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, Justin Dyer, Dan Hill, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Bobby Ray King, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson and Larry West.

Absent: Michael Slayton

Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Phillip Snow led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 10/17/22 Legislative Body meeting and 9/20/22 Planning Commission meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to defer Budget Amendments #1-11 (#1 Library, #2 Animal Control, #3 Debt Service – Contacted Prisoner Board, #4 Capital Projects – Justice Center, #5 EMS, #6 Other Local Welfare Services, #7 Sheriff’s Department, #8 Debt Service – Contracted Prisoner Board, #9 Jail, #10 Capital Projects, and #11 Other Facilities – Justice Center) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to defer #10-19/22 Ken Witcher Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hill to defer #11-21/22 Emergency Service Personnel Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartley to defer #11-22/22 Recycling Month Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

School Director Shawn Carter came before the commissioner’s and asked about having a joint meeting between the County Commissioners and the School Board regarding the new elementary school. He also stated that at the meeting, he would like to discuss the new vocational school, that will have to be built in the next 3 years and would like to show a preliminary drawing at that time. The tentative date set for that meeting is Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Road Supervisor Audie Cook told the commissioners there was a tile on Barefoot Rd that needs to be cleaned out but to do that they would have to be on Mark Roark’s property. He stated that he needed the Commissioner’s permission to do that.

Motion #6 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to allow Highway Department to clean out tile on Barefoot Rd and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Joey Wilburn came before the commissioners and ask permission to sell 5 or 6 patrol cars, that have been taken out of service due to the age and condition of the vehicle. He also stated that the vehicles behind the Jail from confiscation and abandonment were almost ready to be sold as well.

Motion #7 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilmore to allow Sheriff Joey Wilburn to sale 5 or 6 patrol cars at auction and defer to the Legislative Body for approval. The funds from the sale will be put back into the Sheriff's Department Maintenance and Repair Services – Vehicle budget line.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Crowder Construction had the only bid of \$54,000, for the entrance construction of Nature Trail Way and Church Street.

Motion #8 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to approve Crowder Construction's bid of \$54,000 for the entrance of Nature Trail Way and Church Street and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that Attorney Guy Holliman would explain about the Notary Public Committee at the Legislative Body meeting and have a recommendation.

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to bring back recommendations about the Notary Public Committee and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones presented his 2022/2023 committee appointments and ask the commissioners to ratify his appointments.

Motion #10 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to ratify Committee Appointments and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had discussed with EMS Director Randy Carter about getting new ambulances or ambulance chassis ordered. He stated that he was told that it could potentially be up to 3 years getting an ambulance if one was ordered today. He explained that he would like to look into buying chassis and remounting the current boxes.

Motion #11 by Newberry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow to allow Mayor Jones to research getting new ambulance chassis and remounts and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that the State of TN had raised the bid limit to \$25,000 instead of the current \$10,000. This would allow the County to purchase an item up to \$25,000 with 3 quotes instead of following the bid process when something was purchased. He stated that Attorney Guy Holliman would be discussing this with them at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to bring back recommendations about raising the bid limit to \$25,000 and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to bring back recommendations about increasing the number of School Board members and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that the only Industrial Development Board the County has, is controlled by the City of Lafayette. He stated that he had spoken to City of Lafayette Mayor Jerry Wilmore, and they felt that it would be best for that one to dissolve and the County, along with the City of Lafayette and City of RBS, create a new one that represents all parties.

Motion #14 by Newberry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to bring back recommendations on creating a new Industrial Development Board and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Commissioner Larry West requested that the Animal Control Officers come to a commissioner's meeting and discuss the department's procedures.

Motion #16 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hesson to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that a contract between EMS and Fox Collections had been sent to Attorney Guy Holliman for review.

Motion #17 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gentry to accept the EMS Operational Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had been contacted by the Trap Team requesting to come before the Commissioners. No one representing the Trap Team was at the Committee of the Whole meeting. It was stated that all donations outside of the budget process would be denied.

Motion #18 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to allow discussions about the Trap Team donation and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Ashley DeRossett representing the State of TN Department of Tourism had requested to come and speak to the Legislative Body at the next meeting.

Motion #19 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to allow Ashley DeRossett to come speak at the next meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

In other business, Mayor Jones stated that he had been working with USDA on the paperwork required for the loan for the new administrative building which will be funded through current debt service funding and not out of property or sales tax.

Mayor Jones also stated that a petition had been turned in requesting waterlines be installed on Webster Lane and stated the Waterline Committee needed to meet to discuss any further waterline expansions. The Waterline Committee meeting is set for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion #20 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to adjourn.  
Motion Carried