

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

Monday December 5th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, Keith Newberry, Mike Jenkins, Ethan Flippin, Billy Wilmore, Justin Dyer, 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: Benton Bartley

Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones opened the meeting.

Michael Slayton gave the Invocation.

Keith Newberry led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Jenkins, 2nd by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 11/21/22 Legislative Body meeting, 10/18/22 Planning Commission meeting, and 11/30/22 JECDB meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Hesson to defer Budget Amendments #1-4 (#1 Animal Control, #2 Sheriff's Department, #3 Sheriff's Department, and #4 General Purpose School) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Snow, 2nd by Marshall to defer #11-21/22 Emergency Service Personnel Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Hesson, 2nd by Gentry to defer #12-24/22 IBC Adoption Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by West, 2nd by Petty to defer #12-25/22 IRC Adoption Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hughes, 2nd by King to defer 12-26/22 Building Permit Fee Schedule to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (12 yes – 7 no)

School Director Shawn Carter presented the plans for the new elementary school and new vocational school. He stated that the School Board would have approximately \$2,500,000 to spend on a payment for the new elementary school. He stated that TCAT would be pulling out in 3-5 years and the students wouldn't have a vocational school unless one is built. He is proposing building it behind Macon County High School with a cost of approximately \$12,000,000. He stated that these kids are the future of the County. He encouraged all the Commissioners to come to the special called meeting about the new school projects on Monday December 12th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jones stated that to be able to make a payment on a vocational school along with other future building projects including the jail addition, there would have to be a property tax or wheel tax increase. He stated that Macon County is the fastest growing county in the Upper Cumberland and due to this, it is taxing our infrastructure and taking care of these projects.

Motion #7 by West, 2nd by Hughes to have a special called meeting regarding the new school projects and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones introduced Dan Tidcomb with TN Central. He explained that TN Central helps up with all the industrial development and was very beneficial in helping with the Industrial Development Expansion. Mayor Jones explained that the county receives \$20,000 a year through TN Central to help with industrial development and now has approximately \$160,000 in an account that can be used only for that. He stated that he was requesting to use \$50,000 of that money to cultivate and seed the Macon Lafayette Industrial Park Expansion for potential prospects to be able to see the land easier. He stated that Channing Swindle was the only bidder for \$36,000 to cultivate and seed the land. He stated that he also requested the remaining money be spent on signage at the road for any potential industry.

Motion #8 by Dyer, 2nd by Newberry to allow Mayor Jones to spend \$50,000 from TN Central on cultivating and seeding the Macon Lafayette Industrial Park Expansion and road signage and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that the paperwork for the Industrial Development Board is being submitted to the State of TN for approval. He stated the people he would like to appoint to the board are George McCrary, Gloria Morgan, Logan Tuck, Melissa Wooten, Paul Thompson, Richard Thomas, and Rick Clark.

Motion #9 by King, 2nd by Petty to ratify the Industrial Development Board Appointments and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that due to exposure at the Jail, the county needed a contract to take care of the maintenance of the camera/security system. He stated that Southwest Communications (SWC) is the one that had upgraded the system approximately a year ago and that is who the quotes are from. He explained that a full maintenance contract would include them taking care of any problems that arise and would cost \$31,712.01 per year and a partial maintenance contract would cost \$15,580 per year.

Motion #10 by King, 2nd by Dyer to approve the SWC contract of \$31,712.01 for the Jail camera/security system maintenance and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that a resident from Paulk Ln and Wilson Rd had contacted him requesting these roads be closed. Mark Lareau spoke to the commissioners regarding Wilson Rd. He stated that he owns on both sides of Wilson Rd and would like to see it closed. He stated that if the road is closed, he would take care all the maintenance that the road needs in the future.

Motion #11 by King, 2nd by Slayton to defer Paulk Ln and Wilson Rd to the Highway Committee for recommendations and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that a resident of Brooks Cemetery Ln had contacted him. He stated that this Lane is on the Highway Departments Road List but is not able to be taken care by the Highway Department due to it being fenced and gated.

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to defer Brooks Cemetery Ln to the Highway Committee for recommendations and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Hesson, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Hesson, 2nd Wilmore to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Jenkins, 2nd Marshall to accept the EMS Operational Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Kristen Cassidy representing the Macon County Trap Team came before the Commissioners requesting a donation of \$1,500 for the MCHS Trap Team and \$1,500 for the MCJHS Trap Team. Commissioners asked that they come back during the budget process and the request would be considered at that time.

Motion #16 by Hesson, 2nd by Hughes to adjourn.
Motion Carried