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Minutes-March 21, 2022, Meeting of the Macon County Legislative Body.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met, pursuant to notice at the Macon County Courthouse in Lafayette, Tennessee on March 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Gammons opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Phillip Snow led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 18 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are the Roll Call Voting, Proclamations & Resolutions.

Absent were Gentry & Slayton

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go into Election for District 1 & 2 School Board Member,

Motion Carried

Two qualified applicants were present. Applicants Bobby Likens and Bryan Nichols were allowed to speak to the Commission. Roll Call voting resulted in Bobby Likens receiving 13 votes Bryan Nichols receiving 5 votes. New Board member Bobby Likens was immediately sworn in by Mayor Steve Jones.

Motion #2 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to go back into normal session.

Motion Carried

Motion # 3 by L. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go into election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Dominic Clesceri	Nominated by	Hesson
Lisa Dennis	"	Petty
Kacie Gregory	"	Wilmore
Carmen Santos	"	King
Tina D. Wilson	"	Hesson

Motion # 4 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow to move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclimation.

Motion Carried

Motion # 5 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. West to accept minutes as presented from the 2/22/22 Legislative Body meeting, 1/18/22 Planning Commission meeting, 12/21/21 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 2/17/22 EFSP meeting, 2/22/22 Administrative Building meeting and 03/07/22 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by L. West, 2nd by Petty accept Budget Amendments #1 through #11 (#1 Macon County Rescue Squad, #2 General Fund, #3 Solid Waste, #4 Capital Projects-Ambulance, #5 Library, #6 Animal Control, #7 Willette Fire Department, #8 School Nutrition, #9 Solid Waste, #10 EMA, and #11 County Clerk and #12 Drug Fund.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #7 by Hesson, 2nd by Wix to approve #3-27/22 UT Extension Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve #3-28/22 Resolution RBS Girls Basketball Proclamation. The Girls Basketball Team was on hand to be presented this Proclamation.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated that the Lafayette Fire Department had contacted him requesting the use of the Highway Department's bulldozer to level for a pad for training on City of Lafayette land. The Road Supervisor was advised that due to liabilities and for insurance coverage the Highway Department would need to provide the operator.

Motion #9 by King, 2nd by C. West to allow the Road Supervisor Audie Cook to use the Highway Department's bulldozer and furnish an operator to level a pad for Lafayette Fire Department.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Sheriff Mark Gammons spoke to the commissioners about his fuel cost and said he would be working on a budget amendment to bring before the commissioners for approval. The Sheriff then ask Deputy Mark Bartley to proceed with explaining a request to sell used service handguns and confiscated weapons that have been released by the Judge. Deputy Bartley told the commissioners that several deputies were being issued new handguns. Deputy Bartley ask that they use RTAC, a local gun dealer, to do the transactions. He also stated that he would like the commissioners to allow the deputies to purchase their old weapons back from RTAC if they choose.

Motion #10 by Snow, 2nd by L. West to allow the Sheriff's Department to sell the released confiscated weapons and purchase new weapons for the deputies and allow the deputies to purchase their guns from RTAC.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #11 by King, 2nd by Petty to allow the transfer of the new tanker truck to the City of Red Boiling Springs for the RBS Fire Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #12 by Snow, 2nd by L. West to approve the bid for the Farmer's Market pavilion by Walt's Portable Buildings.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #13 by Witte, 2nd Jones to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report, Animal Control Report, and EMS Report.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Matt Polston, representing the Lafayette Little League, came before the Commissioners requesting a \$3,500 donation for dugout renovations at the coach pitch field. This will be funded out of the General Fund.

Motion #14 by Bartley, 2nd by Snow to approve Lafayette Little League \$3,500 donation for dugout renovations.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #15 by West, 2nd by Hesson to allow discussions about Project Graduation. MCHS Principal Daniel Cook was on hand to explain how the money would be given out to 2022 Seniors. Commission approved a donation of \$500.00.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Mr. Terry Kemp, representing the residents on Glover Hollow Ln came before the Commissioners concerning the road problems they are having. The Glover Hollow Ln residents have agreed to give the right-a-way needed to the Highway Department to be able to repair the problems. The commissioners voted for Road Supervisor Audie Cook and the Highway Committee to examine the road and bring back a recommendation for Glover Hollow Ln.

After inspection of Glover Hollow Ln the Highway Committee recommended to not accept Glover Hollow Ln as a county road.

Motion #16 by Witte, 2nd by Snow to accept the recommendation of the Highway Committee to not accept Glover Hollow Ln as a county road Recommendation would to be deny the request

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Mayor Jones stated that he had been told the lighting at the fairgrounds needed to be replaced in the future. He stated he had been told there aren't any parts available for the current lights. Commissioner Barry King stated that he had checked on the relocation of the light lines going to the lights and it would cost approximately \$15,000 to get them moved.

Motion #17 by Witte, 2nd by West to defer future discussion for the Fairground lights.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 3/7/21, Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to Evan White with Mid-Tenn. Engineering regarding the cost increase for the waterline replacement on Taylor Branch Ln due to additional work TDEC required. He stated that the additional cost is estimated at approximately \$80,000 but Evan White is still negotiating this price.

Motion #18 by King, 2nd by Petty to defer the negotiations on the Taylor Branch Ln waterline to the April meeting to give Atty Holliman time to research.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Witte, 2nd by Snow to approve Attorney Holliman's letter on behalf of the commissioners, to Governor Lee, Senator Blackburn, Congressman Rose, and State Legislatures requesting their support in reopening the Keystone Pipeline project.

Motion Carried

Motion# 20 by Barley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow to give RBS Seniors a donation of \$250.00 for Project Graduation.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 Yes)

Motion #21 by Witte, 2nd by Gammons to adjourn.

Motion Carried