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Minutes-May 16, 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 May 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Deputy Mark Bartley opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Chop Porter led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 17 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are, the Roll Call Voting, Proclamations & Resolutions.

Ken Witte, Michael Slayton, and Kyle Petty were absent.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by Dyer to go out of session for two Public Hearings for Smith Property. Parcel number 048.06 & 048.07

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Gammons to go back into session after the Public Hearings.

Motion Carried.

Motion #3 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to go into Election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Suzanne Murphy	Nominated by	Gammons
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Kim Roark	"	Jenkins
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Motion #4 by Hughes, 2nd by Snow that nominations cease, and we elect those nominated for Notaries Public by Acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 4/18/22 Legislative Body meeting, 3/15/22 Planning Commission meeting, 4/11/22, 4/18/22, and 4/25/22 Budget meetings and 05/02/22 COW meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by C. West, 2nd by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1-15 (#1 Highway Department, #2 County Buildings - Courthouse, # 3 Sheriff's Department, #4 EMA, #5 Library, #6 Library – Restricted, #7 Election Commission #8 Sex Offender Registry, #9 Sheriff's Department, #10 EMS, #11 New Elementary School, #12 EMS, #13 Sheriff's Department, #14 Election Commission and #15 Circuit Court Clerk).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #7 by Wilmore, 2nd by C. West to approve #5-33/22 Smith Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 048.06).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #8 by Wilmore, 2nd by C. West to approve #5-34/22 Smith Property Rezoning Resolution (Parcel 048.06).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #9 by L. West, 2nd by Wilmore to ratify #5-35/22 Hospital Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to ratify #5-36/22 EMS Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles came before the Commissioners explaining his current base salary of \$115,113 per year due to discussions about the new school director's salary. The salary would be considerably more than Mr. Boles is receiving now.

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Sheriff Mark Gammons along with Deputy Mark Bartley came before the Commissioners requesting to purchase a drone using funds from the Drug Fund. Mr. Bartley also explained that there are 4 patrol cars that need to be sold. He also stated that County Attorney Guy Holliman recommends that a storage fee should be added to any confiscated vehicles to make the process quicker to be able to sale confiscated items after judgement has been made.

Motion #11 by Snow, 2nd by Dyer to approve Sheriff Mark Gammons request to purchase a drone using Drug Funds.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Mayor Jones stated that Election Commission Barry Doss was requesting another full-time employee due to the extra workload. He stated that a budget amendment would need to be brought back for the extra expense.

Motion #12 by Dyer, 2nd by Jenkins to approve request for an additional full-time employee at the Election Commission.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Mayor Jones stated that he had been asked if the County was going to observe June 19th (Juneteenth). He stated that it is recognized as a federal holiday and the City of Lafayette had just approved to recognize it as well.

- Motion #13 by L. West, 2nd by C. West to approve County to observe June 19th (Juneteenth) as a holiday.

Motion Failed by Roll Call (8 yes / 8 no and 1 pass)

Motion #14 by Snow, 2nd by Dyer to request County Mayor to do a study on what the cost would be to the County if it was approved to observe this Holiday.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (12 yes / 5 no)

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Mayor Jones explained that he had been contacted by NCTC concerning the phone systems at the EMS and Justice Center. They stated that they were older systems and if there is a problem they would not have parts to repair them. The cost of the system at EMS would be \$12,275.20 and the Justice Center's would be \$65,250.79. A new system would tie all the phone systems together.

Attorney Holliman spoke on the new phone system and advised the commissioners that they would eventually be required to install a new system due to federal guidelines requiring phone systems to be able to send the correct 911 address to emergency services.

Motion #15 by Gammons, 2nd by Dyer to approve purchases for the new phone system at Macon County Justice Center and Macon County EMS.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (15 yes / 2 no)

Motion #16 by Gammons, 2nd by King to approve County Attorney Guy Holliman to draw up a waiver for the exempt permit fees for the new administrative building and health department.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Mayor Jones explained that Animal Control Officer Travis Cothron is ill and going to be out of work for an undetermined recovery time. He stated that during this time Animal Control Officer Ashley Carter was going to need additional help. He stated that he had spoken to Cindy Holland with Mid-Cumberland Work Force Services about receiving a WEX program grant for a temporary employee to work through the end of the fiscal year.

Motion #17 by Gammons, 2nd by Gentry to approve hiring a part-time additional Animal Control temporary employee through the WEX program grant.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Mayor Jones stated that Macon County had received an ARC grant for \$519,750 with a 50% match to rehab the water tank at the BabyNov plant in RBS. He spoke to BabyNov about paying half of the 50% match of \$259,875. He stated that the County's portion of \$129,937 could be paid out of the ARP grant funds.

Motion #18 by Bartley, 2nd by Jenkins to approve Macon County paying half of the matching funds for the BabyNov water tank renovations with the understanding that Babynov would pay the other half of the matching funds.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #19 by Gammons, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by C. West, 2nd Wilmore to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by C. West, 2nd Gentry to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and Write-offs

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole Meeting on May 2nd, 2022, Mayor Jones gave the Commissioners a list of roads which citizens have requested water line extensions on. He also stated the City of Lafayette wanted to increase the water tank capacity. He stated that while meeting with the City of Lafayette they had requested donating them \$1 million dollars, if approved using TDEC grant funding, to help rehab the current water tank at the Spring Creek Water Treatment plant.

Motion #22 by Gammons, 2nd by West to allow Mayor Jones to work with the City of Lafayette, City of Red Boiling Springs, Cordell Hull Water Utility District and Castalian Springs/Bethpage Water Utility District on water line extensions.

Motion Carried

Motion #23 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to approve a \$25.00 per day storage fee for abandoned vehicles that are left at the Sheriffs' Department tow lot.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #24 by King, 2nd by Dyer motion to approve the floor plan design of the new Administrative Building and authorize Upland Design to proceed with the site development and building design.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #25 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to allow the Highway Department to work on the lane going to the Macon County Trap Team shooting range including the portion crossing the North Central Telephone property.

Motion Carried

Motion #26 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to adjourn.

Motion Carried