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Minutes-September 19, 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 September 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Joey Wilburn opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Jarhea Wilmore led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 19 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are the Roll Call Voting, Proclamations, Resolutions

Motion #1 by Newberry, 2nd by Dyer motion to go into election for Notaries Public

Motion Carried

Deborah Bolton	Nominated by	L. West
Kendra L. Byrd		Bartley
Karen Carter-King		Hesson
Gail Glasgow		Petty
Clarissa Robinson		Slayton
Melissa K. Shrum		Hughes
LeAnne Y. Whittemore		Hughes

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to move nominations cease and we elect those by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by King, 2nd by Dyer to accept minutes as presented from the 8/15/22 Legislative Body meeting and 8/15/22 Waterline Committee meeting and Committee of the Whole 9/6/22.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Hesson, 2nd by Flippin to approve Budget Amendments #1-5 (#1 Animal Control, #2 Solid Waste, #3 Mayor's Office, #4 Library, and #5. General Purpose Schools).

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to approve #9-9/22 Strategic Plan Resolution and Debt Management Policy.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by West, 2nd by Dyer to approve #9-10/22 Title VI Resolution.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #9-11/22 Suicide Prevention Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by King, 2nd by Hughes to approve #9-12/22 U8 Coach Pitch Proclamation. The U8 Team and Coaches were on hand to receive the Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by L. West, 2nd by Hughes to approve 9-13/22 Isaac Kirby Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Petty, 2nd by Dyer to approve #9-14/22 Adult Education & Family Literacy Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Bartley, 2nd by Slayton to approve #9-15/22 TDEC Grant spending Plan.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #12 by Jones, 2nd Marshall to approve #9-16/22 TDEC Grant Transfer of Funds.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Mayor Jones explained that the roof at the Highway Department has a leak due to age and needs to be bid out to be repaired and/or replaced.

Motion #13 by Bartley, 2nd by Slayton to approve Mayor Jones to bid out Highway Department roof and defer to a later meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Wix, 2nd by Marshall to approve Comptrollers' budget approval letter.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #15 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to approve annual financial reports.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Mayor Jones explained that the TDEC Waterline Grant requires resolutions to be approved for the application process and asked the Commissioners to approve for them to be brought back at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #16 by Petty, 2nd by King to approve the TDEC Waterline Grant Resolutions to be brought back as needed.

Motion Carried

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Mayor Jones explained that the Justice Center was approximately 20 years old and had a roof leak that Rackley Roofing has already patched. He stated they had sent pictures of more problems that needed to be addressed. He stated that the repairs or replacement of the roof could be paid for out of Debt Service using Contracted Prisoner Board funds.

Motion #17 by Bartley, 2nd by Newberry to approve Mayor Jones to bid out Justice Center roof and defer to a later meeting. This will allow for Evan White to work on the specifics.

Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Hesson, 2nd by Newberry to approve EMS Write offs of \$19,911.13.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #19 by King, 2nd by Hesson to approve bids for Election Commission voting machine system.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #20 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to approve NCTC phone system contract for Justice Center and EMS.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Mayor Jones explained that USDA currently has an interest rate of 3.25% for loans. He suggests that the County look into applying for a loan for the Administrative Building to lock in the low rate. Mayor Jones stated that it would be a 40-year loan but would recommend making an extra principal payment to shorten the loan to 20-25 years. Initial funding for the new building will be done using American Rescue Funds and the remainder would be through current debit service funding.

Motion #21 by King, 2nd by Hughes to apply to USDA for Administrative Building loan.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #22 by Dyer, 2nd by Petty to pay off Courthouse Renovation Loan when due.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Mayor Jones explained that due to the new administration at the Sheriff's Department, there had been some comp time and vacation time paid out. He stated that there would need to be a budget amendment brought back using funds out of General Fund balance to take care of the cost incurred.

Motion #23 by King, 2nd by Dyer to defer budget amendment for Sheriff's Department to be brought back and defer to the Legislative Body in October to allow all the comp time to be turned over to the payroll clerk.

Motion Carried

Motion #24 by Hesson, 2nd Willmore to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #25 by Petty, 2nd Wilmore to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that we had lost an Animal Control Officer and were currently taking applications for the position.

Motion #26 by West, 2nd Petty to accept the EMS Report, Collections, and Write-offs.

Motion Carried

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Commissioner Barry King stated that he would like the Commission to approve buying a piece of equipment for the Highway Department to help cut overhanging trees with. He stated that he had already received one quote for \$268,967 and had also spoken to the State of TN Department of Transportation about possibly contracting with them cutting trees on state roads as well. Mayor Jones stated that the equipment would have to be bid out.

Motion #27 by King, 2nd by Marshall to allow discussions on equipment for Highway Department and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. After discussion with Attorney Guy Holliman about the counties liabilities the motion was withdrawn, and no further action was taken.

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Commissioner Benton Bartley asked about drafting a letter to the State of TN Legislators regarding the Hwy 141 road project requesting the project be finished.

Motion #28 by Bartley, 2nd by King to send a letter to the State of TN about the Hwy 10, 25 and 141 project.

Motion Carried

During the September 6th, 2022, Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting, Commissioner Keith Newberry stated that he had been contacted by a citizen regarding the Property Assessor's vehicle not being stickered and identifiable.

Motion #29 by Newberry, 2nd by King to have Property Assessor's vehicle decaled for identification and defer to a later meeting so the office holder could be present.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (vote 11 no, 8 yes)

Motion# 30 by Newberry, 2nd by Hill to have the Property Assessors' vehicle decaled with "Macon County Assessor of Property" on the sides and back with at least 3" to 4 " high reflective lettering so the vehicle is easily identified by the public.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 19 yes)

Motion #31 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to suspend the rules.

Motion Carried

Motion #32 by B. King, 2nd by Hill to approve the Solid Waste Equipment Bid.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

The subject of a bid was brought before the Legislative Body concerning the RBS Library parking lot repairs. There was discussion to bring it back before the Budget Committee. No action taken.

Motion #33 by Petty, 2nd by Hughes to go into an Executive Session with the County Attorney.

Motion Carried

Motion #34 by Snow, 2nd by Newberry to go back into regular session.

Motion Carried

Motion #35 by Petty, 2nd by Hughes to allow Attorney Holliman to move forward with an ouster suit against an individual that applied for Notary Public on January 10, 2022. Their age was 40 at the time of application.

Motion Carried

Motion #36 by Slayton, 2nd by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried