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Minutes-November 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 November 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Deputy Jason Bohanan opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Todd Gentry led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 20 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are the Roll Call Voting, Proclamations, and Resolutions

Motion #1 by Snow, 2nd by Petty to approve Proclamation by the State Legislative Body in Honor of the Historic Dedicated Service of Hon. Ken Witcher, General Session Judge. Ken Witcher was on hand to receive this Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Wilmore, 2nd by Gentry to go into election of Notaries Public.

June Spears Nominated by Jones Blanca Bettina Olascoaga " Hughes Andrew A. Stanford " Petty Morgan Nicole Turner " Wilmore Debbie R. Willis " Snow

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hughes, 2nd by Gentry to move nominations cease and elect those nominated by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Jenkins, 2nd by Petty to accept minutes as presented from the 10/17/22 Legislative Body meeting and 9/20/22 Planning Commission, and Committee of the Whole Meeting 11/17/22.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Petty, 2nd by Marshall to approve Budget Amendments #1-12 (#1 Library, #2 Animal Control, #3 Debt Service – Contracted Prisoner Board, #4 Capital Projects – Justice Center, #5 EMS, #6 Other Local Welfare Services, #8 Debt Service – Contracted Prisoner Board, #9 Jail, #10 Capital Projects, and #11 Other Facilities – Justice Center and #12 Election Commission).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion #6 by Dyer, 2nd by Wilmore to approve Budget Amendment #7 Sheriff's Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 yes / 2 no).

Due to scheduling the body agreed to defer #11-21/22 Emergency Service Personnel Proclamation to a later Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #7 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to defer #11-22/22 Recycling Month Proclamation.

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 29th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Motion #8 by King, 2nd by Newberry to approve 11-23/22 USDA Funding Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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 #9 by Petty, 2nd by B. King to allow Highway Department to clean out tiles on Barefoot Road.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, Sheriff Joey Wilburn came before the commissioners and asked 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 #10 by Hesson, 2nd by Wilmore to allow Sheriff Joey Wilburn to sale 5 or 6 patrol cars at auction. The funds from the sale will be put back into the Sheriff's Department Maintenance and Repair Services – Vehicle budget line. Sales are scheduled for December 17, 2022.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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 #11 by B. King, 2nd by Hesson to approve Crowder Construction's bid of \$54,000 for the entrance of Nature Trail Way and Church Street.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (20 yes)

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

Motion #12 by Wix, 2nd by Snow to ratify Committee Appointments.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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 investigate buying chassis and remounting the current boxes.

Motion #13 by Newberry, 2nd by Snow to allow Mayor Jones to continue to research getting new ambulance chassis and remounts and defer to a later Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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. He stated that Attorney Guy Holliman would be discussing this with them at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #14 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to approve recommendations and raise the bid limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000. This will follow suit on what the State of Tennessee has adopted.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion #15 by B. King, 2nd by Hughes to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to submit the paperwork concerning increasing the number of School Board members and defer to a later Legislative Body for more discussion.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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 to dissolve the City of Lafayette's and create a new one for the County, that represents the County, City of Lafayette, and City of Red Boiling Springs.

Motion #16 by Newberry, 2nd by Petty to allow Attorney Guy Holliman to bring back a Resolution on creating a new Industrial Development Board. This will include all the specifics on the Charter and By-laws for the consideration & approval of the Legislative Body.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion #17 by Petty, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

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

Motion #18 by West, 2nd Hesson to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by King, 2nd Gentry to accept the EMS Operational Report.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on November 7th, 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 #20 by West, 2nd by Hesson to allow discussions about the Trap Team donation and defer a later Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by Jones, 2nd by Gentry to go out of session for an Attorney Executive Session.

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Motion #22 by Snow, 2nd by Petty to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #23 by Petty, 2nd by Hesson to adjourn.

Motion Carried