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Minutes-January 18, 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 January 18, 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 Jarhea Wilmore led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 17 members being present.

Motion #1 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to go into election of Notaries' Public.

Motion Carried

Angie Brown	Nominated by	Phillips
Kimberly Dozier	"	Hesson
Jessica Harp	"	Petty
Tristin McAnally	"	Hesson
Seltresia Roark	"	Hughes
Kimberly Roark	"	Jenkins

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

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West to accept minutes as presented from the 12/20/21 Legislative Body meeting, 11/16/21 Planning Commission meeting, and 11/16/21 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and 01/03/22 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins accept Budget Amendments #1 through #8 (#1 Sheriff's Department, #2 Judicial Commissioners, #3 Planning Commission, #4 County Buildings-Courthouse, #5 Animal Control, and #6 County Buildings-Courthouse, #7 Debt Services- Contracted Prisoner Board and #8 Jail/ Justice Center – Contracted Prisoner Board).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 Yes)

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones stated that after speaking to Road Supervisor Audie Cook, they are concerned about the liability on the County of different agencies using the Highway Department's equipment at the Fairgrounds. He stated that he had spoken to Attorney Guy Holliman about bringing his recommendations back to the Commissioners.

Motion #5 by Snow, 2nd by Hesson to defer discussions on the liability of use of the Highway Department's equipment to a future Legislative Body meeting for approval of a Policy at the recommendations of Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones explained that Macon County has received the \$1,000,000 Site Development Grant from the State of Tennessee for the purchase of the Donoho property. Mayor Jones stated that since the Committee of a Whole meeting, the City of Lafayette has voted at their work session to partner with Macon County and split the balance of the Donoho property. This would cost the county and city \$800,000 each. Mayor Jones explained that purchasing this land for industrial development is for the future of Macon County. He stated that the Commissioners will have to decide if they want to purchase the land, due to the purchase option running out this year. He stated that if the Commissioners decide not to purchase the property the \$1,000,000 Site Development Grant will go back to the State of Tennessee. He stated that after purchasing the land Macon County can reapply for an Invest Prep Grant to use for utilities and access roads.

Motion #6 by Snow, 2nd by Dyer to proceed with the joint purchase of the Donoho property between Macon County and the City of Lafayette.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (15 Yes, 2 No)

Mayor Jones told the Commissioners that the City of Lafayette had recently agreed to sell the first 10 acres of property on the left going down Winding Stairs Ln. The cost will be \$20,000 per acre to Macon County. Mayor Jones told the commissioners they needed to decide on the purchase of the land. The land will be used to build the new Administrative Building and possibly a new Health Department on.

Mayor Jones stated he is meeting with representatives from Upland Design next week. He stated he will bring back the information about the land and designs after he meets with Mayor Wilmore and Upland Design.

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by Petty to proceed with purchase of the Winding Stairs property containing 10 acres and possibly 2 more acres if available.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 Yes)

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to continue with the establishment of an joint Industrial Development Board and defer to a future Legislative Body Meeting for approval as recommended by Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 King, 2nd by Jenkins to allow discussions on water lines at later meetings and defer to a future Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones stated that he had received complaints regarding dump sites at various locations in the County. He stated that they are on private property and asked the Commissioners for recommendations on ways to help with this problem. Sheriff Mark Gammons recommended that Macon County Solid Waste be open every Saturday and inquire about adding a fee on citizens property taxes for trash disposal. Commissioner Michael Slayton recommended putting up cameras and signs about dumping at the dump sites. Commissioner Barry King recommended hiring someone for the Convenience Site at Westside.

Motion #10 by Slayton, 2nd by Jenkins to allow Mayor Jones to discuss with Macon County Solid Waste Director Debbie Richardson about operating hours and convenience site to help with dumpsites continue discussions with the budget committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to authorize Mayor Jones to speak with TDEC concerning the Westside transfer station.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Petty, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Witte, 2nd by Petty to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Petty, 2nd by King to accept the EMS Report

Motion Carried.

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of a Whole meeting, Crystal Justice and Olivia Brumach representing non-profit 37150 Community Center, Inc came before the Commissioners explaining their goals of establishing a facility to be able provide educational and recreational programs for the youth and senior citizens. They were requesting a \$10,000 donation to help with establishing a building.

Motion #15 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to defer the 37150 Community Center's \$10,000 donation request to the Budget Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Hughes, 2nd by L. West to go into an executive session for updates from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to go back into regular session.

Motion Carried

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of a Whole meeting, Commissioner Barry King stated that due to the upcoming election, the UCHRA building needed the parking lot restriped and needed more parking. He requested some work be done to the parking lot to make more parking spaces. Mayor Jones stated that Road Supervisor Audie Cook could look and see if the Highway Department could do the work.

Motion #18 by King, 2nd by Petty to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to work on parking lot at the UCHRA building.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 Yes)

Motion #19 by Witte, 2nd by Hesson to adjourn.

Motion Carried