

**MACON COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday January 3rd, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, Keith Newberry, Mike Jenkins, Benton Bartley, Ethan Flippin, Billy Wilmore, Justin Dyer, Dan Hill, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Bobby Ray King, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson and Larry West.

Absent: None

Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Benton Bartley led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Wilmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to accept minutes as presented from the 12/19/22 Legislative Body meeting, 11/15/22 Planning Commission meeting, and 12/5/22 Waterline Committee meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer Budget Amendments #1-11 (#1 Library, #2 Library, #3 General Fund, #4 Sheriff's Department, #5 Debt Service – Contracted Prisoner Board, #6 Jail, #7 Sheriff's Department, #8 Drug Fund, #9 Planning, #10 Animal Control, and #11 Sheriff's Department) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that School Board would be having a special called meeting about the new school projects on Monday January 9th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Road Supervisor Audie Cook and the Highway Committee decided to meet on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to look at Paulk Ln, Wilson Rd, Brooks Cemetery Ln, Hagan Circle and Bethany Rd and bring back recommendations to the Legislative Body.

Motion #3 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to allow the Highway Committee to bring back recommendations for Paulk Ln, Wilson Rd, Brooks Cemetery Ln, Hagan Circle and Bethany Rd and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to defer Jail equipment bid opening to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had been contacted by Debbie Woodard regarding Animal Control and he suggested having an Animal Control meeting with her and bringing back recommendations to the Legislative Body. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Motion #5 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to allow discussions about Animal Control and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that the Jail addition project was getting ready to be bid out soon. He stated that the USDA funding for the Administrative Building was going to take longer than anticipated and would probably be another 2-3 months to get the paperwork completed. He stated that the entrance for Church St was finished, for the right in right out on Hwy 52, recommended by the State of TN, and that the entrance for Nature Trail Way should be starting soon. Mayor Jones explained that he had met with Steve Osborne, Assistant Director for Local Government and Finance, with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, and Mr. Osborne stated Macon County was in good shape with the budget numbers as they are right now.

Mayor Jones told the commissioners we should have a contract for the new Health Department soon and explained that after speaking with Mr. Osborne regarding the reimbursement process and funding for the new building, he suggested doing an interfund loan from Debt Service to save the interest while the building is being built.

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hughes to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Wilmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Newberry to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marshall to accept the EMS Operational Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that he had been contacted by Tony Ferguson regarding the road conditions of Bethany Rd. He stated that Mr. Ferguson had filed a petition from the citizens and would like to come before the Commissioners at the Legislative Body meeting to discuss this matter. Mayor Jones suggested to have the Highway Committee look at this road as well. He stated that he and Mr. Cook had discussed these repairs and estimated the cost to be approximately \$1,000,000 or more. He stated that the Highway Department was going to investigate possibly getting a grant to help with the repairs.

Motion #9 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to allow discussions on Bethany Rd and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

In other business, Commissioner Barry King brought up questions on the Church Street access changes, discussed recognizing Cross County, Track Team and Golf Team for their state accomplishments. Mr. King also questioned the growth in Macon County and how it was affecting the county and asked how or what could be done to slow the growth in Macon County. No action was taken after the discussions.

Motion #10 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to adjourn.

Motion Carried