

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

Monday April 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, Dan Hill, Barry Marshall, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Bobby Ray King, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, and Helen Hesson.

Absent: Justin Dyer, Kyle Petty, and Larry West

Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Tony Wix led the Pledge.

Mayor Jones started the meeting by reading the letter presented to the School Board from TCAT President Mae Wright concerning Macon County Vocational School. He explained that TCAT would be pulling out if Macon County did not build a new facility.

Motion #1 by Newberry, 2nd by Bartley to go out of session.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones opened the floor by allowing citizens the opportunity to speak in a public hearing for or against building a new vocational school at Macon County High School.

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

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2nd by Marshall to accept minutes as presented from the 3/20/23 Legislative Body meeting, 2/14/23 Planning Commission meeting, 3/15/23 EFSP meeting, 3/1/23 JECDB meeting, and 3/13/23, 3/20/23, 3/27/23 Budget meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by King, 2nd by Hughes to defer Budget Amendment #1 EMS to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Newberry, 2nd by Flippin to defer Budget Amendment #2 RBS Fire Department to the Legislative Body meeting for approval and roll over any unused funds to FY23-24 budget.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2nd by Hughes to defer Budget Amendment #3 Circuit Court Clerk to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Jenkins, 2nd by Newberry to defer Budget Amendment #4 Planning Commission to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hesson, 2nd by J. Wilmore to defer Budget Amendment #5 Election Commission to the Legislative Body meeting for approval and roll over any unused funds to FY23-24 budget.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Hughes, 2nd by Slayton to defer #4-34/23 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Hesson, 2nd by Hill to defer #4-35/23 Opioid Settlement Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval and Attorney Guy Holliman to review.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that a request of \$4,800,000 for waterlines had been sent in for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funding of the \$178,000,000 federal funds. He stated that he received an email, that as of now the Federal Government's Appropriations Committee would not be funding any new projects. He also stated that the request for the TDEC funding for waterlines was also not approved at this time.

Mayor Jones explained that Terry Goad would be resigning from the Planning Commission, and he would bring back appointment recommendations at the next meeting.

Motion #11 by Jones, 2nd by Jenkins to allow Mayor Jones to bring back appointment recommendations for the Planning Commission to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Attorney Guy Holliman stated that due to going to the newer codes, a Board of Zoning Appeals committee needed to be set up. Mayor Jones stated that he had received a recommendation list from Codes Enforcement Officer Scott Carver consisting of Evan White, Jared Claiborne, Michael Busby, Phillip Bransford, and Tony Whittemore.

Motion #12 by Jenkins, 2nd by Wix to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Committee appointments and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Hesson, 2nd Marshall to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Jenkins, 2nd Gentry to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Gentry, 2nd Slayton to accept the EMS Operational Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bobby Ray King asked what the current wheel tax is being used for. Mayor Jones stated that 75% is being used for debt service and 25% is being used for general funds. Attorney Guy Holliman explained that nothing was stated in the resolution for the past wheel tax increase, that stated that it would pay for a new school and be sunset when the debt was paid.

Attorney Guy Holliman stated that he would need to have an executive session with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Commissioner Benton Bartley asked about the progress on the Administrative Building. Mayor Jones stated that we were waiting to finalize all the paperwork through USDA. Mr. Bartley also asked about the

Hwy 141 project and the progress on it. Mayor Jones stated that he thought it would start some time this year.

Commissioner Wendell Jones asked about the entrance to Winding Stairs. Mayor Jones stated that it was finished. He also stated that the new road for Nature Trail Way would have to be bid out soon. He stated that he had spoken to TDOT about Church Street, and they are discussing possibly redoing that intersection and installing a red light there in the future.

Motion #16 by Hughes 2nd by Snow to adjourn.

Motion Carried