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Minutes-January 17, 2023, 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 Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Joey Wilburn opening the meeting. Commissioner Michael Slayton gave the invocation and Commissioner Ethan Flippin 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.

Motion # 1 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to go into election for Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Teresa J. Carter  
Turrell Wix

Nominated by

Jones  
Hesson

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. King to move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclamation.

Motion Carried

(Notary Applicant Kristy Craig- Baxter was not nominated. No Commissioners had been contacted).

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve minutes as presented from the 12/19/22 Legislative Body meeting, 11/15/22 Planning Commission meeting, and 12/5/22 Waterline Committee and 01/03/23 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve 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).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Road Supervisor Audie Cook and the Highway Committee decided to meet on Saturday January 7th 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.

After inspection of the four specified roads the committee recommended keeping Paulk Ln and Wilson Rd open and closing Brooks Cemetery Ln at the gate and Hagan Circle at the creek.

Motion # 5 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to accept the Highway Committee recommendation to leave Paulk Ln and Wilson Rd open.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion # 6 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to accept the Highway Committee recommendation to close Brook Cemetery Ln at the gate and Hagan Circle at the creek.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion # 7 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow to allow County Mayor Steve Jones to reach out to State Senator Yeager along with other state agencies to see if Macon County can receive any help with getting a nine-mile section of Bethany Road repaved and repaired due to dangerous driving conditions. Road Supervisor Audie Cook is to get an estimate of what it may take to repair the road.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (20 yes)

Motion #8 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to approve Jail equipment bid in the amount \$67,023.27.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (19 yes / 1 no)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Motion # 9 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to defer discussions about Animal Control to the February 21, 2023, Legislative Body meeting.

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 #10 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hughes to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion # 11 by Wilmore, 2nd Newberry to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Petty, 2nd Marshall to accept the EMS Operational Report.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 having 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 # 13 by Hughes, 2nd by Slayton to defer discussions on Bethany Rd to the February 21, 2023, Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Newberry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to suspend the rules and allow Judge Greg Traylor to speak to the Legislative body about the Juvenile Community Service Program that is being started and Drug Court that is in the beginning stages in Judge Traylor's Court.

Motion #15 by Hesson, 2nd by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried