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Minutes-June 19, 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 Monday June 19, 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 Kyle Petty led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 19 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are the Roll Call Voting, Resolutions and Proclamations.

Commissioners that were absent: Keith Newberry

Motion #1 by B. Wilmore, 2nd by Petty to go out of session for a public hearing. Swartzentruber Property.

Motion Carried

One neighbor, Mr. Evans was present who spoke in favor of the rezoning motion. The Swartzentruber family were also present.

Motion #2 by B. Wilmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to go into Elections of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Gary Bowman	Nominated by	R. R. King
A. Russell Brown	"	Snow
Johnathan W. Marsh	"	King
Renee Napier	"	Jones
Mchelle Phillips	"	Petty
Shandy White	"	Hughes
Jennifer King	"	J. Wilmore

Motion #4 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer that nominations cease, and we elect those that we nominated by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 5/15/23 Legislative Body meeting, 4/18/23 Planning Commission meeting, Board of Zoning Appeals 2/14/23 and 5/1/23, 5/22/23, 5/30/23 Budget meetings and 6/05/2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by B. Wilmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to approve Budget Amendments #1-24 (#1 EMA, #2 Planning, #3 Trustee, #4 E-Elementary School, #6 County Clerk, #7 County Mayor, #8 Solid Waste, #9 General Fund – Bridge Construction, #10 Capital Projects – Jail Addition, #11 Reappraisal Program, #12 Sheriff's Department, #13 General Purpose School, #14 Willette Fire Department, #15 EMS, #16 Animal Control, #17 Rural Fire Protection, #18 County Coroner/Medical Examiner, #19 School Nutrition, #20 Other Charges, #21 New Elementary School, #22 Other Facilities- Justice Center, #23 RBS Fire Dept. and #24 Macon Rescue Squad.)

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes / 1 pass / 1 no)

Motion #7 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to approve #6-40/23 Swartzentruber Property Rezoning Resolution. The Commission thanked the Swartzentruber Family for how they conducted their business.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (19 yes)

Motion #8 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to approve #6-41/23 Dairy Month Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hill to approve #6-42/23 Three Star Fiscal Confirmation Letter.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to approve #6-43/23 MCSO & LPD Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to approve #6-44/23 Invest-Prep Grant Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (16 yes / 3 no)

Motion #12 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go out of session for an Executive Session with Attorney Guy Holliman. Executive session for the County Attorney to inform and advise the County Commission concerning pending legal matters and litigation.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to go back into regular session.

Motion Carried

During the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Commissioners of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones stated that he had appointed two interim Co-Directors for EMS. He appointed Josh Perrigo as interim Clinical Director and Alecia Kempf as interim Administrative Director. He stated that they are getting a program in place to get more staff hired, including paying for schooling.

Motion # 14 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to ratify Mayor Jones appointment of EMS interim Co-Directors Josh Perrigo as Clinical Director and Alecia Kempf as Administrative Director.

Motion Carried

During the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Commissioners of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones stated that after meeting with the County's Financial Advisors from Raymond James, they suggested that the county start on the paperwork for USDA funding for the new elementary school and vocational school. He stated that this only gets the county locked into the current 3.75 % interest rate and does not obligate them to borrow any USDA funding.

Motion #15 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Wilmore to approve the Raymond James Agreement for the new Elementary School.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (19 yes)

Motion #16 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to approve the Raymond James Agreement for the new Vocational School.

Motion Carried by Roll (19 yes)

During the meeting Mayor Jones entertained a motion to approve an additional Holiday.  
(Motion died for lack of action)

Motion #18 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. King to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by J. Wilmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gentry to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenkins to accept the EMS Operational Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hill to defer Marlin Lane to the July Legislative Body meeting for approval and have the Highway Committee look at it and bring back recommendations.

Motion Carried

Motion #22 by B. King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept the calculation for certified tax rate 1.4128 for year 2023/2024.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (19 yes)

Motion #23 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve a motion to give County Attorney Guy Holliman the authority to negotiate a settlement with a limit recommended by him and any such settlement to be subsequently approved by the County Commission.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (19 yes)

Motion #24 by Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to adjourn.

Motion Carried