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Minutes-February 20, 2024, Meeting of the Macon County Legislative Body.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met, pursuant to notice, at the City Hall Council Chambers in Lafayette, Tennessee, on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm. (The meeting is being held at a different location due to ADA compliance with the Chair lift at the Courthouse.) The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Joey Wilburn opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Michael Slayton led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the Roll with 18 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are Proclamations and Roll Call Voting.

County Commissioners absent were Justin Dyer and Tony Wix.

Motion #1 by Jenkins, 2nd by Newberry to go into Election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Lee Ann Anderson Nominated by Hughes

Kristina Black Nominated by Flippin

Jo Clark Nominated by Jenkins

Maryette Pedersen Nominated by Slayton

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Newberry to move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by West, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 1/22/24 Legislative Body meeting and 02/05/2024 Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Jenkins, 2nd by Petty to approve Budget Amendments #1-#13 (#1 Sheriff's Department - SRO Grant, #2 Animal Control, #3 EMA, #4 Capital Projects - Jail Addition, #5 Juvenile Court, #6 Rural Fire Protection, #7 Solid Waste, #8 County Commission, #9 Drug Fund, #10 Sheriff's Department, #11 Solid Waste, #12 County Attorney, and #13 General Purpose School).

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

Motion #5 by Petty, 2nd by Hughes to approve 2-17/24 FFA Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had spoken to the architects, and they are working on the designs of the new elementary school and vocational school to be approved and are hoping to have a cost estimate of the vocational school to bring back to the commissioners in March or April.

Motion #6 by West, 2nd by Hesson approve the additional \$36,000.00 payment to go toward the Hoot Owl Ridge bridge project that was started in 2005.

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

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Sheriff Joey Wilburn explained that the Jail had been approved for an Evidence Based Program (EVP) Grant. The 4 year fully funded grant is for \$533,000 and will fund 2 full time employees, Colby Lane, and Chelsea Jones, for the program. He stated that the grant contract should be ready for approval at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by Wilmore to approve Sheriff Wilburn's Evidence Based Program with funding from the (EVP) Grant.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Mayor Jones stated that the Macon Drug Coalition was approved by the Macon County Drug Council to receive funding from the Opioid Settlement funds and was requesting approval by the Commission.

Motion #8 by Jones, 2nd by Wilmore to approve the Macon County Drug Council's request for Opioid Settlement funds to be issued to the Macon County Drug Coalition.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2nd by Hill to go into election for the Judicial Commissioner.

Motion Carried

Three applicants were present, and each introduced themselves and spoke briefly spoke to the Legislative body. After a Roll Call vote, William Wallace was voted in unanimously. Roll call vote on record.

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Mayor Jones explained that the topsoil at the new Administration Building would be the contractors but the dirt that came off the road would have to be moved. He stated that some of it might be used for the new Health Department and suggested giving some of it to the Lafayette Little League to put it at the new ball field with them being responsible for hauling it. He explained that any extra would have to be bid out to sell.

Motion #10 by Hill, 2nd by Newberry to approve Mayor Jones to take care of the extra dirt at the new Administration Building.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (18 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Mayor Jones stated that County Attorney Guy Holliman has advised to waive building permit fees for residents where their houses had burnt or destroyed by natural disasters.

Motion #11 by Petty, 2nd by Snow to defer the Resolution concerning building impact fees for residents where their houses had burnt or were destroyed by natural disaster and defer to the Legislative Body in March 2024.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Commissioner Barry Marshall had requested to discuss the installation of road signs. Mayor Jones explained that no one is technically responsible for the installation of road name signs. He stated that the Rescue Squad, using volunteers, has always installed signs for Macon County. Commissioner Marshall stated that he had contacted someone 15 months ago regarding a road sign and it still had not been installed. Mayor Jones stated that he would contact John Boxold at the Rescue Squad and discuss what could be done to get the signs installed faster. Mayor Jones stated that he would suggest discussing increasing the budget for the road signs during the Budget Committee and bringing back recommendations.

Motion #12 by Marshall, 2nd by King to send discussions and/or recommendations about the installation of road signs to the upcoming budget meetings.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on February 5th, 2024, Commissioner Dan Hill had requested Macon Helps come and discuss their operations. Macon Helps Director Pam Brummitt, along with members of their board, came and explained the programs they help with in the community such as a food bank, clothing assistance, utilities assistance, terminal illness assistance, shop-with-a-cop program, donations to the fire departments and teachers, car packages, etc. Commissioner Hill asked Ms. Brummitt questions regarding after hours assistance with released inmates and battered women. She explained that they used to provide after-hours assistance but no longer did that due to past problems that arose. Ms. Faye Fitzpatrick stated that an organization, founded by local ministers named Matthew 25, helped with those situations. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Michael Slayton along with others thanked Macon Helps for the assistance and all they do for Macon County. No further action was necessary.

Motion #13 by West, 2nd Newberry to accept Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Petty, 2nd Marshall to accept Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Snow, 2nd by Hughes to accept EMS Operational Report.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones opened the period for public statements, and no one wished to speak.

Motion #16 by Petty, 2nd by King to adjourn.

Motion Carried