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Minutes- March 18, 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 Monday March 18, 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 Michael Slayton gave the invocation and Commissioner Jeff Hughes 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 Resolutions and Roll Call Voting.

County Commissioner Tony Wix was absent.

Mr. Keith Allen Ag Agent & County Director was present to give the Commissioners information on Macon County Agriculture, Farm and Forest Land. The Commissioners were given handouts showing how these areas affect our Counties Economy. Michaela Pedigo FCS & 4-H Agent, Kayla Jenkins 4-H Agent and Jennifer McPherson Adm. Asst. were on hand to share the accomplishments of our Macon County Students.

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

Michelle R. Andrews Nominated by Slayton

Melissa Evetts Nominated by Jones

Kelly Woodard Nominated by B. Wilmore

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2nd by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 2/20/24 Legislative Body meeting, 10/17/23, 11/21/23, 12/19/23 Planning Commission meeting, 10/17/23, 11/21/23, 12/19/23 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 2/28/24 Joint Economic meeting and 3/4/24 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by West, 2nd by Newberry to accept Budget Amendments #1-#18 (#1 West Macon Rescue, #2 General Sessions Court, #3 Health Department, #4 Animal Control, #5 Sheriff's Department - SRO Grant, #6 General Fund - Bridge Construction, #7 Capital Projects - Jail Addition, #8 Library, #9 EMS, #10 Drug Fund, #11 Register of Deeds, #12 Debt Service, #13 County Commission, #14 County Mayor, #15 Risk Management - Loss Control, #16 Highway Department, #17 Register of Deeds and #18 Sex Offender Registry).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 18 yes/1 no)

Motion #5 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartley to approve 3-18/24 Building Permit Fee Resolution. Resolution to Modify Permit Fee for Replacement Structures for Previously Existing Structures Destroyed by Fire, Tornado or Other Natural Disasters.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 yes)

Motion #6 by Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve the jail addition contract and authorize Mayor Jones to sign the contract with Blaine Construction not to exceed \$34,700,200.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 15 yes/ 4 no)

Motion #7 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to approve the USDA Resolution to apply for the additional \$11,000,000 from USDA for the jail addition.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 15 yes/ 4 no)

Motion #8 West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to authorize Mayor Jones to begin the application process for USDA funding and to gather information about the possibility of going forward with the Vocational School Project.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 14 yes / 5 no)

Mayor Jones stated that there is a problem with the entrance at the Justice Center. It is scheduled to be repaired by the Highway Department during the last week of March due to being Spring Break week and less traffic.

Motion #9 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve Highway Department to repair entrance at the Justice Center.  
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that an Emergency Services meeting needed to be held to discuss the amount billed for fire calls and an increase in EMS rates.

Motion #10 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow to have an Emergency Services meeting.  
Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to approve the Soil Conservation Annual Report.  
Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to accept Commissioner Dan Hill's request to be removed from the Planning Commission and ratify the mayor's appointment of Ethan Flippin to the Planning Commission.  
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Newberry to accept Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.  
Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Newberry to accept Animal Control Report.  
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hill to accept EMS Operational Report.  
Motion Carried

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

Motion #16 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to adjourn.  
Motion Carried