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Minutes- April 15, 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 April 15, 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 16 members being present. Also made a part of the Minutes are Resolutions/ Proclamations and Roll Call Voting.

County Commissioners Todd Gentry, Dan Hill, Tony Wix and Kyle Petty were absent.

Motion #1 by Newberry, 2nd by Jenkins to go out of session for a Public Hearing regarding the Rezoning of the Harvey Property.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by B. King, 2nd by Jenkins to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by B. King, 2nd by Newberry to go into Election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Danielle F. Caldwell Nominated by Hughes

Leigh Anne Duncan Nominated by Snow

Debra M. Holliman Nominated by Hesson

Lori Jones Nominated by Hughes

Ken Smith Nominated by B. King

Sara Street Nominated by Newberry

Motion #4 by Hughes, 2nd by Snow to move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclimation.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Jenkins, 2nd by Newberry to approve minutes as presented from the 3/18/24 Legislative Body meeting, 2/13/24 Planning Commission meeting, 2/27/24 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 3/11/24, 3/18/24, 3/25/24 Budget meetings and 3/25/24 Emergency Services meeting and 4/1/24 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Bartley, 2nd by Jenkins to approve Budget Amendments #1-#17 (#1 Animal Control, #2 Sheriff's Department – SRO Grant, #3 Sheriff's Department – EBP Grant, #4 Willette Fire Department, #5 EMS, #6 Sheriff's Department, #7 Circuit Court Clerk, #8 Capital Projects – Administration Building, #9 General Sessions Court – Opioid Settlement, #10 Library, #11 General Fund – Opioid Settlement, #12 Trustee's Office, #13 Capital Projects – Jail Addition, #14 New Elementary School, #15 Other Facilities – Justice Center, #16 Planning and #17 School Nutrition).

Motion Carried (vote 15 Yes / 1 No)

Motion #7 by Jones, 2nd by J. Wilmore to approve 4-20/24 Harvey Property Rezoning Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #8 by J. Wilmore, 2nd by Newberry to approve 4-21/24 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by West, 2nd by Hesson to approve 4-22/24 Vocational School Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 4/1/24, Mayor Jones explained that he would like approval to apply for a Site Development Grant for the Macon-Lafayette Industrial property. He stated that if the grant is approved, the matching funds would be used from funds that the county has through TN Central that can only be used for economic development.

Motion #10 by Newberry, 2nd by Jones to approve 4-23/24 Site Development Grant Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #11 by King, 2nd by Hughes to approve 4-24/24 HGAC Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 15 Yes / 1 No)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 4/1/24, School Director Shawn Carter extended the invitation to all the commissioners to attend the MCHS and RBSHS graduations to sit with the faculty. RBSHS graduation will be held on Thursday May 23rd and MCHS graduation will take place on Friday May 24th.

Mayor Jones stated that Clark Construction was the only bidder for the Highway Department's roof renovation. That bid was \$111,255. Mayor Jones explained that Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated that the Highway Department did not have those funds available, and he would investigate a funding solution and bring them back at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #12 by Bartley, 2nd by Newberry to approve using \$100,000.00 out of ADA Funds and the Highway Department will pick up the remaining \$11,255.00 to repair the roof on the Highway Department Building.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 4/1/24, Mayor Jones explained that the EMS rates were discussed at the Emergency Services meeting with Director Alecia Kempf stating that the rates had not been increased in the last 15 years. He stated that after some discussions about surrounding counties rates, rates were adjusted as follows, A0425 Mileage - \$15.50, A0426 ALS 1 non-emergency \$900.00, A0427 ALS 1 emergency \$950.00, A0428 BLS non-emergency \$650.00, A0429 BLS emergency \$600.00, A0433 ALS lv12 \$1,000, and A0434 Specialty Care \$1,250.00.

Motion #13 by Snow, 2nd by Newberry to approve EMS increased rates.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #14 by Snow, 2nd by Newberry to approve the Highway Department to go on to School Property and install a tile for the Macon County Trap Team. The school will buy the tile for this project.
Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 4/1/24, Mayor Jones presented a 10-year plan for Solid Waste that must be approved for the State of TN. He explained that it states that Macon County hopes to partner with the City of Lafayette in the future to provide another convenience center for underserved residents. He stated that it was discussed regarding building a convenience center at the Macon-Lafayette Industrial Park property, but the State of TN wasn't receptive to using that site for that purpose.

Motion #15 by Newberry, 2nd by King to approve the Solid Waste 10-year plan.
Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on 4/1/24, Mayor Jones stated that he will meet with the State of TN soon regarding selling a piece of a property at the Macon-Lafayette Industrial Park to a current locally owned company. The lot will be in the back of the park and provide approximately 30 jobs.

Motion #16 by West, 2nd by B. Wilmore to approve selling property at the Macon - Lafayette Industrial Park. The Legislative Body voted to allow Mayor Jones and County Attorney Guy Holliman to investigate further details pertaining to the proposed sell and bring back a recommendation.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #17 by Hesson, 2nd Hughes to approve Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.
Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Newberry, 2nd Jenkins to approve Animal Control Report.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that it was approved in the Emergency Services committee meeting to continue with EMS write-offs after a 2-year period. Mayor Jones stated that the auditors would like to see the accounts written off if they are no longer collectable. He stated that the current write-off amount is \$400,938.66 and would like to go forward for the write-off amount to be added to the EMS Operational Report to get approved monthly.

Motion #19 by Newberry, 2nd by Jenkins to approve EMS Operational Report and \$400,938.66 in write-offs.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

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

Motion #20 by Newberry, 2nd by J. Wilmore to adjourn.
Motion Carried {