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Minutes- May 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 Monday May 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 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 Resolutions/ Proclamations and Roll Call Voting.

County Commissioner Benton Bartley was absent.

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

Motion Carried

Christine Bokesch Conner	Nominated by	J. Wilmore
Heather Brawner	Nominated by	B. Wilmore
Robin Harper	Nominated by	Hughes
Danielle Newberry	Nominated by	Petty
Devin Shrum	Nominated by	Hughes

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

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by J. Wilmore, 2nd by Petty to accept minutes as presented from the 4/15/24 Legislative Body meeting, 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/22/24, and 4/29/24 Budget meetings and 4/23/24 Audit Committee meeting and 05/06/24 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Petty, 2nd by Flippin to accept Budget Amendments #1-#19 (#1 EMS, #2 Circuit Court Clerk, #3 Rural Fire Protection, #4 Animal Control, #5 Sheriff's Department – SRO Grant, #6 Capital Projects – Admin Building, #7 Capital Projects – Three Star Grant, #8 Animal Control, #9 Sheriff's Department, #10 SOR, #11 Library, #12 Public Safety Grants Program – EBP Grant, #13 Other Facilities – Justice Center, #14 E-911, #15 EMS, #16 Highway Department, #17 General Purpose School, #18 School Nutrition and # 19 Solid Waste).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 18 Yes / 1 No)

Motion #5 by Petty, 2nd by Newberry to approve 5-25/24 Hospital Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hughes, 2nd by Newberry to approve 5-26/24 EMS Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion#7 by Jones, 2nd by B. King to approve Capital Outlay Note Resolution approving Macon County Highway Department to purchase equipment. The note is to be paid back by the County Highway Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

Motion #8 by B. King, 2nd by Hughes to approve Federal Project Fund Resolution- Resolution approving Board of Education to transfer funds from General Purpose School funds to Federal Projects Funds.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 18 Yes / 1 No)

Motion #9 by B. King, 2nd by Newberry to approve USDA Loan Resolution – Resolution approving USDA funding for new Elementary School:

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

School Director Shawn Carter explained that the TRANE energy savings program evaluation has been completed and approved by the State of TN, TVA, and Comptroller's office. This program is fully funded through the savings and will be paid for by the Board of Education. It includes approximately \$2,100,000 worth of improvements at every school, including the interior lighting, HVAC, and plumbing.

Motion #10 by Petty, 2nd by Newberry to approve Board of Education to participate in the TRANE Energy Savings Program.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

Motion #11 by Snow, 2nd by Slayton to deny and not extend Clearview Lane Road.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes) Road will not be extended.

Motion #12 by Snow, 2nd by Petty to approve iSOM bids for Sheriff's Department not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote Yes)

Mayor Jones explained that the Solid Waste's 2021 Western Star transfer truck has been wrecked, and insurance would be totaling it causing the County to purchase a new one. He stated the truck was purchased in 2021, the cost was \$155,000 and the insurance is going to reimburse the county \$154,000. A new truck is going to cost approximately \$250,800.00. He stated that Solid Waste had been using a spare truck, but it was down for repairs right now, so something would have to be done soon to replace the wrecked truck. The County is currently having to pay to have the trash hauled off due to the current truck problems.

Motion #13 by Snow, 2nd by Flippin to approve the Sourcewell contract of \$250,800 on the Peterbilt truck meeting all the specs for the Solid Waste Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

Mayor Jones stated that he and Attorney Guy Holliman are working on the information for the Industrial Development Board regarding the sale of a piece of property at the Macon-Lafayette Industrial Park and would bring back that information at the Legislative Body meeting in June.

Motion #14 by Hughes, 2nd by Hesson to defer discussions regarding the IDB selling property in the Macon/Lafayette Industrial Park expansion and defer to the June 2024 Legislative Body meeting for approval with recommendations from Mayor Jones and Attorney Guy Holliman

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Hughes, 2nd by Hesson to defer discussions regarding selling property and sale price of property at the Macon-Lafayette Industrial Park and defer to the June 2024 Legislative Body meeting for approval with recommendations from Mayor Jones and Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Petty, 2nd by Newberry to approve the Putnam County Juvenile Detention Contract.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

Mayor Jones stated that his office is working on paperwork with USDA for the vocational school project. He stated that for the increase of wheel tax to pay for the construction of a new vocational school, it must pass 2 consecutive Legislative Body meetings with 2/3 votes each time. Mayor Jones stated that the commissioners had options, commissioners could take no action to proceed with the construction, commissioners could vote to have it put on the November ballot, or the commissioners could approve to move forward with the wheel tax funding and construction. He explained that it will have to be approved in May and June commission meetings for it to be possible to be put on the November ballot. Mayor Jones explained that 491 registered voters must sign a petition to have it put on the November ballot. Mayor Jones also stated that TCAT in Hartsville gave the Macon County School Board 3 to 5 years to relocate the vocational students to the Macon County High School campus. Macon County has approximately 2 more years, at the end of the school year, to start construction of a new vocational school or Macon County will no longer have a Vocational School. School Director Shawn Carter stated that if the school was under construction before the 2-year period ended, then TCAT could possibly extend that time frame. Mayor Jones stated that he had spoken with Senator Yager and Congressman Rose to see if there was any possible funding available.

Motion #17 by Wix, 2nd by Snow to allow County Attorney Guy Holliman to draft a Resolution regarding the payment of building a Vocational School. The Legislative body will determine the details and send this on to the November Election for the residents of Macon to Vote on. Attorney Holliman will bring back a resolution to a future meeting for the body's approval.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 18 Yes / 1 No)

Motion #18 by Dyer, 2nd Gentry to approve the Bid tabulation to remove dirt at the Administration Building site.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 18 Yes / 1 No)

Motion #19 by Hughes, 2nd Petty to accept Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Gentry, 2nd Marshall to accept Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by Hughes, 2nd by Gentry to accept EMS Operational Report and write-offs.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote 19 Yes)

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

Motion #22 by Jones, 2nd by Newberry to adjourn.

Motion Carried