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Minutes- July 29, 2019 Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice at the Courthouse in Lafayette, Tennessee on July 29, 2019 at 6:30. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Mayor Steve Jones and MCSD, Major Joey Wilburn opened the meeting. Commissioner Scott Cothron gave the invocation and Commissioner Justin Dyer led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 19 members present. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call Voting, 2020 Budget and Resolutions.

Motion #1 by Witte 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go into the Election of Notaries Public.

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| Jocosa Petty     | Nominated by | Hughes  |
| Brooke Mann      | "            | Hughes  |
| Savanna Reid     | "            | Hughes  |
| Laura Roberson   | "            | Hughes  |
| William Carter   | "            | Hesson  |
| Zachary Carter   | "            | King    |
| Alyssa Tucker    | "            | Smith   |
| Amanda Allison   | "            | Hughes  |
| Mary Lynn Driver | "            | Wilmore |

Motion #2 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte that nominations cease and we elect those nominated for Notaries Public by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to approve minutes as presented from the 6/17/19 Legislative Body Meeting, 5/14/19 Planning Commission Meeting, 4/11/19 Audit Committee Meeting, Budget Committee Meetings 4/1/19, 4/8/19, 4/15/19, 4/22/19, 4/29/19, 5/6/19, 5/13/19, 5/28/19, 6/3/19, 6/17/19, 6/24/19, 6/27/19, 7/8/19, and Committee of the Whole Meeting 7/1/19.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to approve #4-27/2019 Highway Resolutions – Gates.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

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Motion #5 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to approve #4-28/2019 Building Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Mayor Jones ask the commissioners for their attention as he went over notes from comments and suggestions taken at the town hall meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners were given a copy of the notes taken. After Mayor Jones read through the notes, he asked what the will of the body was. Discussion ensued on different opinions from the commissioners about any type tax increase.

Motion #6 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartley to pass a 2.38 tax rate for the year or 2020 Tax Levy.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (10 yes / 9 no)

Motion #7 by Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to pass a 2.46 tax rate for the year of 2020 Tax Levy with .08 Cents to go into a County building fund.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (7 yes / 12 no)

Motion #8 by Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to pass a 2.46 tax rate for the year of 2020 Tax Levy with the .08 cents to go to the School Building Project.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (7 yes / 12 no)

Motion #9 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith to increase the Wheel Tax by \$15.00 and to also add an \$80.00 onetime Wheel Tax on Antique Vehicles.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (9 yes / 10 no)

Motion #10 by Gammons to increase the Wheel Tax by \$45.00. Motion failed due to the lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion #11 by Gammons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to increase the Wheel Tax by \$15.00 and also add a \$100.00 onetime Wheel Tax to Antique Vehicles.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (11 yes / 8 no)

Motion #12 by Jones to increase the Wheel Tax by \$30.00 and add an \$80.00 onetime Wheel Tax to Antique Vehicles. Motion failed due to the lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion #13 by Gammons to increase the Wheel Tax by \$ 30.00and add a\$100.00 onetime Wheel Tax to Antique Vehicles. Motion Failed due to the lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion #14 by King 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to pass a 25.71 cent property tax for the year of 2020 Tax Levy.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (8 yes / 11 no)

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Mayor Jones ask for a motion to take a 10-minute recess.

Motion #15 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to take a 10-minute recess.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Gammons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Gammons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to go back into election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Jo Clark                      Nominated by                      Gammons

Motion #18 by Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons that nominations cease and we elect those nominated for Notaries Public by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Witte 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to increase the Wheel Tax by \$15.00 and Antique tags will remain with no Wheel Tax Charge.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (12 yes / 7 no)

Motion #20 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer the EMS collections to a future meeting. This will allow the EMS Director and Mayor to come back with totals.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith to defer the Red Boiling Springs agreement to the August meeting for Codes/Zoning.

Motion Carried

Motion #22 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to approve the Building Codes/Impact Fee report.

Motion Carried

Motion #23 by Gentry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to approve the Animal Control report.

Motion Carried

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Motion #24 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to set the Committee of the Whole Meeting for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 P.M due to the Macon County Fair.

Motion Carried

Motion #25 by Snow 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to approve the emergency purchase of a water heater for the Macon County Jail and to approve engineering and design specifications for a new access and security system that will be compatible with any new construction at the jail.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #26 by Witte 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to pass #6-31/2019 Tax Levy Resolution to set the Tax Levy at 2.40 for the year of 2020.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (13 yes / 6 no)

Motion #27 by Gammons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to approve #6-30/2019 Non-Profit Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (17 yes / 2 no)

Motion #28 by Gammons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to approve #6-29/2019 Appropriations Resolution.

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

Motion #29 by West 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammons to Adjourn.

Motion Carried