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Minutes- September 16, 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 September 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, and Sheriff Mark Gammons opened the meeting. Commissioner Scott Cothron gave the Invocation, and Commissioner Michael Slayton 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, Resolutions and Proclamations

Motion #1 by Hughes, 2nd by Gammons to go out of session for a public hearing concerning the rezoning of Jenkins' Property.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Witte, 2nd by Gammons to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Gammons. 2nd by Hughes to go into the election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Lauren Gammons Nominated by Hesson

Michele Day " Hughes

Anna Gentry " Petty

Motion #4 by Hughes, 2nd by West that nominations cease, and we elect those nominated for notaries public by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Gammons, 2nd by King to accept minutes as presented from the 8/19/19 Legislative Body Meeting, 6/18/19 and 7/16/19 Planning Committee Meeting, and 5/14/19

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Public Hearing Planning Meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting and 9/03/19  
Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2nd by Smith to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #4 (#1 Sheriff's  
Department, #2 Circuit Court Clerk, #3 Health Department-Grant, #4 Sheriff's Department).

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #7 by Hesson, 2nd by Wix to approve #9-34/2019 EMIF-Electronic Monitoring  
Indigency Fund Resolution and to bring back a budget amendment of \$5,000 from General Fund  
to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote was 16 yes-3 no-1 absent)

Motion #8 by Petty, 2nd by Dyer to approve #9-35/2019 Jenkins' Zoning Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2nd by West to approve #9-36/2019 Strategic Plan 3 Star Resolution.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #10 by Hughes, 2nd by Hesson to approve #9-37/2019 Title VI Resolution- 3 Star.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #11 by Witte, 2nd by King to accept Proclamation #9-38/2019 Suicide Prevention.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones presented a unanimous recommendation from the joint Legislative Body and Board  
of Education meeting which was held prior to the main Legislative Body meeting to add \$26.00  
to the Wheel Tax in next year's budget. This would raise the standard 4 wheels vehicle decal to  
the price of \$120.00. The \$26.00 increase would be specifically designated to pay the remainder  
of the payment for the new elementary school note and would be sunset when the new  
elementary school debt was paid off.

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Motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by West was made to raise the Macon County Wheel Tax by \$26.00 in the 2020/2021 Budget.

Amended Motion #13 by West, 2nd by Witte to amend the motion to read The County Wheel Tax to be raised \$26.00 with that amount dedicated to go to pay toward the new elementary school that is being built, and the \$26.00 would sunset at the end of payments on the new elementary school note.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote was 14 yes-5 no-1 absent)

The original motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by West was then voted on with the amendment to raise the Macon County Wheel Tax by \$26.00 in the 2020/2021 Budget with the wheel tax increase being dedicated solely to the new elementary school debt and for the wheel tax to sunset when the last school payment was paid.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote was 14 yes-5 no-1 absent)

In the Committee of a Whole meeting, Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated he had received a phone call from Dickie Claywell about closing the lower section of Salt Lick Creek Rd. Mr. Claywell who owns property on this road had requested the road be closed due to illegal activity on the road including having things stolen. The Road Supervisor stated a public hearing notice would have to be run in the paper. The Road Supervisor also, stated he would continue to take care of the road even though there are no residents residing on it. Only two property owners having property on the lower end of the road would be affected.

Motion #14 by Snow, 2nd by Bartley to defer Salt Lick Creek Rd closure to Attorney Guy Holliman for recommendations to follow proper procedures for the road closing and Public Hearing.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by West, 2nd by Petty to accept the County Building List as part of the ADA Compliance Planning.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Hughes, 2nd by West to ratify the Mayors appointment of Wendell Jones and Helen Hesson as new members of the Record Commission Committee.

Motion Carried

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Motion #17 by Hesson, 2nd by Bartley to accept the Comptroller Approval Letter and Debt Obligation.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #18 by Bartley, 2nd by Dyer to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Wix, 2nd by Cothron to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Mark West spokesman for the Macon County Trap Team came before the Commissioners and asked for a \$10,000 donation for their upcoming season.

Motion #20 by Snow, 2nd by Hesson to give a \$1500.00 donation to the Macon County Trap Team.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote was 16 yes 3 no 1 absent)

Motion #21 by West, 2nd by Petty to defer the Taylor Branch Lane Water Line Request to a future meeting for discussion and/or action.

Motion Carried

Motion #22 by Witte 2nd by Snow to approve a recommendation from EMS Director, Mike Etheridge to accept Digitech Computer LLC's bid for a 3-year contract at 5.8% as the best bid for a new EMS billing system.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #23 by Hesson, 2nd by King to approve Citizens Bank interest rate of 2.85% on a \$5M loan for the Macon County Highway Paving Projects for budget year 2019/20.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

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Motion #24 by Witte, 2nd by Hesson to go out of session for an Executive meeting with the County Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #25 by West, 2nd by Petty to go back into session.

Motion #26 by Witte, 2nd by Gammons to adjourn

Motion Carried