

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, December 4, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Jeff Hughes, Helen Hesson, Benton Bartley, Justin Dyer, Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, Scott Gammons, Charles (Chop) Porter, Troy Brawner, Bobby Ray King, Don Stevens, Mike Jenkins, Tony Wix, Chris Wix, Barry King, Wendell Jones, Mchelle Phillips, Kenneth Witte, Kimmy Warf and Shannon Wix

Absent: None

Don Stevens gave the Invocation.

Chop Porter led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Bartley, 2nd by Stevens to approve minutes as presented from the 11/20/17 Legislative Body Meeting, 10/31/17 Joint Economic & Community Development Meeting, and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Warf to approve Budget Amendment #1 through #6 (#1 EMS, #2 Sheriff Department, #3 Public Health & Welfare – Health Department, #4 Hwy Department – Transfer Out, #5 Energy Grant – Transfer Out, #6 Energy Grant - Capital Projects Fund) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to approve Resolutions/Proclamations 10-15/2017 County Buildings Resolution, 11-19/2017 Building Codes Changes, 12-22/2017 Zoning Codes Resolution and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Road Supervisor Audie Cook came before the Commissioners to discuss highway funding and a purchasing plan for new equipment. The Road Supervisor asked the commissioners to make a commitment to renew the Highway Department note/line of credit when it is paid off in 2019. He stated that without the funding he would not have the funds to continue to pave or oil and chip the roads.

The Road Supervisor also asked the commissioners to approve a purchasing plan that would allow the County to borrow \$1,000,000.00 to purchase new equipment. He stated he needed to buy a new grader, repair two old graders, buy four new trucks, a new rubber tire loader and a used oil spreader. The Road Supervisor stated that the Highway Department will pay the payments with funds received from the Improve Act.

Motion #4 by Hesson, 2nd by B. King to renew the Highway Department note/line of credit when it is paid off and allow the Road Supervisor to purchase equipment through a six year note with the payments for the note to be paid for with funds from the Improve Act and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that they were invited to an Intergovernmental Affairs Day at the White House in Washington, DC on Dec. 8th from 11:00 till 3:00 p.m. if anyone wanted to attend.

Mayor Jones mentioned that he would like to set up a Solid Waste meeting to discuss moving the Solid Waste Transfer Station to Lafayette and put the Convenience Trash Site in Red Boiling Springs. Discussion ensued.

Motion #5 by Hesson, 2nd by B. King to set up a Solid Waste meeting to look at options for the transfer station and convenience site and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that the Red Boiling Springs Mayor had spoken to him about animal control issues in the city of Red Boiling Springs. Mayor Jones asked the commissioners to allow him and Animal Control Officer Justin Dyer to negotiate a contract with the City of Red Boiling Springs in the future, if necessary.

Motion #6 by Witte, 2nd by Brawner to authorize Mayor Jones and Animal Control Officer Justin Dyer to negotiate a contract with the City of Red Boiling Springs if the City of Red Boiling Springs requests it.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones updated the committee on the Clean Energy Grant, stating that the paper work was being processed prior to ordering materials.

Motion #7 by Warf, 2nd by Hughes to approve the Animal Control report and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Stevens, 2nd by Witte to approve the Building Codes/Impact fee report and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that Bob Bass with CCP would be at the January meeting to give an update on the jail. He also stated that Jim Hart was working on the CTAS “needs study” report.

Mayor Jones reported on the condition of the ceiling and walls in the courthouse. Mayor Jones asked the Commissioners if they would like for him to get a quote on replacing the ceiling tiles as the new lighting is installed. Discussion ensued.

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2nd by B. King to allow Mayor Jones to bring back prices for ceiling tiles and wall repairs for the courthouse to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Commissioner Troy Brawner requested information regarding the alarm system that had been previously discussed. Discussion Ensued.

Motion #10 by Brawner, 2nd by Hesson to allow Mayor Jones to get quotes on the alarm system for the courthouse and bring back to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners of the waterline meeting at the city on December 6th at 2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Ken Witte mentioned that the elected officials get raises every year, but the county employees do not. In the past this was a motion that if elected officials get raises, then the county employees get the same raise.

Motion #11 by Witte, 2nd B. King to give county employees a raise if the elected officials get a raise and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Snow, 2nd by W. Jones to adjourn.
Motion Carried