

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

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

Absent: Bobby Ray King and Todd Gentry

Don Stevens gave the Invocation.

Mayor Jones led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by S. Wix to approve minutes as presented from the 1/23/17 Legislative Body Meeting and the 1/31/17 Joint Economic & Community Development Meeting and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hesson, 2nd by Stevens to approve Budget Amendment #1 through #8 (#1 Library, #2 County Court Clerk, #3 Election Commission, #4 Sheriff's Department, #5 Capital Projects - Waterline, #6 Highway Department, #7 General Purpose Schools, #8 Tourism) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that he received the MCHS Band and Golf information and would be bringing back their proclamations.

Motion #3 by Witte, 2nd by Hughes to suspend the rules for final voting approval for the CDBG 2017 Waterline resolution.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Hughes, 2nd by C. Wix to approve #2-84/2017 CDBG 2017 Waterline resolution, effective February 8, 2017.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Gammons, 2nd by Warf to approve #2-85/2017 Highway Road list resolution including Alton Lane and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2nd by B. King to defer #2-86/2017 Governor's Fuel Tax resolution to the next meeting.

Motion Carried with Snow voting No

Motion #7 by Witte, 2nd by Hesson to approve #2-87/2017 North Central Solid Waste Planning Board resolution and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hesson, 2nd by W. Jones to suspend the rules for final voting approval for the Clean Energy Grant resolution.
Motion Carried

Motion #9 by B. King, 2nd by Warf to approve #2-88/2017 Clean Energy Grant resolution. This is a 50/50 grant.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that item eight (8) will be added for Contracts on the agenda. Mayor Jones stated that any contract that he signs will need to be approved by the commissioners.

Sheriff Gammons wanted to commend Jail Administrators, Bobby Etheridge and Scotty Sutton for getting Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) State Certified for the jail.

Sheriff Gammons informed the commissioners that due to an increase with inmates, the food lines would possibly run short in May and June. If so, he would be requesting funds to cover the additional cost.

Kyle Keith, Schneider Electric presented an energy savings plan to the commissioners for the county. The cost would be 10% of the savings. Mr. Keith stated the county would gain this in the energy savings.

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by B. King to authorize Mayor Jones to work with Schneider Electric for energy savings for the county and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that due to illness, MCHS Principal B.J. West would like to be present at the next meeting to discuss Project Graduation.

Motion #11 by Hesson, 2nd by Gammons to approve the Codes Enforcement/Impact Fee report and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Gammons, 2nd by Snow to appoint Mchelle Phillips to the Budget committee and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the advertisement for the 6th District Commissioner was in the newspaper and applications would be brought back to the next meeting.

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to allow Mayor Jones to advertise for a jail generator and get another opinion on the problem with the generator.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that advertisements were in the newspaper for the Valley Ridge building roof and the EMS carpet/painting. These will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that Attorney Holliman was working on the property adjoining the Justice Center for possible expansion.

New Business: Attorney Holliman closed session with the commissioners.

Motion #14 by Gammons, 2nd by S. Wix to recess and go into a closed meeting with Attorney Holliman.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Hesson, 2nd by Snow to go back in session.
Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to suspend the rules for final voting approval for the case settlement.
Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to authorize Attorney Holliman and Mayor Jones to proceed with case settlement in the amount that was discussed in closed session.
Motion Carried

Commissioner Warf requested additional trash disposal locations to help with the illegal county dumping problem.
Discussion ensued.

Motion #18 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to adjourn.
Motion Carried