

**MACON COUNTY**  
**“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, March 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Scott Gammons, Helen Hesson and Chris Wix

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Ken Witte led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens to approve minutes as presented from the 2/26/18 Legislative Body Meeting, 2/21/18 Budget, Building/Facilities, CCP, 2/13/18 Loss Control, and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to approve Budget Amendment #1 through #7 (#1 Sheriff Department, #2 Animal Control, #3 Solid Waste, #4 Building, #5 Circuit, #6 Ambulance Service and #7 General Purpose Schools) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that the Ambulance Service had ordered a new administrative truck. The current administrative truck was a 2001 model with over 200,000 miles.

Motion #3 by Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to defer Proclamation #2-28/2018 Danny McCaleb to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Wix to defer Resolution #2-30/2018 Fixed Assets/GASB to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warf to defer Resolution #3-31/2018 Tax Assessor 5-year reappraisal plan to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Warf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer Proclamation #3-32/2018 Mae Beavers to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer Resolution #3-33/2018 NCTC/AT&T to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Wix to suspend the rules and approve Resolution #3-34/2018 for THDA Housing grant. Mayor Jones told the commissioners there was not a county match with this THDA grant.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to approve Resolution #3-34/2018 THDA Housing grant.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Director of Schools, Tony Boles reported to the commissioners that the Board of Education had a closed door meeting regarding the safety plans for the Macon County Schools. Discussion ensued regarding SROs, cameras and the corridor enclosure. Mr. Boles stated the School Board took the safety of the children seriously and he felt Macon County Schools were as safe as any of the schools in our area.

Tax Assessor, Rick Shoulders was present to explain the 2018 Property Appraisal and also how new items were added to the tax roll.

Mayor Jones told the commissioners he had met with all of the Fire Departments providing rural fire service in Macon County. The Fire Departments had requested to meet to discuss an increase in their funding in the 2018/2019 budget. The increase in funding is to help offset their expenses.

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that advertisements for convenience site land proposals, a new generator for the Justice Center and the Veteran's Service Officer Position had been sent to the newspapers.

Motion #10 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warf to defer the Solid Waste Convenience site proposals to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warf to defer the Justice Center generator proposal to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones said that Mr. John Barton's resignation letter was enclosed in their packets.

Motion #12 by Warf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartley to defer the Veteran's Service Officer Position to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones told the commissioners that the Fair Board had bid out the electrical work at the Fairgrounds and the bids were over the county bid limit. Mayor Jones stated that because the bids were not bid by the County, he was going to have to check with the State Comptroller's office to see if Macon County could use the Fair Board's bid. All County Bids must be opened by the Macon County purchasing committee.

Motion #13 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to authorize Mayor Jones to work with the auditors regarding the Fairground electrical bids.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that he spoke with Steve Osborne with the Comptroller's Office regarding the early renewal of the Highway Department note. He said Mr. Osborn said the County could renew the note but it would probably be at a higher interest rate. Mayor Jones said he would not recommend the early renewal due to higher interest rates.

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the County Attorney was reviewing a Transfer Agreement request from Knollwood Manor to use the Sally Wells and Meador Buildings at the Fairgrounds in case of a disaster. Concerns were noted from Commissioner Hughes regarding the use of the buildings during Fair Week.

Motion #14 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to use the Fairground buildings for a backup disaster plan for Knollwood.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones said that he had asked Representative Kelly Keisling and Senator Mark Pody to set up a Legislative visit to the Capital. Mayor Jones said he needed the commissioners and local business leader's support to meet with the Commissioner of TDOT and Governor to get the Highway 10 S put back on a construction project.

Motion #15 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to bring back the Animal Control report to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens to bring back the Building Codes/Impact fee report to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to defer the Impact Fee increase to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Due to an emergency, Brian Jenkins spoke to the commissioners for Andrew Cline regarding the 1/2 cent sales tax. Mr. Jenkins said that Mr. Cline wanted to use the 1/2 cent sales tax for a Sports Complex.

Mayor Jones said the County Commissioners would have to request the 1/2 cent sales tax be put on a referendum for the people to vote on. He said that both cities would have to agree for the use of their portion of the increase.

Commissioner Tony Wix questioned why the commissioners were not voting on the 7<sup>th</sup> district open position. Mayor Jones reported that Attorney Holliman said under state law the vote would have to be taken at the Legislative Body meeting.

Mayor Jones mentioned that a Senate Training Bill enclosed in their packet was for newly elected county commissioners.

Motion #18 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stevens to set all court meetings at 6:30 P.M. and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Until the motion is approved through court, the Legislative Body Court meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Francisco & Rita Sousa from Glover Hollow Lane were present and asked for their lane to be added to the County Road list so they could get repairs done to their lane. He stated there were four houses already on the lane with the possibility of two more being built in the future.

Motion #19 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to have the Highway Department committee to bring back a recommendation for the Glover Hollow Lane to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to adjourn.

Motion Carried