

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, June 4, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Scott Gammons, Don Stevens and Shannon Wix

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Barry King led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by Hesson to approve minutes as presented from the 5/21/18 Legislative Body Meeting, 5/8/18 Audit Committee Meeting and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Snow, 2nd by Hughes to approve Budget Amendment #10 General Purpose Schools and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Snow, 2nd by Hughes to approve Budget Amendment #9 General Purpose Schools and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Bartley, 2nd by Hesson to approve Budget Amendment #11 Highway Department and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to approve Budget Amendment #12 Sheriff Department and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hughes, 2nd by Bartley to approve Budget Amendments #1 through #8 (#1 Rescue Squad – Red Boiling Springs, #2 EMA, #3 Circuit Court, #4 Property Assessor, #5 Solid Waste, #6 Sheriff Department, #7 Register of Deeds, # 8 Disaster of Relief – Willette) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by W. Jones, 2nd by Hughes to approve Budget Amendment #13 Capital Projects Fund and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Snow, 2nd by Witte to defer Budget Amendment #14 Veterans Service Office to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to defer Resolution #5-50/2018 Solid Waste TDEC Waste Reduction Resolution to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the Planning notice that was questioned regarding the recent special exception issued for property which allowed a shooting range approval was done correctly. The procedure for special exceptions and land zoning changes was approved several years ago. Mayor Jones said he was told the organization had met all necessary guidelines to allow the special exception. A motion in the past by the legislative body was made to only advertise in one paper due to cost. Mayor Jones told the commissioners that although everything was done properly he felt the advertisement for property changes such as special exceptions and zoning changes should be advertised better. The mayor said in his opinion, the notice that was ran in the paper was like reading the fine print in a document. The Mayor told the commissioners he felt the notices should be ran in both local papers, in larger print and that signage should be placed on the properties. He also stated this cost should be at the expense of the requesting party.

Motion #10 by B. King, 2nd by Hughes to run zoning advertisements in both newspapers with a 3x5 notice, also to place signage on the property that is being zoned, along with a letter to the adjoining property owners and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Architect Grant Tharp, AIA with Cope Architecture, along with Don Collins, Civil Engineer, were present to introduce themselves to the County Commissioners and answer any questions that they may have. Mr. Tharp said that they were experienced in building schools and jails. He also mentioned the various schools and jails they have worked with. Sheriff Gammons informed the commissioners that he wanted to add a work program to the new facility. Discussion ensued.

Motion #11 by Witte, 2nd by Hughes to ask Attorney Holliman's opinion on the process with the architects at the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported to the commissioners that Air Evac had requested to set a new doublewide on the county property across from the Ambulance Service building.

Motion #12 by C. Wix, 2nd by T. Wix to approve the Air Evac request for setting the new doublewide on the vacant property and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that the Veterans Service Officer from Trousdale County was helping our county veterans until our newly hired Veterans Service Officer is trained.

Mayor Jones said Mr. Quinn Marlow had been hired as the new Macon County Veterans Service Officer and asked that the County Commission ratify his actions.

Motion #13 by Hughes, 2nd by C. Wix to ratify the hiring of Quin Marlow for the Veterans Service Officer and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that the county had received the THDA Grant Application Approval. He said that more information would come soon.

Motion #14 by B. King, 2nd by W. Jones to approve the Comptroller Approval letter and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Warf, 2nd by Jenkins to approve the Animal Control report and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Hughes, 2nd by Hesson to approve the Building Codes/Impact Fee report and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the Budget meeting dates are June 11th, June 18th and June 25th at 5:00 P.M.

Motion #17 by Gammons, 2nd by W. Jones to adjourn.
Motion Carried