

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry and Mike Jenkins

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Scott Gammons led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Bartley, 2nd by Dyer to approve minutes as presented from the 8/21/17 Legislative Body Meeting, 7/27/17 Emergency Food & Shelter Meeting, 8/16/17 Emergency Food & Shelter Meeting, 6/20/17 Planning Commission Meeting, 4/18/17 Planning Commission Meeting Public Hearing and the 8/21/17 Solid Waste Meeting and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hesson, 2nd by Warf to approve Budget Amendments #1 through #6 (#1 Other Facilities – Justice Center, #2 Debt Service, #3 Other Local Health Programs, #4 EMS, #5 Library, #6 Solid Waste) and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained the Solid Waste Convenience Site Grant package that was presented by Lisa Luck with UCDD.

Motion #3 by B. King, 2nd by Gammons to defer Resolutions/Proclamations 9-8/2017 Fuqua Zoning, 9-9/2017 Suicide Prevention, 9-10/2017 Recycling Equipment Grant, 9-11/2017 Education and Outreach Grant, 9-12/2017 Used Oil Grant, 9-13/2017 Measurement Grant, and 9-14/2017 Convenience Center Grant to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by T. Wix, 2nd by Warf to allow Road Supervisor, Audie Cook, to donate gravel to the Macon County Fairgrounds and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that Jim Hart with CTAS was working on the needs study for the Macon County jail.

Mayor Jones informed the Commissioners that Attorney Holliman was working on the EMS write-off policy for old debt.

Mayor Jones reported that the Willette brush truck did not bring what was expected. The Willette Fire Dept. members wanted to use the money to pay toward the new truck that was purchased. But, due to low bids they want to keep the truck.

Motion #5 by Hesson, 2nd by Witte to reject the bids for the Willette brush truck to allow Willette to keep the truck and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2nd by Witte to extend the Veteran's officer applications until October.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that the Building Committee met and discussed county buildings insurance and liabilities. The committee also discussed the possibility of Archives moving into the upstairs section of the old Valley Ridge building. Consensus was that paint and only minor repairs were to be done at the Valley Ridge building. No walls are to be taken down without approval.

Motion #7 by B. King, 2nd by Hesson to move Archives to the upstairs portion of the Valley Ridge building. Also, keep the lower portion for other necessary county offices, such as Animal Control. AA will continue to use the basement meeting room area.
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Gammons, 2nd by Warf to allow UCDD to apply for the Solid Waste grants and the Convenience Site Grants and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2nd by Gammons to use the old ambulance unit that was at the Highway Department and the modular box off the F-450 Series truck being taken out of service as trade in on the new ambulance remount. The Ambulance Service's old F-450 chassis and the Van chassis with the flatbed can then be transferred to the Highway Department for their use.
Motion Carried

Due to recent electrical and maintenance issues with buildings at the Fairgrounds, Mayor Jones gave a report to the Commissioners on what buildings the county owned and is responsible for. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners there needed to be a proper procedure for any building to be built and maintained on County Property. Mayor Jones said there should be a resolution passed allowing and accepting any new structure being built and then have a simple lease agreement between the leaser and the County stating what each party would be responsible for.

Motion #10 B. King, 2nd W. Jones to have Attorney Holliman draw up a resolution for all county buildings and report back to the Commissioners.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones told the Commissioners that Phillip Bransford with Bransford Electric and a representative from Tri-County Electric had looked at the way the Fairgrounds buildings are using the same main entrance and suggested changing the entrance to each building by using a pad mount transformer behind the AG building and run separate entrances to each building. The County Commissioners agreed that the electrical entrances should be separated. This will allow the other buildings to be used until the Ray Goad building could be repaired.

Motion #11 by B. R. King, 2nd by Witte to split the cost 50/50 with the Macon County Fair Board for the electrical repairs needed on the Ray Goad building at the Fairgrounds.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that DSWM – TDS landfill information was in the packet for the Commissioners.

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2nd by Witte to approve both the Impact Fees/Codes report and the Animal Control report and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones introduced Evelyn White, who is the new Macon County Chamber Coordinator. She will be working with local industry to help the city and the county with various projects.

Commissioner Gammons asked that Attorney Holliman give a report on the status of Constables. Attorney Holliman spoke on the county liabilities by having constables and gave several cases from other counties/states. He also mentioned that several counties had abolished the constable position.

Audience members spoke in favor of the constable position.

Motion #13 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to leave the Constables as is and defer to the next meeting.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones read a “Thank You” card that was received from the Vernon Biggs family.

Mayor Jones informed the Commissioners that the two televisions and the recording system were bought through the 3-Star grant to allow for audio/video presentations for the Legislative Body.

Motion #14 by Witte, 2nd by Hesson to adjourn.
Motion Carried