

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Scott Gammons and Shannon Wix

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Justin Dyer led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Hesson, 2nd by Gentry to approve minutes as presented from the 8/15/16 Legislative Body Meeting, 7/19/16 Planning Commission Meeting, 8/15/16 Animal Control Committee Meeting and 8/15/16 Emergency Services Committee Meeting and defer to the next meeting. On discussion Troy Brawner noted that he was not the chairman of Animal Control and that Animal Control minutes should be changed to reflect Todd Gentry as Chairman.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Snow to approve Budget Amendment #1 for Register of Deeds and Budget Amendment #2 for County Clerk and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Warf, 2nd by Snow to approve Budget Amendment #3 for Sheriff Department and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Warf, 2nd by Snow to approve Budget Amendment #4 for Solid Waste and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2nd by Stevens to approve Budget Amendment #5 for Circuit Court – Reserves and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to approve Budget Amendment #6 for Chancery Court and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by C. Wix, 2nd by B. King to approve Budget Amendment #7 for Tourism and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hesson, 2nd by B. King to approve Budget Amendment #8 for County Buildings and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to approve Resolution #9-77/2016 Solid Waste – Recycling Grant Resolution and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by Warf, 2nd by B. King to approve Resolution/Proclamation #9-78/2016 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones presented the commissioners with two (2) letters from the Comptroller of the Treasury for the Budget Approval and the Approval for the purchase of the property located at 29 Weldon Drive, Lafayette, TN.

Motion #11 by Snow, 2nd by Warf to approve the Comptroller Budget approval and the Comptrollers approval letter for the property purchase at 29 Weldon Drive and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that he spoke with Charles West with UCHRA regarding the Title V position. Mayor Jones stated that we could possibly get two positions. These positions could be used for cleaning at the Sheriff's Department and other county buildings.

Mayor Jones and Sheriff Gammons reported to the commissioners about the meeting with CTAS and TCI about a Community Correction Partnership (CCP). Mayor Jones and Sheriff Gammons signed an engagement letter with CTAS to do a needs assessment study for the Macon County Jail. The first step will be for CTAS to do the needs study regarding the jail overcrowding. The CTAS study will also include a staffing and operational study. Mayor Jones request approval to establish the CCP Committee which will work with CTAS and TCI.

Motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to approve Mayor Jones setting up a CCP Committee to work with CTAS and TCI and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Gammons addressed the commissioners on the need to hire an additional female correction officer for woman inmates to help cover vacation and holidays. Discussion ensued.

Motion #13 by Snow, 2nd by Hesson to get the total cost for hiring a correctional officer and bring back to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones mentioned that Budget Amendments for two (2) property claims one at the Fairgrounds, Sally Wells Building and one at the Communications Tower on Heady Ridge would be brought back to the next meeting for deposit of Insurance money.

Motion #14 by B. King, 2nd by B. Carter to bring back bids for the Red Boiling Springs Library roof to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that a letter was included in their packet from Red Boiling Springs notifying the County that they would be terminating their contract with Macon County as of October 1st, 2016. Red Boiling Springs paid 10 hours of salary plus benefits and euthanasia cost. Discussion ensued on the operations of the County's Animal Control department.

Motion #15 by Bartley, 2nd by Hesson to accept Red Boiling Springs request to cancel their contract for Animal Control and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Hughes, 2nd by W. Jones to change the Animal Control position back to a 30 hour work week and only respond to dogs complaints and defer to the next meeting. This was the total hours that Animal Control was prior to the Red Boiling Springs contract.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones set up a meeting for the Building and Facilities Committee to meet at the Valley Ridge Building on September 19th at 5:00 PM. This will be to discuss future use of the building.

Mayor Jones discussed the concerns he had received from citizens in the Oak Dale community about the rezoning done in last month's Commission Meeting. Mayor Jones said the concern was over ground surface water and potential flooding. Mayor Jones said the appropriate action was taken and TDEC was notified to research the storm water drainage concerns. Mayor Jones said TDEC had reported back to him that they had talked with the new property owner and that engineering would be required and permits would have to be issued prior to any work being done to make sure the ground surface water would not be a problem for the neighboring properties.

Motion #17 by Snow, 2nd by Witte to approve the Codes Enforcement/Impact report and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Hesson, 2nd by Snow to approve the Sheriff Departments Financial Report and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones reported that Leon Wooten had requested funds to help paint the Bellevue School.

Motion #19 by Witte, 2nd by Snow to defer this request to the Donation list at budget time and defer to the next meeting.

Motion Carried

The Commissioners packet included a letter stating that a Hazardous Waste Day is set for September 24th.

The TCCA Regional meeting is set for September 15th at Del Monaco Winery.

Building and Facilities meeting is set for September 19th at Valley Ridge Building at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Jones updated the commissioners on the Courthouse roof and central unit repairs. Concerns for ladders, scaffolding and floors were mentioned. Discussion ensued with no motions being made.

Mayor Jones informed the commissioners that the waterline project will begin this week.

Motion #20 by Witte, 2nd by Warf to adjourn.

Motion Carried