

**MACON COUNTY**  
**“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Todd Gentry, Mike Jenkins, Benton Bartley, Charles (Chop) Porter, Mchelle Phillips, Justin Dyer, Scott Cothron, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, and Helen Hesson.

Absent: Phillip Snow, Scott Gammons, Ken Witte

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Scott Cothron gave the Invocation.

Benton Bartley led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 12/16/19 Legislative Body Meeting, 11/19/19 Planning Committee Meeting and 11/19/19 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #6 (#1 Solid Waste, #2 Industrial Development, #3 Capital Projects-Jail, #4 New Elementary School, #5 EMS, and #6 Drug Fund) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to defer #1-18/2020 Connie and Kim Wilburn Property Resolution and #1-19/2020 Marcus Smith Property Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles told the Commissioners that the School Board is continuing the process of looking for alternate sites for the new elementary school. He stated that the school board will be responsible for paying for this new site once the location has been decided on.

Motion #4 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilmore approved Superintendent Boles to bring back recommendations about site development from the school board to the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones told the Commissioners he had a request from Mr. Gary Wilder to purchase a piece of property adjoining his land. The county acquired the land through tax default. Mayor Jones

said he had asked the County Attorney to research its values and give a recommendation to the Legislative Body.

Motion #5 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to defer Gary Wilder's request to purchase county property to the Legislative Body meeting for consideration and/or approval upon the County Attorney's recommendations.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to ratify Mike Wells' resignation for the Library Board and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to appoint Alecia King to finish Mr. Wells term on the Library Board and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones presented the Commissioners with the new equipment bids for the Macon County Solid Waste. Commissioner Benton Bartley and Commissioner Justin Dyer stated they would like to rebid the skid steer from different companies and include an option for the skid steer to be bid with tracks. The bid for the equipment and estimate for the methane wells and new building is \$455,612.20. Mayor Jones recommended to fund the amount on a 5-10-year note to be paid out of debt service.

Motion #8 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hesson to defer Solid Waste bids to Legislative Body meeting for discussion and/or action.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes for Register of Deeds to proceed with online payments and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Jones stated the County had received a letter from the state about not meeting ADA compliance. Mayor Jones recommended to the Commissioners to hire Mid-Tenn Engineering to examine all County buildings for ADA requirements. He estimated the cost of hiring them would be approximately \$15,000.00. Funding would be paid out of fund balance.

Motion #10 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to authorize Mayor Jones to hire Mid-Tenn Engineering to develop an ADA compliance plan for county buildings not to exceed \$15,000.00 and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to defer the 10<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner vacancy to the Legislative Body meeting and consider and/or act on the County Attorney's recommendations.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartley to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Grant Tharp and John Cheney with Cope Engineering presented the Commissioners with the plans for the expansion and construction to the Justice Center. Mr. Tharp stated that it will take approximately 3 years to complete the construction at an estimated cost of approximately \$22,346,586.00. Primary funding for the addition will come through funds generated from State Prisoner Boarding fees.

Motion #14 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to authorize Cope Engineering to complete the design and bid the addition to the Justice Center and authorize the County Mayor to proceed to apply for funding through USDA and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

John Conditt representing the Macon County Jr High/High School Girls Softball teams spoke to the Commissioners and asked for a \$1,500.00 donation for each of their upcoming seasons.

Motion #15 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to give a \$1,500.00 donation to each of the Macon County Jr High/High School Girls Softball teams and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Funding will be provided through the General Fund's fund balance.

Motion Carried

EMA Director Don Stevens presented the new Mitigation Report to the Commissioners. He stated that the report must be updated every 5 years. Keeping the report up to date is important for the County to receive grants.

Motion #16 Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton defer Mitigation Report to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones read a letter from the Historical Society thanking the County Commissioners and County Mayor for their support toward the Macon County Historical Society.

Motion #17 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to adjourn.

Motion Carried