

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Mchelle Phillips led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 1/21/20 Legislative Body Meeting, 12/17/19 Planning Committee Meeting and 12/17/19 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #6 (#1 Circuit Court Clerk, #2 Sheriff's Department/Jail, #3 Parks & Fair Board-Non Profit Organizations, #4 Library, #5 General Purpose School Fund, and #6 General Nutrition) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Gentry, 2nd by Dyer to defer #2-23/2020 Nestle Hollow Ln Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Bartley, 2nd by Petty to defer #2-24/2020 2nd Amendment Resolution and #2-25/2020 Sanctuary Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or discussion with recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #2-26/2020 Capital Outlay Note (Hwy Dept) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2nd by Cothron to defer #2-27/2020 Capital Outlay Note (Solid Waste) to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles presented to the Commissioners 3 properties that are being discussed for the future site of the new elementary school. The Cothron-Manion property located across the road from the Justice Center and has approximately 127 acres. This property would cost approximately \$5.6 million. The Ellis property which is across the road from the current school property is also available but has drainage concerns. The Donoho property, located close to the industrial park, is 130 acres and would cost approximately \$2.7 million dollars to purchase. Mr. Boles stated that there are many pros and cons with each property, but the engineers and architects felt the Donoho property would be best suited for the school due to less field work having to be done. The Commissioners voiced several concerns with the Donoho property including having problems with bringing future industry to Macon County and having a school in such proximity to the chemicals from the industrial park. Commissioner West stated he had spoken with a Tennplasco representative and they only had paint chemicals at their site.

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2nd by Witte to defer options to purchase the Donoho property to Attorney Guy Holliman for recommendations.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (Vote was 11 yes, 8 no, 1 passed)

Motion #8 by Dyer, 2nd by Petty to authorize Highway Department to clean ditch out on Bob Green's property and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to authorize County to sell excess equipment and vehicles at a public auction and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried.

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by Jones to ratify Mayor Jones appointment of Debbie Hughes to Fair Board Committee and defer to Legislative Body.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Bartley, 2nd by Gentry to allow Capital Projects and ADA Compliance to be discussed at future meetings without being on agenda and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins, to accept Grand Jury Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that a notice had been put in the newspapers to accept applications for the 10th District Commissioner position. The names of those applicants will be brought before the Commissioners at the next meeting along with any nominations, to be voted on at that time.

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Jenkins, 2nd by Petty to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones discussed the 2020 Census and how important it is to get an actual current population total for the County. He requested the Commissioners to match the \$2,000.00 that the City of Lafayette had spent on Census awareness and advertising.

Motion #15 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to spend \$2,000.00 on 2020 Census materials/advertisement and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval. Funding will be provided through the General Fund balance.
Motion Carried.

Motion #16 by Hesson, 2nd by Gammons to defer the \$2,500.00 donation to the non-profit organization HISET/GED program to the budget committee and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

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