

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Todd Gentry and Tony Wix

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Mchelle Phillips led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by C. West to accept minutes as presented from the 10/19/20 Legislative Body meeting and 10/27/20 Emergency Food and Shelter meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1 through 13 (#1 Macon Rescue Squad, #2 Highway Department, #3 Other Facilities – Justice Center, #4 Other Charges, #5 Sheriff’s Department, #6 County Clerk, #7 Pee Wee Non-Profit Donation, #8 Solid Waste, #9 Capital Projects, #10 Library, #11 Library, #12 Other Facilities, and #13 Circuit Court Clerk) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #11-16/20 Recycling Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Kay Crowder Warner spoke to the Commissioners about getting her daughter’s name, Lyndi Crowder, added to the signage on the Macon County Animal Control building. She stated that her and Bobby Crowder would be donating \$3,000 each year and wanted to set up a trust for Macon County Animal Control in Lyndi’s honor. She stated they wanted to be a part of continuing to make the Animal Control better. Kay Crowder Warner and Melissa Walrond were added to the Animal Control Committee by Mayor Jones.

Motion #4 by King, 2nd by L. West to accept Ms. Warner’s request of Lyndi Crowder’s name to be added to the Animal Control building signage and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by King, 2nd by Wilmore to defer the Mayor's Committee Appointments List to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Bartley, 2nd by Cothron to accept Plantation Equipment & Supply to purchase the Solid Waste Bobcat Loader and Grapple Bucket Attachment for \$4,250 and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained to the Commissioners that the County had already been reimbursed through the TN CARES Grant \$43,933.78 for a new phone system, \$97,622 for 3 trucks for the Highway Department, and \$31,795 for an Animal Control truck. He explained that he had also submitted a request for \$47,250 for private haulers to haul gravel while the highway department was under quarantine due to the Covid-19 virus. Also, a portion of the EMS payroll amounting to \$144,374.22 was also being submitted for reimbursement and are waiting on approval.

Motion #7 by Witte, 2nd Hughes to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2nd by C. West to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Benton Bartley suggested to the Commissioners about raising the Building Impact Fees to bring in more revenue. Codes Enforcement Scott Carver stated he would get a comparison of surrounding counties and bring back the information to the Commissioners.

Bobby Sircy and Paul Day representing the Macon County Shriner's spoke to the Commissioners requesting a \$500 donation.

Motion #9 by Hesson, 2nd by King to give a \$500 donation to the Macon County Shriner's and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Funds will be provided from the General Fund Balance.

Motion Carried

Register of Deeds Cindi Jones came before the Commissioners requesting \$10,000 to hire a part-time employee. Several of the Commissioners stated she would need to come back before the Budget Committee during the budget meetings to request the money to be added to the Register of Deeds 21-22 budget.

Motion #10 by Dyer, 2nd by C. West to give \$10,000 to the Register of Deeds office for a part-time employee and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval. Funds for the 20-21 budget will be provided from the current General Fund Balance.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Slayton, 2nd by West to defer ratification of the Mayor's appointment of Randy Carter as EMS director.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Phillip Snow discussed TCA 67-5-705 a tax relief for the senior citizens. He asked if Attorney Guy Holliman could come back to the Commissioners with recommendations. Mayor Jones said he would contact the County Attorney and ask him to research the Tennessee code.

Commissioner Jeff Hughes ask about the status of the courthouse repairs from Restoration Specialist Bill Walters. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken with Mr. Walters last week and Mr. Walters is scheduled to bring his plans for the Mayor to review on November 19, 2020.

Motion #12 by Porter, 2nd by L. West to defer William Tuck property recommendations to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Witte, 2nd by C. West to adjourn.

Motion Carried