

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
At the Courthouse and electronically by teleconference

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, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson, and Larry West.

Absent: Scott Cothron

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Chad West gave the Invocation.

Jeff Hughes led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by King to accept minutes as presented from the 1/19/21 Legislative Body meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by King, 2nd by C. West to accept Budget Amendments #1 through 8 (#1 Library, #2 Animal Control, #3 Capital Projects, #4 EMS, #5 Mayor’s Office, #6 Workhouse, #7 TN CARES Grant, and #8 TN CARES Grant) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hughes, 2nd by Slayton to defer #2-24/21 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Witte, 2nd by King to defer #2-25/21 Driveway Fee Resolution to a future Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Bartley, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #2-26/21 FFA Week Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles stated there would be a work session on February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. discussing the new elementary school and the land the School Board is looking to purchase. Commissioner Ken Witte ask Mr. Boles if he could get the written proposal of the presentation that was given at the last School Board meeting. Mr. Boles stated that one of the board members had put that presentation together and there was not a proposal to give out at this time. Mr. Boles also stated that at this time the School Board is looking at purchasing some of the Manion property for the new school location.

Motion #6 by King, 2nd by C. West to allow discussion at the Legislative Body meeting on the new elementary school and land purchase.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mark Gammons stated that due to COVID-19 inmates had not been able to pick up trash along the highways. Sheriff Gammons urged citizens to do their part until they would be able to pick up later.

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by L. West to accept TTL's Professional Services Agreement for construction materials testing and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

John Cheney representing Cope Architecture spoke about the positions of the general contractor and project supervisor for the addition at the Justice Center. He stated that having a project supervisor overseeing day to day operations is a requirement for the USDA loan process. There are no qualifications for the project supervisor position. Mayor Jones stated that for the position USDA requires the County to pay on a standard pay scale and furnish a vehicle during the construction process.

Motion #8 by King, 2nd by Witte to allow discussion later for the general contractor and project supervisor position and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Hughes, 2nd by Petty to allow discussion at the Legislative Body Meeting on the Donoho property.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to Attorney Guy Holliman and his recommendation would be to donate the Brush truck purchased for the Fire Department to the City of Lafayette. This would release the County from having to pay insurance and maintenance on the vehicle along with any liability.

Motion #10 by Slayton, 2nd by C. West to donate the brush truck to the City of Lafayette Fire Department and defer to Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Jenkins, 2nd by Dyer to defer Mayor Jones' appointment for Jeff Hughes on Fair Board to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by King, 2nd Witte to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Benton Bartley ask about the impact fees in the surrounding counties. Codes Enforcement Officer Scott Carver stated he had contacted the counties and was working on having the report at the Legislative Body meeting.

Mayor Jones stated that EMS had listed an old ambulance on GovDeals.com and received a bid of \$21,200.00 for it. Mayor Jones stated he would have a budget amendment brought back to the Commissioners for approval.

Motion #9 by Witte, 2nd by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried