

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

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.  
At the Courthouse and electronically by teleconference

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Phillip Snow, Todd Gentry, 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, Helen Hesson, and Larry West.

Absent: Scott Gammons

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Chad West led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 2/16/21 Legislative Body meeting, 3/17/20, 4/21/20, 5/19/20, 7/21/20, 8/18/20, 9/15/20, 10/20/20 Planning Commission meetings, and 9/15/20, 10/15/20 Board of Zoning Appeals meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #9 (#1 Courthouse, #2 Sheriff's Department, #3 Mayor's Office, #4 Chamber of Commerce, #5 General Sessions Judge, #6 EMS, #7 Sheriff's Department, #8 Animal Control, and #9 Agricultural Extension Service) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to defer #3-27/21 UT Extension Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by L. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer #3-28/21 Resolution concerning Impact Fee to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles stated that the Board of Education is currently negotiating an option purchase of 101.84 acres of the Manion property located behind the Jr. High and High School for the new elementary school. Discussions on the land purchase will take place at the next school board meeting on Thursday March 11, 2021. Mr. Boles will bring back more information at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion #5 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Hughes to allow discussion at the Legislative Body meeting on the new elementary school and land purchase.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to allow discussion and recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman at the Legislative Body meeting on the BabyNov water tank.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. West to allow discussion for the general contractor and project supervisor position and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to both banks regarding the interest rate on the CD's the County has with them. The interest rates range from 0.45% to 2.65%. He stated he had also spoken to Steve Osborne with the TN Comptroller's office and they see no problem with using the money to invest in land for Industrial Development. He stated that there are grants to assist with purchasing the land, but the County will have to have a letter of intent before they can be applied for. He stated that the State of TN gives \$20,000 a year for purchasing land and the County now has approximately \$120,000 at TN Central to be able to use. Commissioner Chad West ask about partnering with City of Lafayette for the purchase. Discussion ensued.

Motion #8 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to allow discussion at the Legislative Body Meeting on the Donoho property.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Bobby Crowder was wanting to donate a van to Animal Control to transport animals to rescue.

Motion #9 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to allow Bobby Crowder to donate a van to Animal Control and defer to Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 by L. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilmore to allow bids for EMS building roof at RBS and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that Mack Davis had contacted him about mowing the property at Westside. Commissioner Kyle Petty asked about the liability and Mayor Jones stated he would ask County Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion #11 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to allow Mack Davis to mow property at Westside and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ken Witte ask about the status of the Courthouse renovations project. Mayor Jones stated that there had only been 1 contractor to come to the walk through. Commissioner Barry King stated that the old Rite Aid building might be another option and wanted to go look at it. He stated that even if the Courthouse is renovated that there is just not enough room. Mayor Jones stated that the Courthouse had to be repaired to at least keep the water out. He also stated that if the school board proceeds with the plans they presented that one of the old schools might be an option. Discussion ensued.

Motion #14 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried