

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

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, and Larry West.

Absent: Scott Gammons and Helen Hesson

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Todd Gentry led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Snow, 2nd by C. West to accept minutes as presented from the 8/17/20 Legislative Body Meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Cothron, 2nd by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #5 (#1 Capital Projects-THDA Grant, #2 Hwy Dept, #3 Circuit Court Clerk, #4 TN CARES Grant, and #5 Sheriff's Department) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by West, 2nd by Petty to defer #9-4/20 Annette Cothron Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Jenkins, 2nd by Hughes to defer #9-5/20 Strategic Plan, Debt Management Policy and Confirmation Letter – 3 Star to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #9-6/20 Title VI Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by King, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #9-7/20 Suicide Prevention Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated that Harold Atkins had contacted him about cleaning out a tile on South Long Creek Rd. Mr. Cook stated that he had also been contacted about cleaning out a tile on Pointe Lane. He stated he would have to get on private property to be able to take care of both complaints.

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by Petty to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to clean out tiles on South Long Creek Rd and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 King, 2nd by Petty to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to clean out tile on Pointe Lane and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated the property owners on West Stinson Road had contacted him with a signed petition requesting the speed limit to be set at 35mph.

Motion #9 by Bartley, 2nd by Slayton to defer West Stinson Rd speed limit request to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated after purchasing the Ultra High-Pressure truck, for the Lafayette Fire Department, there would be approximately \$10,000 left. He suggested allowing the Sheriff's Department to use the money to help purchase a new police car, to replace the one that had been totaled.

Motion #10 by C. West, 2nd by Slayton to give the Sheriff's Department \$10,000 to purchase a police car and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Hughes, 2nd by Jones to defer Solid Waste Contract to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Gene Carman spoke to the Commissioners about getting water lines installed on Taylor Branch Road. He stated the water lines would impact 11 houses within 1.8 miles. Mr. Carman read a letter from property owner Annette Cothron. Mayor Jones and Commissioner Barry King stated they had spoken to the City of Lafayette and the City will not be helping to install the water lines. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to an engineer and the cost for their fees and bidding the installation would be approximately \$5,000 and the total cost of installation of the water lines would be approximately \$194,000. The State of TN would still have to approve the project. The water lines would be funded using funds from the 171 Capital Projects budget line.

Motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by Hughes to authorize Mayor Jones to start the engineering and bidding process of the Taylor Branch Road water line project and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to defer ratification of the Mayors appointment of Ann Hall, Wynona Clayborne, and George McCrary to the Library Board to the Legislative Body meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #14 by King, 2nd by C. West to authorize Mayor Jones to have repairs made to the Meador Building and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by C. West, 2nd by Jenkins to defer Stephens Center contract to the Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones discussed with the Commissioners about paying for the county properties to be mowed due to COVID-19 and the inmates not being able to. He stated he was using county employee, Michael Duffer and county mowers and paying him overtime. He stated using a county employee to mow was done for insurance liability reasons. Mayor Jones said the commercial mowers were insured but individual citizens were not covered under the county's insurance.

Motion #16 by Bartley, 2nd by Slayton to continue paying the overtime to mow county properties and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to offer the 2% for October and 1% for November property tax discounts and defer to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that he had received a letter from Gary Wilder, offering to pay \$4,000 to purchase a piece of County owned property that attaches to his land.

Motion #18 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to defer Gary Wilder property request to Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or on recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Fire Chief Troy Brawner spoke to the Commissioners about purchasing a new Ultra High-Pressure truck for the Lafayette Fire Department. He stated the truck would be more versatile than anything they have now and would be able to be first to calls. The cost would be approximately \$90,000. Mayor Jones stated that \$100,000 had already been put in the 171 Capital Projects budget to purchase the new truck.

Motion #19 by C. West, 2nd by Dyer to defer the purchase of an Ultra High-Pressure truck for the Lafayette Fire Department to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by West, 2nd Slayton to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #22 by West, 2nd by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried