

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

Monday, April 5th, 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, Ken Witte, Scott Cothron, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson, and Larry West.

Absent: Justin Dyer and Chad West

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Wendell Jones led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 3/15/21 Legislative Body meeting, 3/15/21 Building & Facilities meeting, 12/29/20 Planning Commission meeting, and 12/15/20 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #15 (#1 Juvenile Court, #2 Election Commission, #3 EMS, #4 EMS, #5 Trustee, #6 Drug Fund, #7 Animal Control, #8 Library, #9 Insurance, #10 Capital Projects-Justice Center Addition, #11 Capital Projects-Justice Center Addition, #12 Willette Fire Department, #13 Sheriff's Department, #14 EMA, and #15 Solid Waste) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer #2-25/21 Driveway Fee Resolution to a Legislative Body meeting at a later date.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by L. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to defer #4-31/21 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.

Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles stated that the Board of Education is currently negotiating an option purchase 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 April 8, 2021. Mr. Boles will bring back more information at the Legislative Body meeting.

Mr. Boles also mentioned that applications are being taken until April 16, 2021 for the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> District School Board member vacancy and elected at the next Legislative Body meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilmore to elect a School Board member for the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> District School Board member at the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to allow the Hwy Dept to cross Jeff Roark's property to clean out ditch and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to defer Communication Franchise to Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or on the recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that TN Central has applied for a \$750,000 grant for the intent to purchase the Donoho property. He also stated that if the County receives the grant money it will have to be used for that property.

Mayor Jones also told the Commissioners about the \$4.7M and \$689,130 the County will be receiving from the Federal Government and State of TN. He stated that complete guidelines for what can be purchased with the funds have not been sent out.

Motion #9 by C. Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to proceed with the application for the grant and defer the discussion of the grant for the Donoho property to Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained to the Commissioners about the Courthouse renovation project. He stated that because no contractors had placed bids, he had spoken to Bill Walter and they decided to redesign the bid specs and extend the deadline date in hopes of having contracting companies to bid.

Mayor Jones also spoke about the Rite Aid building plan that the commissioners had requested. He stated that he had worked with Mid-Tenn Engineering to design a plan that would fit all Courthouse offices into the building if the county purchased the building. He stated the current sale price of the building is \$1.6M which may be negotiable. He explained that the roof, ceiling, floors, and HVAC would have to be replaced and that would cost approximately \$275,000. He stated that if possible, we could use a portion of the \$4.7M to make the purchase and make the renovations. Mayor Jones told the commissioners it is not clear if that can be done.

Motion #10 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to authorize Mayor Jones to negotiate the purchasing price for the Rite-Aid building and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to defer BabyNov water tank repairs to Legislative Body meeting for approval and/or recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to approve Taylor Branch Ln water line bid for \$207,505 from Kemp Brothers Construction and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> King to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

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

Library Director Dana Richardson spoke to the Commissioners about the Library budget and her salary. Discussion ensued. It was decided for her to come back at the May meeting.

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