

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

Monday, January 4th, 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, 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: Mike Jenkins

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Scott Cothron gave the Invocation.

Tony Wix led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to accept minutes as presented from the 12/21/20 Legislative Body meeting, 12/15/20 JECDB meeting and 12/7/20 Building & Facilities meeting and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to accept Budget Amendments #1 through 5 (#1 Probation, #2 Mayor’s Office, #3 Courthouse, #4 EMS, #5 Sheriff’s Department) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to defer #1-21/21 2021 CDBG Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval at a later date.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Barry King asked School Director Tony Boles about the status of the additions being done at Macon County Jr. High School and RBS School. Mr. Boles stated that both projects are on schedule to be completed on time. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Boles if a site selection had been decided for the new elementary school. Mr. Boles stated that he is hoping he will have a presentation to bring back to the Commissioners in February.

Commissioner Barry King asked Road Supervisor Audie Cook if it was possible to get a yellow line painted on Jack Porter Rd. Mr. Cook stated that the road was too narrow to have it done.

Mayor Jones explained that there will be approximately \$2,000,000 coming to the County that will be flow through money going to Babynov for incentives they received through the State of Tn.

Motion #4 by Slayton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to allow the Mayor to bring back at a later time Babynov incentives and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

After being asked about the status of the Donoho property, Mayor Jones spoke to the Commissioners about the Donoho property option. He stated that the due diligence has been done and that the State of TN, TVA, TN Central, other organizations, and individuals have been working together to try to get it on the "TN Select" website. Mayor Jones stated that the County and/or along with the City would have to purchase the land before they will publish it on the TN Select website. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners that the State of Tennessee could not help the county recruit industrial development "creating jobs" unless the County had property to locate future industry on. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Jones stated that the County has now received all the money for the TN CARES Grant and will be bringing budget amendments back to move the rest of the money to the different departments that had to spend money due to COVID-19.

Motion #5 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West to bring back recommendations for a General Contractor for the Justice Center addition at a later time to the Legislative Body for approval.  
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Petty to allow the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report to be presented to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Commissioner Michael Slayton stated he would like to look into the Dog Pound fees and donations and make sure the County is not losing money.

Commissioner Barry King stated he had received a request about the County not having a noise ordinance. Commissioner Kyle Petty stated there is not a State law on noise ordinances so there is not a way for the County to enforce it. Mayor Jones stated that he would speak to County Attorney Guy Holliman about the issue.

Commissioner Jeff Hughes stated that something needed to be done about driveways getting filled in with gravel instead of using a tile. Commissioner Barry King stated that the Commissioners had already talked about implementing driveway fees. Commissioner Benton Bartley suggested increasing the Building Impact Fee in addition to a driveway fee.

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to ask the County Attorney to research how to implement a driveway fee and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.  
Motion Carried

Motion #9 by C. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to adjourn.  
Motion Carried