

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

Monday, July 6th, 2021, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones, Commissioners Todd Gentry, Mike Jenkins, Benton Bartley, Charles (Chop) Porter, Justin Dyer, Ken Witte, Tony Wix, Michael Slayton, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Helen Hesson, and Larry West.

Absent: Phillip Snow, Scott Gammons, Mchelle Phillips, and Jarhea Wilmore

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Todd Gentry led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by Dyer to accept minutes as presented from the 6/21/21 Legislative Body meeting, 6/7/21, 6/14/21, 6/21/21, 6/28/21 Budget meetings and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained to the Commissioners with the proposed FY21-22 budget there would be no tax increase. He stated that all County employees would receive a salary increase and the County will pay 100% of employee's insurance. Mayor Jones stated that the Elected Officials salary would have an increase due to the county census numbers going up and the State of TN had given a 2% increase. He stated that after speaking to the CTAS representative, that if the certified census numbers are up when numbers are published later in the year, that the Attorney General has gave an opinion to back pay Elected Officials to April 2020. He stated that the funds have been added to the FY21-22 budget but will not be paid until confirmed. A redistricting committee will also have to meet when census numbers are released to move district populations to make all districts approximately the same.

Motion #2 by King, 2nd by Gentry to approve all FY21-22 County Budgets and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2nd by Bartley to defer #7-1/21 Appropriation Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Jones, 2nd by King to defer #7-2/21 Non-Profit Appropriation Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to defer #7-3/21 Tax Levy to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Road Supervisor Audie Cook stated that the City of Lafayette had contacted him to request the Highway Department oil and chip the road into Winding Stairs. He stated that the City of Lafayette will pay for all materials.

Motion #6 by C. West, 2nd by Petty for allow the Highway Department to oil and chip the road into Winding Stairs and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mark Gammons requested a Proclamation for acting in bravery for Sergeant Kyle Petty, Detective Kevin Woodard, and Detective Shane Gregory.

Motion #7 by Jones, 2nd by King to defer a Proclamation for acting in bravery for Sergeant Kyle Petty, Detective Kevin Woodard, and Detective Shane Gregory to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Major Mark Bartley spoke on behalf of the Sheriff's Department showing a new bullet proof vest from Safelife, that will be able to stop up to high power rifles. The Sheriff's Department is wanting to purchase these for the deputies at a cost of \$1,918 each, along with a ballistic shield making the total cost \$34,524.

Motion #8 by Dyer, 2nd by C. West to allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase 18 vests and ballistic shield and defer to the Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated that the County is #2 on the State of TN list for a grant to be able to build a new Health Department. He stated that he and Health Department Director Matt Tuck met with City of Lafayette Mayor Jerry Wilmore and there is approximately 12 acres at the entrance of Winding Stairs that could possibly be purchased. If the County is interested in this location Mayor Wilmore told Mayor Jones he would present it to the City Council to see if the City would sell it to the county.

Motion #9 by Witte, 2nd by Jenkins to allow discussion for the new Health Department and/or land and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained the County had received a \$50,000 grant through 3 Star for a Farmer's Market Pavilion. He stated that land would have to be purchased for a pavilion type building to be used by the farmers with a small educational office space on the end. Mayor Jones and Agriculture Extension Officer Keith Allen will be overseeing the project.

Motion #10 by C. West, 2nd by King to defer discussion about the Farmer's Market 3 Star Grant to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #11 by Hughes, 2nd by Gentry to allow discussion and/or approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Macon County, City of Lafayette, and City of RBS for the Chamber of Commerce and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by C. West, 2nd by Slayton to approve advertising 5th district Commissioner vacancy and defer to the Legislative Body for approval.
Motion Carried

Paul Day spoke on behalf of the Macon County Shriner's requesting a \$500 donation.

Motion #13 by L. West, 2nd by King to approve \$500 donation to the Macon County Shriner's and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Witte, 2nd Petty to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to accept the Animal Control Report and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Witte, 2nd by Dyer to adjourn.
Motion Carried