

MACON COUNTY
“COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE”
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

Present via teleconference: 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, Jeff Hughes, Barry King, Chad West, Kyle Petty, Wendell Jones, Jarhea Wilmore, Helen Hesson and Larry West.

Absent: Justin Dyer and Michael Slayton

Mayor Jones opened the meeting.

Jeff Hughes gave the Invocation.

Larry West led the Pledge.

Motion #1 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 7/20/20 Legislative Body Meeting, EFSP Meeting 7/10/20, JECDB Meeting and Audit Meeting 7/17/20 and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #2 by Hesson, 2nd by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #5 (#1 Register of Deeds, #2 Capital Projects – CDBG Waterline, #3 County Buildings – Courthouse, #4 Sheriff’s Department, and #5 Capital Projects – Governor Grant) and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #3 by King, 2nd by Wix to defer #8-3/20 TCRS Resolution to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #4 by Hesson, and 2nd by King to authorize Mayor Jones to check pricing for a fence and gate to go across the front of the Macon County property located on Hwy 52 at Westside and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #5 by King, 2nd by Gammons to accept the Annual Financial Reports and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Mayor Jones explained the TN Department of Tourism had contacted him about a sign being installed on the Courthouse lawn honoring Rita Coolidge. Commissioner Phillip Snow stated he would like to see if the sign could be installed at the Welcome Center instead of the Courthouse

and ask if there could also be a sign in honor of Russ Smith. Mayor Jones stated he would check on getting the location changed and an additional sign for Mr. Smith.

Motion #6 by Snow, 2nd by Bartley to give authority to Mayor Jones to check on the Rita Coolidge sign to be installed at the Welcome Center and defer to the Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Mayor Jones stated he had received a phone call from Kay (Cothron) Warren about her making a \$3,000.00 yearly donation to the Animal Control in remembrance of her daughter Lyndi. He stated the road name to the Dog Pound is Dog Pound Lane and asked the Commissioners about changing it to Lyndi Ann Ln.

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by Hesson to allow the road name to the Dog Pound be changed to Lyndi Ann Lane and defer to Legislative Body for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Mayor Jones explained that paving is being completed on Learly Ln at the Fairgrounds. Macon County is paving their portion and the City of Lafayette is paving their portion. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to the Road Supervisor Audie Cook about repairing the lane going back to the dog pound. Mr. Cook said he would recommend paving the lane to the Dog Pound at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Mr. Cook also stated it would be a good time to pave all the roads at the Fairgrounds which would cost approximately \$90,000.00. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners we would have to pave or concrete access and parking areas eventually due to ADA regulations. Commissioner Barry King stated the Meador Building is in need of repairs and ask if they could be completed during this process due to November elections being held there.

Motion #8 L. West, 2nd by King to give Mayor Jones authority to check about funding and paving the areas at the Fairgrounds.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #9 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to defer Jack Cropper's speed limit request to Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to William Tuck about the 2 acres of property and building he has for sell located beside the Macon County Justice Center. The Mayor stated the County might need to purchase the property due to the addition to be done at the jail. Mr. Tuck is asking \$150,000.00.

Motion #10 by Witte, 2nd by King to give Mayor Jones and County Attorney Guy Holliman authority to check on the William Tuck property and bring back recommendations.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (15 yes 3 no)

Mayor Jones explained that a factory had requested information on the Donoho property. He stated that he had met with City of Lafayette Mayor Jerry Wilmore, Charly Lyons and Dan

Tidcomb from TN Central regarding this and would bring back to the Commissioners any information he received in the future.

Motion #11 by Hesson, 2nd by Wix to defer RFI on the Donoho property to a later time.
Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Mayor Jones stated he had received a phone call from Bonnie Traughber about Macon County owning the Roark Cemetery. The Mayor met with Ms. Traughber and received copies of deeds to the property. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners the County Attorney had reviewed the deeds and that Roark Cemetery is Macon County's property. Mayor Jones stated because it is Macon County's responsibility it needs to be surveyed and added to the property and insurance list.

Motion #12 by Hesson, 2nd by Petty to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and Animal Control Report and defer to Legislative Body for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by Petty, 2nd by L. West to adjourn.
Motion Carried