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Minutes- September 21, 2020 Meeting of the Macon County Legislative Body

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met, pursuant to notice at the Macon County Courthouse in Lafayette, Tennessee on September 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Gammons opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Phillip Snow led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 17 members present. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting, Resolutions and Proclamations. Motion #1 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to go into election of notaries public.

Kristin Reid	Nominated by	Petty
Laura Steen	“	Petty
Christina Chambers	“	Dyer
Joyce Gregory	“	Snow
James Darrell Hampton	“	Jones
Kym Hunt	“	Wilmore
Motion Carried		

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dyer to move that nominations cease, and elect those nominated for Notaries Public by acclamation.  
Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West to approve minutes as presented from the 8/17/20 Legislative Body Meeting and 09/08/20 Committee of the Whole meeting.  
Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to approve Budget Amendments #1 through #6 (#1 Capital Projects-THDA Grant, #2 Hwy Dept, #3 Circuit Court Clerk, #4 TN CARES Grant, #5 Sheriff's Department and #6 Election Commission).  
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #5 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to ratify Mayor Jones proclamation #9-4/20 for Ms. Annette Cothron.  
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to approve #9-5/20 Strategic Plans, Debt Management Policy and Confirmation Letter – 3 Star.  
Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Hughes, 2nd by C. West to approve #9-6/20 Title VI Resolutions.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Witte, 2nd by Petty to ratify Mayor Jones proclamation #9-7/20 for Suicide Prevention.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting 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 #9 by King, 2nd by Petty to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to go on to private property to clean out the tile on South Long Creek Rd.

Motion Carried

Motion #10 King, 2nd by Petty to allow Road Supervisor Audie Cook to go on to private property to clean out the tile on Pointe Lane.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting the 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 #11 by Bartley, 2nd by Slayton to approve West Stinson Rd speed limit; not because we think that it is an unsafe speed to travel, but because the citizens have requested it.

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting 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 out in a recent crash.

Motion #12 by C. West, 2nd by Slayton to give the Sheriff's Department \$10,000 to apply on the purchase of a police car.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #13 by Hughes, 2nd by Jones to approve Solid Waste Contract with Smith County. County Attorney Holliman recommended this was a good contract and should be approved.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting 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 #14 by Slayton, 2nd by King to approve the water line installation on Taylor Branch Ln and fund it through capital projects funding.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (15 yes / 2 no)

Motion #15 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to ratify the Mayors appointment of Ann Hall, Wynona Clayborne, and George McCrary to the Library Board.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by King, 2nd by C. West to authorize Mayor Jones to have repairs made to the Meador Building at the Fairgrounds.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #17 by C. West, 2nd by Jenkins to approve the Stephens Center contract on the recommendation from County Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting 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 #18 by Bartley, 2nd by C. West to continue paying the overtime as necessary to mow county properties.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (14 yes / 3 no)

Motion #19 by Snow, 2nd by Jenkins to approve 2% for October and 1% for November property tax discounts.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting 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 #20 by C. West, 2nd by Dyer to approve the \$90,000 purchase of an Ultra High-Pressure truck and equipment for the Lafayette Fire Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #21 by Petty, 2nd by Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #22 by West, 2nd Slayton to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

County Attorney Guy Holliman requested the Legislative Body go out of session for an Executive Session.

Motion #23 by Witte 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go back into session

Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole (COW) meeting Mayor Jones stated 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 property.

Motion #24 by Snow, 2nd by King to accept Gary Wilder's \$4000.00 offer for property as requested and to pay Red Boling Springs land taxes out of the money.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (2 yes / 13 no / 2 had left meeting)

Motion #25 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. West to give County Mayor Steve Jones and County Attorney Guy Holliman authority to ask Gary Wilder \$5,600.00 for the property and to pay Red Boiling Springs land taxes out of the money.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #26 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to allow County Mayor Steve Jones and County Attorney Guy Holliman to meet with William Tuck and negotiate the purchase of land near the Justice Center. The Legislative Body gave authority to purchase the land at the price not to exceed limits set forth by the body and fund it through a local bank note.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (13 yes / 1 no / 1 pass / 2 had left meeting)

Motion #27 by West, 2nd by Petty to adjourn.

Motion Carried