

Minutes- February 18, 2020 Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met, pursuant to notice, at the Courthouse in Lafayette Tennessee February 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones and Sheriff Mark Gammons opened 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 18 members present. (1 absent 1 vacant spot). Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting and Resolutions.

Motion #1 by Gammon, 2nd by Witte to go out of session for a Public Hearing on the Nestle Hollow Lane Property.

Motion Carried

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Gammons to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Gammons 2nd by Witte to go into election of Notaries Public

Motion Carried

Greg Traylor	Nominated by	Petty
Maria F. Duffer	“	Gammons
Ken Smith	“	Gentry

Motion # 4 by Hughes 2nd by Gammons to move that nominations cease, and we elect those nominated for Notaries Public by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Witte, 2nd by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 1/21/20 Legislative Body Meeting, 12/17/19 Planning Committee Meeting, and 12/17/19 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting and 2/3/20 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #7 (#1 Circuit Court Clerk, #2 Sheriff's Department/Jail, #3 Parks & Fair Board Non-Profit Organizations, #4 Library, #5 Crippled Children Services, #6 General Purpose School Fund, #7 General Nutrition.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2nd by Gentry to approve Resolution #2-23/2020 for Nestle Hollow Lane.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #8 by Snow 2nd by Slayton to approve the Amendment to Resolution # 2-24/2020 the 2nd Amendment Resolution. *

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #9 by Bartley, 2nd by Petty to approve Amendment #2-24/2020 of the Macon County Commissioners Declaring support of the Second Amendment to the United States of America with recommendations and guidance from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #10 by Snow 2nd Witte to approve Resolution #2-25/2020 to Oppose the Forced Increase of the Population of a Macon County, TN.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #11 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to approve #2-26/2020 Capital Outlay Note for the Highway Departments funding.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #12 by Gammons, 2nd by Cothron to approve #2-27/2020 Capital Outlay Note for the Solid Waste Department.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd by Witte to defer options to purchase the Donoho property to March 2020 meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Petty, 2nd by West to authorize Highway Department to clean ditch out on Bob Green's property.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to authorize County to sell excess equipment and vehicles at a public auction.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #16 by Gammons, 2nd by Jones to ratify Mayor Jones appointment of Debbie Hughes to Fair Board Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Bartley, 2nd by Gentry to allow Capital Projects and ADA Compliance to be discussed at future meetings without being on agenda.

Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Hughes, 2nd by Jenkins to accept Grand Jury Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Gammons, 2nd by Hesson to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Jenkins, 2nd by Petty to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #21 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to spend \$2,000.00 on 2020 Census materials/advertisement. Funding will be provided through the General Fund balance.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #22 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to defer the \$2,500.00 donation to the non-profit organization HISET/GED program to the budget committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #23 by Gammons 2nd by Snow to go into Election of the 10th District County Commission seat that is vacant.

Motion Carried

Two Applicants were present and were allowed to speak and inform the Commission of their qualifications and desire to fill the 10th District position. Barry Doss had verified that both applicants were qualified to fill the seat. The applicants were Keith Tillman and Larry West.

After a roll call voting the results were Larry West 12 votes, Keith Tillman 6 votes.

Larry West was elected to the seat and sworn in by County Mayor Steve Jones.

Motion #24 by Hesson, 2nd by West to adjourn.

Motion Carried

NO. 2-24/2020 *

**RESOLUTION OF THE MACON COUNTY COMMISSION DECLARING SUPPORT
OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United State of America is the supreme law of our nation, and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights states, “a well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed...”, and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has affirmed in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S.570 (2008) an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago* 561 U.S.742 (2010) has affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Macon County Commission to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to protect the inalienable and individual right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Macon County Commission to publicly declare to State and Federal elected officials the support of the Second Amendment and its opposition to the passage of any legislation which would infringe upon Second Amendment rights.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Macon County publicly declares itself in opposition to any State or Federal legislation that would infringe upon “**the right of the people to keep and bear arms**” under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander; U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn; U.S. Representative John Rose; Governor Bill Lee; State Senator Mark Pody; State Representative Kelly Keisling.

Duly passed and approved this 18th day of February 2020.

STEVE JONES, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE BLACKWELL, COUNTY CLERK