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Minutes- November 16, 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 November 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Gammons opening the meeting (by telephone). Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Justin Dyer (by Telephone) led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 19 members present, 1 absent. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting, Resolutions and Proclamations.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to go into election of Notaries Public.  
Motion Carried

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| Cristie Keene | Nominated by | Wilmore |
| Renee Austin  | “            | King    |

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclimation.  
Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 10/19/20 Legislative Body meeting and 10/27/20 Emergency Food and Shelter meeting and 11/2/20 Committee of the Whole Meeting.  
Motion Carried

Motion #4 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1 through 13 (#1 Macon Rescue Squad, #2 Highway Department, #3 Other Facilities – Justice Center, #4 Other Charges, #5 Sheriff’s Department, #6 County Clerk, #7 Pee Wee Non-Profit Donation, #8 Solid Waste, #9 Capital Projects, #10 Library, #11 Library, #12 Other Facilities, and #13 Circuit Court Clerk).  
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #5 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to accept #11-16/20 Recycling Proclamation.  
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept #11-17/20 Macon County School Board- USDA Grant.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Kay Crowder Warner spoke to the Commissioners about getting her daughter's name, Lyndi Crowder, added to the signage on the Macon County Animal Control building. She stated that her and Bobby Crowder would be donating \$3,000 each year and wanted to set up a trust for Macon County Animal Control in Lyndi's honor. She stated they wanted to be a part of continuing to make the Animal Control better. Kay Crowder Warner and Melissa Walrond were added to the Animal Control Committee by Mayor Jones.

Motion #7 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West to accept Ms. Warner's request of Lyndi Crowder's name to be added to the Animal Control building signage.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to ratify the Mayor's Committee Appointments with the changes as noted including Barry King to be changed to the from the Building Committee to Budget Committee and Scott Cothron moved from the Budget Committee to the Building Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cothron to accept Plantation Equipment & Supply to purchase the Solid Waste Bobcat Loader and Grapple Bucket Attachment for \$4,250.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion # 10 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Witte to allow Mayor Jones to use the TN CARES Grant as presented with \$43,933.78 for purchasing a new phone system, \$97,622 for 3 trucks for the Highway Department, \$31,795 for an Animal Control truck, \$47,250 for contracting hauling of gravel and \$144,374.22 for First Responder payroll reimbursement. He explained that he had submitted the \$47,250 for private haulers to haul gravel while the highway department was under quarantine due to the Covid-19 virus and a portion of the EMS payroll amounting to \$144,374.22 was also being submitted for reimbursement.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #11 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hughes to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. West to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Commissioner Benton Bartley suggested to the Commissioners about raising the Building Impact Fees to bring in more revenue. Codes Enforcement Scott Carver stated he would get a comparison of surrounding counties and bring back the information to the Commissioners.

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Bobby Sircy and Paul Day representing the Macon County Shriner's spoke to the Commissioners requesting a \$500 donation.

Motion #13 by Hesson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to give a \$500 donation to the Macon County Shriner's. Funds will be provided from the General Fund Balance.

Motion Carried on Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Register of Deeds Cindi Jones came before the Commissioners requesting \$10,000 to hire a part-time employee. Several of the Commissioners stated she would need to come back before the Budget Committee during the budget meetings to request the money to be added to the Register of Deeds 21-22 budget.

Motion #14 by Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to give \$10,000 to the Register of Deeds office for a part-time employee. Funds for the 20-21 budget will be provided from the current General Fund Balance.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #15 by Slayton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gentry to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Randy Carter as EMS director.  
Motion Carried

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Commissioner Phillip Snow discussed TCA 67-5-705 a tax relief for the senior citizens. He asked if Attorney Guy Holliman could come back to the Commissioners with recommendations. Mayor Jones said he would contact the County Attorney and ask him to research the Tennessee code.

Motion # 16 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to approve County Attorney Guy Holliman to go forward with drafting a Resolution considering the Senior Citizens Tax Relief for Macon County.  
Motion Carried by Roll Call

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Commissioner Jeff Hughes ask about the status of the courthouse repairs from Restoration Specialist Bill Walters. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken with Mr. Walters last week and Mr. Walters is scheduled to bring his plans for the Mayor to review on November 19, 2020.

Motion #17 by Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. West to defer William Tuck property recommendations.  
Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to adjourn.  
Motion Carried