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Minutes- April 19, 2021 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 April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Gammons opening the meeting. Commissioner Chad West gave the invocation and Commissioner Jarhea Wilmore led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 17 members present and by phone. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting Proclamations and Resolutions.

Motion #1 by West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to go into Election of the 9th & 10th District School Board member.

Motion Carried

Applicants for the School Board were Kyle Garmon, James Harrison, Amy Phelps and Dale Hix, Roll Call voting results were 14 for Dale Hix, 3 for James Harrison. With Dale Hix having 14 votes Mayor Jones declared Dale Hix as the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> District School Board member.

Motion #2 by Wix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to go into Election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Anita Alleman	Nominated by	Bartley
Georgia Ferguson	“	Jenkins
Regina J. Flippin	“	Hesson
Connie S. Grace	“	Phillips
Rachel Hesson	“	Phillips
Angie Stafford	“	Hesson

Motion #3 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snow that nominations cease, and elect those nominated for Notaries Public by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept minutes as presented from the 3/15/21 Legislative Body meeting, 3/15/21 Building & Facilities meeting, 12/29/20 Planning Commission meeting, and 12/15/20 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #5 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slayton to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #15 (#1 Juvenile Court, #2 Election Commission, #3 EMS, #4 EMS, #5 Trustee, #6 Drug Fund, #7 Animal Control, #8 Library, #9 Insurance, #10 Capital Projects-Justice Center Addition, #11 Capital Projects-Justice Center Addition, #12 Willette Fire Department, #13 Sheriff's Department, #14 EMA, and #15 Solid Waste).

Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 17 yes)

Motion #6 by L. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gammon to approve #4-31/21 Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation to the Legislative Body meeting for ratification.  
Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to suspend the rules.  
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to approve Resolution # 4-32/2021 the 2021 THDA Home Grant Resolution.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 17 yes)

Motion #9 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to defer #2-25/21 Driveway Fee Resolution to a Legislative Body meeting to a later date.  
Motion Carried

School Director Tony Boles presented a request from the school board to purchase approximately 101 acres of the Manion property. Approximately 77 acres would be used to build the new elementary school on. Mr. Boles asked the Commissioners to allow funds from the half cent sales tax to be used to purchase 77 acres needed to build the school. Mr. Boles said the School Board would pay for the additional 24 acres out of school funds.

Motion #10 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to allow the Macon County School Board to use the Sales Tax Revenue to purchase approximately 77 acres of the Manion Property and move forward on the land purchase for the new elementary school.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 17 yes)

Motion #11 by Gammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wix to allow the Macon County Hwy Dept to cross Jeff Roark's property to clean out a ditch.  
Motion Carried

Motion #12 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by King to approve Communication Franchise Agreements for Comcast and North Central Telephone on recommendations of County Attorney Guy Holliman for a 10-year period at a 5% maximum rate.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 17 yes)

Mayor Jones stated that TN Central has applied for a \$750,000 grant for the intent to purchase the Donoho property. He also stated that if the County receives the grant money it will have to be used for that property.

Motion #13 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to proceed with the application for the \$750,000 grant for the purpose of purchasing the Donoho property.  
Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 13 yes / 4 no)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting, Mayor Jones explained to the commissioners about the Courthouse renovation project. He stated that because no contractors had placed bids, he had spoken to Bill Walter and they decided to redesign the bid specs and extend the deadline date in hopes of having contracting companies to bid.

Mayor Jones also spoke about the Rite Aid building plan that the commissioners had requested. He stated that he had worked with Mid-Tenn Engineering to design a plan that would fit all Courthouse offices into the building if the county purchased the building. He stated the current sale price of the building is \$1.6M which may be negotiable. He explained that the roof, ceiling, floors, and HVAC would have to be replaced and that would cost approximately \$275,000.

Mayor Jones stated that, if possible, we could use a portion of the \$4.7M to make the purchase and make the renovations. Mayor Jones told the commissioners it is not clear if that can be done.

Motion #14 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to approve Mayor Jones to negotiate the purchasing price for the Rite-Aid building and defer to a later meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petty to defer BabyNov water tank repairs to a later meeting for approval and/or recommendations from Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #16 by Bartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenkins to approve Taylor Branch Ln water line bid for \$207,505 from Kemp Brothers Construction.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (voting 17 yes)

Motion #17 by Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> King to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hughes to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to adjourn.

Motion Carried