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Minutes – May 17, 2021, meeting of the Macon County Legislative Body.

The Macon County Commissioners met pursuant to notice, at the Courthouse in Lafayette, Tennessee on May 17, 2021, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones and Sheriff Mark Gammons opened the meeting. Commissioner Scott Cothron gave the Invocation and Commissioner Larry West led the Pledge to the Flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 16 members present (absent were Dyer, Wix, West & Petty). Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting, Resolutions and Proclamations.

Motion #1 by Witte, 2nd by Hughes to go into Election of Notaries Public.

Motion Carried

Andrea Chapman	Nominated by	King
Krystal Elmore	“	Wilmore
Tammy Gregory	“	West
Micah Perrin	“	Jenkins

Motion # 2 by Hughes, 2nd by Slayton to move nominations cease and we elect those nominated by acclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #3 by King, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 4/19/21 Legislative Body meeting, 4/7/21 EFSP, 4/7/21 JECDB meeting, and 4/19/21 Budget meeting and 05/03/2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #14 (#1 Solid Waste, #2 Sheriff's Department, #3 County Coroner/Medical Examiner, #4 Workforce Development, #5 EMS, #6 County Commission, #7 Sheriff's Department, #8 Sex Offender Registry, #9 Circuit Court Clerk, #10 Animal Control, #11 Board of Education, #12 Capital Projects-CDBG Waterline Project, #13 Health Department, and #14 Solid Waste, #15 Hwy & Street Capital Projects- Bridge Construction, #16 Fire Prevention & Control – Tanker Line, and #17 Chancery Court.

Motion Carried o Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

Motion #5 by West, 2nd by Jones to ratify the #4-33/21 Hospital Week Proclamation.

Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to approve #5-34/21 Impact Fee Resolution which commits \$1.00 of the Impact Fee to the debt payment of the new elementary school.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on Monday May 3rd, 2021, Sheriff Mark Gammons stated that he was working on getting protective eyewear for all the officers. Representatives from EES Eye Pro were at the Legislative meeting and gave a brief presentation about the eyewear.

Sheriff Gammons also stated he is working with Legislators to give all emergency services workers, that has worked through the COVID-19 pandemic, 3 years added to their retirement

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2nd by Gentry to defer discussion with Sheriff Gammons about extra retirement for emergency services workers at a later Legislative Body meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to send the FY21/22 proposed Library budget back to the Budget Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to approve RBS Little League donation request.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on Monday May 3rd, 2021, Mickey Harp representing the Macon Trap Team came before the Commissioners requesting a \$3,000 donation for their upcoming season. It will be funded out of the General Fund's fund balance.

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by Slayton to donate \$3,000 to the Macon Trap Team.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on Monday May 3rd, 2021, Mayor Jones stated that Macon County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) had lost 8 employees due to various reasons. Mayor Jones stated he had been told there was possibly a petition to not close the Westside Base. Mayor Jones said he had told everyone there had been no discussion or there was no intention of closing the Westside EMS base. Base closures are simply due to not having the staff to cover them. Mayor Jones stated that he had spoken to the EMS Director Randy Carter and they had discussed giving the ambulance staff a \$1 per hour raise to help maintain the current staffing which is already in the FY20-21 EMS budget. Mayor Jones also talked to the commissioners about his plan to improve the insurance benefits for all county employees. The EMS Director said he felt like the raise and increased insurance benefits would help maintain the current staff.

Motion #11 by Gammons, 2nd by L. West to authorize EMS, EMT and Paramedic crew members to receive a \$1 per hour raise retroactive to May 3rd, 2021.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

During the Committee of a Whole meeting on Monday May 3rd, 2021, Mayor Jones spoke to the Commissioners about the State of TN Medical Insurance Plan that the County departments had inquired about. He explained with the current plan the cost to the County is \$952.91 per month for single coverage. Macon County currently pays 85% of a single coverage which is approximately \$810. The cost for the State of TN plan would cost the County \$698 per month for single coverage.

Mayor Jones stated that if the County changed to the State of TN insurance plan, the County would save enough money to pay 100% of the employee's insurance including vision and dental.

Motion #12 by Gammons, 2nd by Hughes to authorize Mayor Jones to change the current employee's medical insurance plan to the State of TN medical insurance plan and pay 100% of the employee's portion of single coverage for medical, vision and dental insurance.

Motion Carried on Roll Call (vote 16 yes)

Motion #13 by Gammons, 2nd Jenkins to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #14 by Petty, 2nd by Hughes to accept the Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #15 by Snow, 2nd by Gammons to suspend rules.

Motion Carried

Motion # 16 by Jones, 2nd by King to appoint Jeremy Robinson to fill a vacant spot on the Equalization Board Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Jones, 2nd by Snow to recognize the Macon County School System for the service they provided for the County during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Motion Carried

Motion #18 by Gammons, 2nd by Slayton to go out of session to have an executive session with County Attorney Guy Holliman.

Motion Carried

Motion #19 by Jones 2nd by Hughes Motion to go back into session.

Motion Carried

Motion #20 by Witte, 2nd by Jones to adjourn.

Motion Carried