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Minutes-June 21, 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 June 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Bartley opening the meeting. Commissioner Jeff Hughes gave the invocation and Commissioner Todd Gentry led the pledge to the flag. County Clerk Connie B. Blackwell called the roll with 14 members present. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting, Resolutions and Proclamations.

Absent were Snow, Jenkins, Wix, Slayton and West.

Mayor Jones began the Legislative Body meeting by reading the Obituary of County Commissioner Scott Cothron along with having a moment of silence to honor his memory.

Mayor Jones then welcomed Senator Mark Pody who was attending the meeting to give the Legislative Body an update on all that had taken place in the last session that would be helpful to Macon County.

Boris Salome` with BABYNOV also was at the meeting to give an update on how the Baby Food plant in Red Boiling Springs was advancing to get the plant up and running very soon.

Motion #1 by Gammons, 2nd by Gentry to go into election of notaries public.
Motion Carried

Donna J. Francis	Nominated by	Gammons
Kristen Price	“	Witte

Motion #2 by Hughes, 2nd by Gammons to move nominations cease and we elect those that were nominated by acclamation.
Motion Carried

Motion #3 by Hesson, 2nd by Witte to accept minutes as presented from the 5/17/21 Legislative Body meeting, 5/5/21 EFSP meeting, 5/3/21, 5/10/21, 5/17/21, 5/24/21 Budget meetings, 5/20/21 Audit meeting, 3/16/21 Planning meeting, and 3/16/21 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and 6/7/21 Committee of the whole meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Petty, 2nd by L. West to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #31 (#1 County Commission, #2 Election Commission, #3 Capital Projects-TN Cares, #4 Soil Conservation, #5 Non-Profit Charitable Organization, #6 Capital Projects-Waterline, #7 EMS, #8 County Buildings, #9 Sheriff's Department, #10 Mayor's Office, #11 Election Commission, #12 Other Facilities-Justice Center, #13 Health Department, #14 Library, #15 Agriculture Extension, #16 Animal Control, #17 County Clerk, #18 Solid Waste, #19 Willette Fire Department, #20 Register of Deeds, #21 Board of Education, #22 Judicial Commissioners, #23 Staging Building, #24 West Macon Rescue Squad, #25 Highway Department, #26 New Elementary School, #27 UCHRA, #28 EMA, #29 County Coroner, #30 Library and #31 Other Charges- Benefit Line
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #5 by Gammons, 2nd by Witte to approve #6-35/21 Dairy Month Proclamation.
Motion Carried

Motion #6 by Gammons, 2nd by Bartley to approve #6-36/21 ADA-Service Animals Resolution.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #7 by King, 2nd by C. West to defer #6-37/21 American Rescue Plan Funding Resolution to a later Legislative Body meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #8 by Witte, 2nd by Dyer to defer ratification of the Mayor's appointment of Alecia King
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained there was only 1 bid, from Midwest Maintenance, Inc, received for the Courthouse renovation project. The estimates were Bid A for \$1,263,200 and Bid B for \$664,700.

Motion #9 by Bartley, 2nd by Hughes to approve the bid, from Midwest Maintenance, Inc. for the Courthouse renovation. Without the bid to fix/replace doors, windows and limestone at the amount of \$401,200.00.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #10 by Gammons, 2nd by King to approve EMS and Fire Call write-offs.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Mayor Jones told the Commissioners that Jennifer Hardman had been hired as the new director at the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that he would like to bring the Chamber of Commerce budget back to the Budget Committee to ask to put that position under the County budget to be able to provide benefits. The Chamber is already receiving \$20,000 from the County, \$14,000 from the City of Lafayette, and \$5,000 from the City of RBS to pay for that position.

Motion #11 by Hesson, 2nd by Hughes to approve the FY21/22 proposed Chamber of Commerce budget back to the Budget Committee.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #12 by Witte, 2nd by Gentry to defer discussion and/or approval on the possible disbursement of funds for the American Rescue Plan Funds to a later Legislative Body meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #13 by King, 2nd by Witte to approve the Redistricting Committee.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained about the two audit findings for the FY19-20 budget. The first finding was on the office of the County Mayor regarding a material audit adjustment totaling \$301,843 on EMS involving unrecorded receivables. This audit finding has been corrected. The second finding was in the office of Sheriff Department regarding deficiencies noted in the accrual of and payment for compensatory leave. This audit finding is being corrected in payroll.

Motion #14 by Hughes, 2nd by King to approve changing to the State of TN insurance policy.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Mchelle Phillips spoke on behalf of the Peewee Football league requesting a \$500 donation.

Motion #15 Dyer, 2nd by King to approve \$500 donation to the Peewee Football league .
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #16 by Jones, 2nd Hesson to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report.
Motion Carried

Motion #17 by Hesson, 2nd by Petty to accept the Animal Control Report.
Motion Carried

Commissioner Phillip Snow stated that he had received a phone call from a resident on Mt. View Dr. in RBS requesting that a slow kid at play sign be put up.

Motion #18 by Witte, 2nd by Petty to approve a slow “kid at play” sign up on Mt. View Dr. in RBS.
Motion Carried

Commissioner Phillip Snow and Commissioner Todd Gentry spoke to the Commissioners with concerns about not having an ambulance stationed at the RBS station all the time. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to EMS Director Randy Carter and EMS is expected to have 3 ambulances fully staffed by June 22nd. Commissioner Ken Witte stated he felt like that should be left up to the EMS Director’s discretion about the location of the staffed ambulances.

Motion #19 by Gentry, 2nd by Gammons to bring back a study on the number of ambulance calls at RBS, Lafayette and Westside and to defer it to the later Legislative Body meeting for continued discussion
Motion Carried

In a discussion about safety eyewear for first responders, Sheriff Mark Gammons stated he would like the Commissioners to authorize an exact amount to be spent on the purchase of the eyewear for the Sheriff's Department and EMS.

Motion #20 by L. Dyer, 2nd by Petty to defer the purchase of the eyewear to a later Legislative Body for approval.
Motion Carried

Motion #21 by Witte, 2nd by Dyer to go out of session.
Motion Carried

Motion #22 by Witte, 2nd by Petty to go back in session.
Motion Carried

Motion #23 by King, 2nd by C. West to allow Mayor Jones to make a written offer for the County to purchase the Rite-Aid building and land located on Hwy 52 in Macon County, TN for an amount not to exceed \$1.6M and for any lesser amount and to make counter offers to the sellers to the extent they do not exceed \$1.6M.
Motion Carried

Mayor Jones stated he would contact the Comptroller's office to get a written authorization to confirm that the County is able to use the American Rescue Plan funds for the purchase and renovation of the Rite-Aid building before those funds are spent.

Motion #24 by King, 2nd by Petty to approve the Solid Waste Building bid.
Motion Carried on Roll Call

Motion #25 by Petty, 2nd by Hughes to allow County Buildings to close between the hours of 10:30 until 1:00 on Wednesday June 23rd for the funeral services for Macon County Commissioner Scott Cothron.
Motion Carried

Motion #26 by Hesson, 2nd by Witte to adjourn.
Motion Carried