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Minutes-August 17, 2020 Meeting of the Macon County Legislative Body.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners met, pursuant to notice, via teleconference, live stream on You Tube, live broadcast on local radio stations WLCT-FM / WEEN-AM and published on the Macon County website www.maconcountyttn.gov, in Lafayette, Tennessee on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Legislative Body did not meet in person. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Chairman Steve Jones with Sheriff Mark Gammons 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 18 members present via phone. Also made a part of the minutes is the Roll Call voting, and Resolutions.

Motion #1 by Hesson, 2nd by King to go into election of Notaries Public.
Motion Carried

Rick Gann	Nominated by	Hesson
Evelyn Brown	Nominated by	Hughes
Boyd Morrison	Nominated by	Hesson
Michelle Andrews	Nominated by	C. West
Jovonda D. Davis	Nominated by	Bartley
Autumn Driver	Nominated by	Jenkins
Chris Johnson	Nominated by	Hesson
Melinda Kulezar	Nominated by	Gammons
Robert Vaughn	Nominated by	Gammons

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

Motion #3 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to accept minutes as presented from the 7/20/20 Legislative Body Meeting, EFSP Meeting 7/10/20, JECDB Meeting and Audit

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Meeting 7/17/20, and 8/3/20 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Motion Carried

Motion #4 by Gammons, 2nd by Jenkins to accept Budget Amendments #1 through #6 (#1 Register of Deeds, #2 Capital Projects – CDBG Waterline, #3 County Buildings – Courthouse, #4 Sheriff's Department, #5 Capital Projects – Governor Grant, and #6 Solid Waste).

Motion Carried by Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #5 by King, 2nd by L. West to approve #8-3/20 TCRS Resolution.
Motion Carried by Roll Call (17 yes)

Motion #6 by C. West 2nd by King to suspend the rules on the matter of the speed limit on Jack Porter Road.
Motion Carried

Motion #7 by Gammons, 2nd by C. West to set the speed limit on Jack Porter Road to 25 MPH.

Motion Failed on Roll Call (Vote 10 yes/ 8 no).

Motion #8 by Hesson, and 2nd by King to authorize Mayor Jones to check pricing for a fence and gate to go across the front of the Macon County property located on Hwy 52 at Westside and defer to a future Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion #9 by King, 2nd by Gammons to accept the Annual Financial Reports.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

During the August 3rd, Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, Mayor Jones explained the Tennessee Department of Tourism had contacted him about a sign being installed on the Courthouse lawn honoring Rita Coolidge. Commissioner Phillip Snow stated he would like to see if the sign could be installed at the Welcome Center instead of the Courthouse and ask if there could also be a sign in honor of Russ Smith. Mayor Jones stated he would check on getting the location changed and an additional sign for Mr. Smith.

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Motion #10 by Snow, 2nd by Bartley to give authority to Mayor Jones to check on the Rita Coolidge sign to be installed at the Welcome Center and defer to a future Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

During the COW meeting, Mayor Jones stated he had received a phone call from Kay (Cothron) Warren about her family making a \$3,000.00 yearly donation to the Animal Control in remembrance of her daughter Lyndi. He stated the road name to the Dog Pound is Dog Pound Ln and asked the Commissioners about changing it to Lyndi Ann Ln.

Motion #11 by King, 2nd by Hesson to allow the road name to the dog pound be changed from Dog Pound Ln to Lyndi Ann Ln.

Motion Carried

During the COW meeting, Mayor Jones explained that paving is being completed on Learly Ln at the Fairgrounds. Macon County is paving their portion and the City of Lafayette is paving their portion. Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to the Road Supervisor Audie Cook about repairing the lane going back to the dog pound. Mr. Cook said he would recommend paving the lane to the Dog Pound at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Mr. Cook also stated it would be a good time to pave all the roads at the Fairgrounds which would cost approximately \$90,000.00. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners we would have to pave or concrete access and parking areas eventually due to ADA regulations. Commissioner Barry King stated the Meador Building is in need of repairs and ask if they could be completed during this process due to November elections being held there.

During the Legislative Body meeting, Mayor Jones told the commissioners that the County would not be able to pave some of the areas at the fairgrounds on the highway contract due to the time it would take and preparation work that would need to be done.

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Motion #12 Bartley, 2nd by King to proceed with the paving at the Fairgrounds beginning at the National Guard entrance all the way to the dog pound and include all gravel access roads going to various buildings. The paving will be funded out of the 171 Capital Projects funds. Paving is to be done under the Rogers Group highway department and overseen by Mayor Jones and Audie Cook, Macon County Road Supervisor.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (17 yes/ 1 no)

Motion #13 by Snow, 2nd by King to defer Jack Cropper's speed limit request for Ridgeview Drive to a future Legislative Body meeting for approval.

Motion Carried

During the COW meeting, Mayor Jones stated he had spoken to William Tuck about the 2 acres of property and building he has for sell located beside the Macon County Justice Center. The Mayor stated the County might need to purchase the property due to the addition to be done at the jail. Mr. Tuck is asking \$150,000.00.

Motion #14 by King, 2nd by C. West to give Mayor Jones and County Attorney Guy Holliman authority to check on the William Tuck property and bring back recommendations and research a fair market price to a future Legislative Meeting.

Motion Carried

Mayor Jones explained that a factory had requested information on the Donoho property. He stated that he had met with City of Lafayette Mayor Jerry Wilmore, Charly Lyons and Dan Tidcomb from TN Central regarding this and would bring back to the Commissioners any information he received in the future.

Motion #15 by Hesson, 2nd by Witte to defer the RFI on the Donoho property to a later time.

Motion Carried

During the COW meeting, Mayor Jones stated he had received a phone call from Bonnie Traughber about Macon County owning the Roark Cemetery. The Mayor met with Ms. Traughber and received copies of deeds to the property. Mayor Jones told the Commissioners the County Attorney had reviewed the deeds and that Roark Cemetery is Macon County's property. Mayor Jones stated because it is Macon County's responsibility it needs to be surveyed and added to the property and insurance list and he had asked Mike Holland to proceed with the survey.

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Motion #16 by Hesson, 2nd by King to accept the Building Codes/Impact Fee Report and Animal Control Report.

Motion Carried

Motion #17 by King, 2nd by Snow to approve the Education Capital Projects Budget 2020/2021.

Motion Carried by Roll Call (18 yes)

Motion #18 by Hesson, 2nd by Jenkins to adjourn.

Motion Carried