

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 1, 2005  
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the meeting at 6 p.m. in the new board room on the third floor of the Courthouse. All Board Members, the County Manager, County Attorney, Staff Attorney, Finance Director, Deputy Clerk, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Commissioner Shepherd gave the invocation.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 11th meeting as submitted.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: Item #5, appeal of decision of the Codes Administrator concerning violations of the Flood Plain Ordinance, was deleted from the agenda and will be rescheduled at a later date. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to add Highlands recreation funding to the agenda.

PUBLIC SESSION: Carl Moyer stated he had recently attended a public meeting at Cowee School concerning the proposed Wildflower Development and was concerned that no Commissioners were present. Mr. Moyer stated officials need to pay attention to what is going on in the county and this single development is going to change the county drastically.

Larry Stenger spoke in support of the Recreation Master Plan to be presented later in the meeting, distributed information on the Franklin Swim Teams and expressed the need for an indoor facility for the swim team as well as seniors.

Kathy Hildreth stated she had come to the Board one year ago and asked for help with a barking dog problem in the lower Burningtown area and was told there was work being done on a high impact ordinance that was the priority at that time. Ms. Hildreth stated she has spoken to the landlord where the dogs are tied, the Animal Control Officer, the Sheriff and others and there is nothing anyone can do. She offered the help of her and her family in facilitating some type of noise ordinance and asked what they can do to help.

Narelle Kirkland stated by project end the Peek's Creek video should make about \$7,500 and commended Commissioner Simpson who chaired the committee and the citizens of Macon County for the success of the project. Ms. Kirkland also express concerns about the Wildflower Development, the future rights of private individuals to the enjoyment of the beauty of the County which belongs to everyone and urged the County to take charge to maintain that beauty and those rights.

HIGHLANDS RECREATION FUNDING: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously approved the general concepts in the draft recreation agreement proposed by the Town of Highlands subject to specific clarification as follows:

- (1) The Town will assume full responsibility for operation and maintenance of the County's Buck Creek facility.
- (2) The Highlands Recreation Commission shall establish the budget request for County funding not to exceed \$500,000 annually.
- (3) The agreement shall be for four years and shall include a provision for early termination by either party.

The Staff Attorney was directed to incorporate these changes and forward the revised document to Highlands for further consideration.

RECREATION MASTER PLAN: Kathy McGaha informed the Board that several individuals representing various groups had worked with Haden-Stanziale Consultants to develop Recreation Master Plan and introduced Jon Wood from Haden-Stanziale who did an overall review of the plan. The Board was advised any comments or changes would be incorporated into the Plan and presented at a

later meeting for final approval. (A copy of the plan is on file in the County Manager's Office and posted on the county's web site at maconnc.org.)

HEALTH CLINIC PARTNERSHIP: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to approve a partnership between Macon County Health Department and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc. for a Community Care Clinic at the County Buck Creek Facility.

OFFER TO PURCHASE: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to reject an offer of \$230,000 from SJO Properties, Inc. to purchase the former county garage property at 1415 Old Murphy Road explaining the offer was much less than the appraisal of \$347,800 dated May, 2003.

NCDOT/ADDINGTON ROAD: Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to forward a resolution to NCDOT recommending the new portion of Addington Bridge Road be added to the State Secondary Road System per the attached information from DOT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored.  
(Attachment #1)

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to changed the September meeting to September 12th due to Labor Day holiday. Commissioner Davis noted he would be out of town for the November meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: Planning Board - Appointment of a replacement for Neville Bryson who has submitted his resignation from the Planning Board was postponed until the September meeting.

Nursing/Rest Home Advisory Committee - Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to reappoint Velma Zeek to the Nursing Rest Home Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored. Term will expire August 31, 2008.

Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to allocate the DSS Director a permanent position on the Nursing/Rest Home Advisory Committee.

PINEY GROVE COMMUNITY BUILDING: Rick Moorefield, Staff Attorney, reported the language in the deed transferring the Piney Grove Community Building from the County to the Macon County Preservation Society, Inc. dated November 6, 2003, created a reversion interest in favor of the County and it would be necessary for the Board to vote to eliminate the reversion interest, convey the property to the grantee without the reversion interest and advertise the disposition of the property before funding the improvements which were the conditions of the existing deed as relates to the funding request made at the July 11th meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to eliminate the reversion interest and authorize advertisement as advised by Mr. Moorefield.

TAX SETTLEMENT REPORT: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the settlement report for current taxes for FY 2004/2005 per attachment #2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored. The Board commended the Tax Department's collection efforts.

BUDGET REVISIONS: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved:  
revision #130, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, budgeting \$347,321 occupancy tax;  
revision #131, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating funds in various departments for FY 04/05 adjustments;  
revision #132, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating fire tax revenues to fire departments;  
revision #133, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating Hazard Mitigation Grant awarded in 03/04 and expended

in 04/05;

revision #5, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating recreation fund for unfinished projects at June 30, 2005; revision #6, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, carrying forward funds for unfinished DSS and Animal Control programs;

revision #7, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating Federal and State forfeiture funds fund balance to new year;

revision #8, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating CHAF Grant; and

revision #9, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissione Leatherman, appropriating Hurricane Recovery Act funding.

(Note: Revisions with corresponding numbers and Hurricane Recovery Act Project Ordinance attached .)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: The Board was reminded of the public hearing on the proposed High Impact Ordinance scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, August 29th in Courtroom A.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

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Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Daniel A. Bryson  
Board Chairman

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