

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members, The County Manager, Deputy Clerk, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

Commissioner Shepherd gave the invocation.

Chairman Bryson noted the Finance Director was absent due to a death in the family and extended condolences.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: The Board unanimously voted to add the following to the agenda: upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson cemetery regulations and upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, Greenway issues.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Chairman Bryson announced the County Attorney had submitted his resignation to be effective in October and expressed appreciation to Mr. Moorefield for his service. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation.

PUBLIC SESSION: No one registered to speak in public session.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS: The County Attorney stated Commissioner Shepherd had requested he research the authority of the County to regulate graves located on privately owned property and make a report to the Board. Mr. Moorefield stated counties do not have any regulatory authority over private graves located on privately owned property but the County does have specific authority and obligations with respect to public cemeteries located outside the corporate limits of any municipality. No action was necessary.

GREENWAY ISSUES: Changes recommended by the FROGS were briefly discussed and it was reported the meeting with FROG representatives, Nancy Hancock owner of Mountain Glides, the County Attorney and Commissioner Simpson to attempt to resolve some of these issues had not been held. A meeting was scheduled and no action was taken.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to approve the August 7, 2006 minutes as submitted.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT EXTENSION: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve a recommendation from Solid Waste Director Chris Stahl to extend the contract with Research Environmental and Industrial Consultants, Inc. for groundwater monitoring services for two years per the contract option. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEATH FEE SCHEDULE: Health Director Ken Ring gave an update on wastewater applications and inspections. County Manager Greenwood recommended reducing the fast track permit fees to support the privatization of services to reduce the backlog in wastewater inspections as well as speed up the process. After discussion Commissioner Simpson made a motion to educe the fees with Commissioner Davis, Health Board liaison, bringing a recommendation back from the Health Board on the fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

Nuisance Dog Ordinance: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to amend Chapter 90 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances by incorporating the nuisance animal ordinance per attachment #1.

SCC/LIBRARY PUMP STATION: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to confirm the poll of the Board to award the bid for the SCC/Library pump station and force main to the low bidder, Tugaloo Pipeline, at \$180,120 and authorize execution of the contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored.

APPOINTMENTS: Rest/Nursing Home Advisory Committee - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to waive term limits and reappoint Rev. Gene Hawkins and Merritt Fouts to the Rest/Nursing Home Advisory Committee and, due to a job change, appoint Dot Crawford to replace Karen Wiseman. All terms will expire August 31, 2009.

Child Fatality Prevention Team - Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to appoint Sheriff Robbie Holland representing law enforcement; Warren Cabe, emergency services provider; Dr. Jennifer Brown, parent of child who died prior to 18th birthday and Alisha Ashe, Kids Place to the Child Fatality Prevention Team. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. It was noted appointments are based on statutory requirements and all terms will expire July 31, 2009.

Nantahala Recreation Commission - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to appoint Jacqueline Stroud and Brian Bateman to the Nantahala Recreation Commission replacing Natalie Grant and Kenneth Cook who have served the maximum number of terms. The terms of Stroud and Bateman will expire July 31, 2008.

Board of Adjustments - Beverly Mason's resignation from the Board of Adjustments due to family illness was presented. Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to move Ben Swafford from the alternate member slot to fill Ms. Mason's position and appoint Charles Thun to fill Mr. Swafford's unexpired term as an alternate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Both terms will expire April 23, 2007.

TAX DEPARTMENT: Releases - Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to approve tax releases as submitted in the amount of \$3,714.32. (A printout of releases is on file in the Tax Collector's Office and the County Manager's Office.)

Refunds - A tax refund to Walter Jakushev, account 56118, in the amount of \$41.50 for years 2003 and 2005 was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman.

FINANCE: Community Funding Pool - Commissioner Leatherman informed the Board that he and Commissioner Davis had met with representatives of the Community Funding Pool to discuss their recommendation for allocation of the \$50,000 appropriated for nonprofits and concurred with their revised recommendations. No action was necessary. (A list of allocations is on file in the County Manager's Office.)

School Capital Building Fund - Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to approve application by the Board of Education for \$150,000 Public School Building Capital Funds to upgrade school technology. (Attachment #2)

Budget Revisions - The following budget revisions were unanimously approved: revision #15, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$400,000 in the Library/SCC Project for sewage pump station; revision #16, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, funding increases for DSS - TANF DV and Child Care Administration; revision #17, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$800 additional state health funds; revision #18, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner

Davis, appropriating \$4,336 additional Family Planning funds;
revision #19, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner
Davis, appropriating \$13,259 Zonta funds from prior year;
revision #20, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by
Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$2,531 insurance settlement in the S
heriff's Department; and
revision #21, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by
Commissioner Shepherd, budgeting \$847,555 airport funding. (Note: revisions
with corresponding numbers attached.)
Capital Project Ordinance - Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded
by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to adopt a Capital Project
Ordinance for Airport Project #36244.2.7.2 per attachment #3.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman the meeting was adjourned.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Daniel A. Bryson
Board Chairman

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