

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 19, 2008
CONTINUATION MEETING
MINUTES

Chairman Leatherman reconvened the meeting at 6 p.m. at Macon Bank Corporate Center as recessed. All Board Members, the County Manager, County Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, EDC members, representatives of Advantage West, Chamber representatives, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

Chairman Leatherman advised the meeting was to meet jointly with the EDC and consider their recommended economic strategy, to discuss and approve procedures for the TDC as presented at the August 4th meeting and to have a closed session to discuss property and personnel. Commissioner Beale gave the invocation.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS (TDC): Composition of the Tourism Development Commissions was discussed after which Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adopt a resolution creating the Franklin-Nantahala Area and the Highlands Area Tourism Development Commissioners per attachment #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all favored. Appointments and by-laws will be considered at the September meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: EDC Chairman Mark West asked the Board to make comments, express concerns, ask questions, etc. about the Economic Strategy Plan presented at the August 4th meeting. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board expressed appreciation to the EDC for their work after which Commissioner Beale made a motion to accept the plan as presented as the plan and mission of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. (See attachment #2) Addition of members to the EDC and historical information on the EDC composition were discussed. Commissioner Beale made a motion that the EDC bring a recommendation back to the Board with seven to twelve members, at the EDC's discretion, plus two commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. A job description for an Economic Development Director will also be developed.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition, personnel and potential litigation. During closed session the referenced items were discussed. The County Manager was given instruction pertaining to appraisals of two tracts of land near South Macon School and the Manager and Attorney were instructed to proceed with an option on property near the new 5/6 School. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Back in regular session, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson the meeting was adjourned.

C. Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman