

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 21, 2008
CONTINUATION MEETING
MINUTES

Chairman Leatherman reconvened the meeting at 6 p.m. as recessed. All Board Members with the exception of Commissioner McClellan who arrived late, the County Manager, County Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: School Superintendent Dan Brigman presented a recommendation on behalf of the Board of Education that the contract for the East Franklin Renovation Phase II project be awarded to Western Builders of Sylva and that the 5/6 Elementary School construction contract be award to H&M Construction a Division of M.B. Haynes, Inc. Commissioner Davis made a motion to award the contract for the East Franklin Phase II project to Western Builders at a cost of \$2,764,000 per the attached contract. (Attachment #1) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beale and all favored. Commissioner Beale made a motion to award the contract for construction of the new 5/6 School to H & M Construction a division of M.B. Haynes at a cost of \$14,370,000 per the attached contract. (Attachment #2) Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to forward a Notice to Proceed to Western Builders on the East Franklin School Project. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the Board unanimously voted to forward a Notice to Proceed to H & M Construction on the 5/6 School Construction project.

NOTE: Commissioner McClellan arrived at this point in the meeting.

GROUND BREAKING: Superintendent Brigman questioned the Board if Monday, July 28th would be satisfactory for a groundbreaking on the 5/6 School Project. The Board agreed on the date and the time was set for 5 p.m. at the school site.

MENTAL HEALTH: Commissioner Beale stated the Smoky Mountain LME would be meeting later in the week and approval of the CEO's contract was on the agenda. He added he had requested the County Attorney to review the contract and, if there were no objections from the Board, he would be voting against the contract. After a brief discussion Chairman Leatherman proposed, by motion, a vote of confidence and support of Commissioner Beale's actions on the LME and the Mental Health Task Force. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE: As requested at the previous meeting, County Planner Stacy Guffey reviewed requested changes to the Subdivision Ordinance as pertains to the review period for plats and informed the Board that there was not sufficient time to advertise for a public hearing for the August meeting; therefore, the hearing will be held at the September 8th meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Commissioner Davis stated the county's health insurance plan had been discussed briefly during the budget process with plans to review the plan more extensively. He added that he has real concerns about post retirement obligations and after discussion it was agreed staff would have present a written report at the August 4th meeting for the Board's review and a work session prior to October.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board went into closed session to discuss personnel. During closed session personnel items were discussed. The Deputy Clerk, Finance Director and County Attorney were excused for a portion of the session. By consensus, the Board instructed the County Manager to proceed with reorganization of departments as recommended. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Back in regular session the meeting was adjourned.

C. Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman

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