

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2019
MINUTES**

Chairman Tate called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. as noticed and welcomed those in attendance. All of the board members (with the exception of Commissioner Gillespie), the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director and County Attorney were present. Also present were members of the news media and members of the Macon County Board of Health.

Melissa Bell, the chair of the Macon County Board of Health, called the health board's meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Chairman Tate stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint meeting with the Macon County Board of Health for the purpose of the board of health members consulting with the commissioners regarding the selection of a new health director.

The County Attorney recommended that the commissioners go into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege and also under NCGS 143-318(11)(a)(5) to consider the qualifications, etc. of a prospective public officer or employee.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded by its members, the Board of Health voted unanimously to go into closed session as recommended by the County Attorney. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Higdon, the commissioners voted 4-0 to go into closed session at 6:02 p.m. as recommended by the County Attorney. The County Attorney stated that no action was anticipated.

At 6:34 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Higdon, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the commissioners voted 4-0 to come out of closed session and return to open session, as did the Board of Health. No action was taken.

With no other business, at 6:37 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Jim Tate
Board Chairman