

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONTINUED SESSION
May 25, 2021
MINUTES**

Chairman Tate reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. as recessed from May 11, 2021 regular session, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the County Manager present his recommended Fiscal Year 21-22 budget, ask any questions if we have any, followed by scheduling dates for a work session. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Deputy Clerk Mike Decker, Finance Director Lori Carpenter, County Attorney Eric Ridenour, and members of the news media were present, as were a number of county employees and citizens.

PRESENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET: The County Manager presented his recommended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to the board. A copy of his budget message is attached [Attachment 1] and is hereby made a part of these minutes. The budget as proposed is \$54,641,096 and the County Manager presented highlights of the proposed budget in his Prezi presentation. Among those highlights, he explained that the proposed budget is reflective of returning to normal operations as FY 2020-2021 had projected a decrease in revenues, general expenditures, and capital projects due to the COVID-19 resulting in a revised budget of about \$1 million less than the FY 2019-2020 budget. He reminded the board that in February 2021 the FY 2019-2020 budget was revised by approximately \$1.27 million due to revenues coming in higher than planned during the pandemic, which allowed us to restore most of the capital funding that had been omitted from the original budget. He explained that the proposed budget includes an increase in the Fund Balance due to receipt of CARES Act COVID-19 Pandemic funding, an increase in revenue including capital spending to pre-pandemic levels and, an increase in salary projections to bring salaries to market value as previously discussed and planned. In his summary, he said that the new budget returns us to pre-pandemic levels maintaining the current level of service, a solid financial position, addresses organizational compensation issues and, does not impose an increase in the Ad-Valorem Tax Rate.

SCHEDULING OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS: Following discussion, the board agreed to hold a budget work session on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the commission board room.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET: The board agreed to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget during the regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the commission board room.

RECESS: With no other business, at 7:23 p.m., upon motion by Vice-Chairman Beale, seconded by Commission Shields, the board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the commission board room on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC for the primary purpose of holding a budget work session.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Jim Tate
Board Chair