

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2011  
MINUTES**

The joint meeting with the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners convened at 6 p.m. at Wolfgang's On Main restaurant in Highlands. All board members – with the exception of Commissioner Beale and Commissioner Corbin – the County Manager, Deputy Clerk and County Attorney were present. All of the Franklin aldermen – with the exception of Aldermen Joyce Handley and Sissy Pattillo – Mayor Joe Collins and Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. were present. All of the Highlands commissioners – with the exception of Commissioners John Dotson, Amy Patterson and Larry Rogers – Mayor David Wilkes and interim Town Manager Bob Zoellner were present. Also present were members of the news media.

Mayor Wilkes welcomed everyone and asked Highlands Commissioner Gary Drake to give the invocation.

Mayor Collins gave an update on activities and projects in Franklin, noting that the incumbents had no opposition in the upcoming election and that Warren Cabe had been hired as the new chief of Franklin Fire and Rescue. Mayor Wikes noted that Highlands had hired a new planning and zoning administrator, was finishing up interviews for the town manager position, and would be starting the search for a new recreation director. He also noted that there are four people running for three open seats on the town commission, with John Dotson the only incumbent seeking re-election as Commissioner Dennis DeWolf chose not to seek another term. Mayor Wilkes expressed the town's thanks to the county for the work on the Hudson Library. Chairman McClellan explained that the county had hired a new finance director (Lori Hall) and a new economic development director (Tommy Jenkins). The County Manager then provided an update on a number of ongoing projects.

Following additional comments from members of each unit, and with no action taken, Mayor Wilkes adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Jack Horton, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Brian McClellan  
Board Chairman