

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 1, 2008
CONTINUATION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Leatherman convened the meeting as recessed at 6 p.m. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, County Attorney, County Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Chairman Leatherman welcomed everyone present.

HAMSTRA LEASE: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Memorandum of Lease between Bonita Hamstra and the County for the Highlands Road convenience center per attachment #1.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to add discussion of the Little Tennessee/Cartoogechaye sewer project to the agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously added discussion of the 441 South/Dryman Road intersection.

SEWER EXTENSION: County Manager Horton stated the County has been planning a sewer expansion for some time. That the project cost is currently at \$5.8 million dollars of which the County has been awarded a \$3 million dollar High Unit Cost Grant with a \$1.5 million State Revolving Loan match. The Manager questioned how pressing the Board felt the project was, if they want to scale back the project and expressed the need for an inter-local agreement between the Town of Franklin and the county finalizing the participation of each unit.

It was suggested that a meeting with the Town of Franklin to refresh the project information and get their priorities should be scheduled. Getting preliminary figures for extension to Iotla School was also suggested.

OCCUPANCY TAX: Handling of occupancy tax collections was discussed at length including discussion of the county continuing to collect occupancy tax, establishment of a TDC and what changes that would mean to the Chambers. After discussion the Board stated the need for a decision before adoption of the budget and upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously voted to continue discussion to a continuation meeting after the May 12th Board meeting.

SILER ROAD EXTENSION: The Manager updated the Board on the Siler Road extension stating the final proposal includes a round about with four entrances, leaves the red light at Dowdle Mountain, places a bridge over the river, deals with most of the Board's concerns and offers a safer more accessible approach.

Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the County Manager to forward a letter to D.O.T. in favor of the proposal.

DRYMAN ROAD/441 SOUTH INTERSECTION: Commissioner Beale made a motion to request N.C. Department of Transportation to do a study on the section of 441 South in the area of the Dryman Road, Shoney's, intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored.

WELLS GROVE ROAD AT MMS: Commissioner Beale made a motion to include in the request to NCDOT to authorize a study and corrective measures to improve and widen Wells Grove Road from Dowdle Mountain Road to Angel Cove Road due to the road being the primary access to the Middle School and new 5/6 grade school. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The County Manager reported he had been asked to research construction of an animal shelter and noted \$350,000 was in the current year's budget for construction of a shelter. After discussion Commissioner

Beale made a motion to authorize the County Manager to pursue the feasibility of permits and/or necessary authorization for construction of an animal shelter at the proposed site below the Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all favored.

DUKE RELICENSING INTERVENTION: Continuation in the Duke Relicensing intervention was discussed and the general consensus of the Board was for the Manager to contact the community representative to see what terms of withdrawal would be and if nothing seems to be changing just "wait it out" to see what's available to the County.

FROGS (Friends of the Greenway) The Manager reported he had met with representatives of the FROGS who indicated there was no Memorandum of Agreement between them and the County. The Manager was instructed to find out what the issues were and bring a draft contract back to the Board for consideration.

BUDGET: The Manager reported the departmental budgets were received and recommended budget sent back to the departments. He added the budget is partially balanced and will be completed for presentation at the May 12th meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel matter. During closed session the Manager, Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer were excused.

ADJOURNMENT: At the conclusion of closed session the meeting was adjourned.

C. Jack Horton, County Manager
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Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman