

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2018  
MINUTES**

Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. as noticed. All board members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk and County Attorney were present, as were members of the media.

Chairman Tate announced the purpose of the meeting as stated in the "Notice of Special Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners," a copy of which is attached (**Attachment 1**) and is hereby made a part of these minutes. The purpose of the meeting was for the board to discuss, consider and take action upon a proposed resolution supporting and authorizing the submission of an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a grant to assist and support "Project Wayah."

Chairman Tate recognized Tommy Jenkins, the county's economic development director, who gave a brief overview of "Project Wayah," noting that a local business is seeking economic development incentives for an expansion project that will create an estimated 33 jobs over an 18-month period at an average annual salary of approximately \$40,000. He said the company's total investment is approximately \$5-million. He said his request today was for the board to approve an application for a grant in the amount of \$412,500 from the state, which would require a local match of 5 percent or \$20,625. The County Manager explained that the appropriate budget amendment had been prepared which would take the money from the county's Economic Development Incentives Fund. This was followed by questions and discussion from the board members. The County Attorney further explained the need for the special meeting as the application must be in Raleigh by Thursday (August 30<sup>th</sup>) in order to meet a deadline. Following further discussion, and upon a motion by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve a "Resolution of the Macon County Board of County Commissioners Supporting and Authorizing and Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Rural Grants/Program for a Grant from its Building Reuse Program." A copy of the resolution and the accompanying

Budget Amendment are attached (Attachments 2 and 3, respectively) and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

At 5:42 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Higdon, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Derek Roland  
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

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Jim Tate  
Board Chairman