

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2012 – 6 P.M.**  
**CALLED MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Corbin called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the commission boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Following some brief opening comments, Chairman Corbin turned the meeting over to the County Manager.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:** The County Manager explained that state law requires that the board of commissioners meet on the first Monday in December in even-number years to elect a chairman and a vice-chairman. Prior to those elections, the recently elected board members must take the oath of office, and the County Manager recognized Superior Court Judge James U. Downs. Following some brief comments, Judge Downs administered the oath of office individually to H. Kevin Corbin, James Phil Tate and Paul Clayton Higdon, respectively. Signed copies of the oaths are attached (Attachments 1, 2 and 3) and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** The County Manager conducted the election of the board chairman and opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Beale nominated Commissioner Corbin, and Commissioner Tate seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board voted unanimously to select Commissioner Corbin as chairman, and the County Manager turned the meeting over to him.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:** Chairman Corbin opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. Commissioner Tate nominated Commissioner Beale, and Commissioner Haven seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board voted unanimously to select Commissioner Beale as vice-chairman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Beale asked for the opportunity to make an announcement, and recognized Bill Gibson, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Southwestern Commission (Region A), and Ryan Sherby, the new executive director. Commissioner Beale thanked Mr. Gibson for his many years of service to Macon County and the

region, and he also pointed out that Chairman Corbin is in line to become the chair of the Southwestern Commission in two years, while Commissioner Tate is serving on the agency's Mountain Resources Commission.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

**BOND:** The County Manager explained that North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 58-72 requires that the board annually examine the bonds of the public officers listed in N.C.G.S. 58-72.12, which includes the Finance Director, Tax Administrator, Register of Deeds and Sheriff. For the record, it was noted that the Finance Director has secured the appropriate bonds with sufficient surety from The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company in order to qualify those officials listed for office. Upon a motion by Commissioner Haven, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution entitled "Examination of Official Bond for Public Officials of Macon County," a copy of which is attached **(Attachment 4)** and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

**ADOPTION OF 2013 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to approve its regular meeting schedule for 2013, with regular meetings set for the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. in the commission boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse at 5 West Main Street in Franklin, North Carolina. A copy of the schedule is attached **(Attachment 5)** and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

**CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF REUSE SYSTEM:** The County Manager explained that the final piece of the Little Tennessee River/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer Project is to install a "purple pipe" reuse system at the county landfill. The water from this system can be used to wash down the animal shelter and landfill equipment, applied to dusty roads at the landfill and irrigate plants at the county's Environmental Resource Center. The work will not be performed by the original contractor on the project, Gary's Grading and Paving, and the state allowed the county to seek informal bids to finish this work. The low bid of the four submitted was by Watson Construction at \$124,895, and the County Manager recommended that the board award the bid to Watson Construction, noting that if approved, the contractor could start right away and likely have the project finished prior to the end of the year. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to award the bid to Watson Construction as presented.

**BOARD RETREAT:** At the suggestion of the chairman, the board agreed to hold a mid-year “retreat” on Saturday, January 19, 2013 beginning at 9 a.m. in the boardroom at the Southwestern Community College Macon Campus on Siler Road. The board members also discussed attending the “Essentials of County Government” course in Asheville, NC on January 9-10, 2013.

**ADJOURN:** Following closing comments from all the board members, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

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Jack Horton, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Kevin Corbin  
Board Chairman