

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 7, 2003
MINUTES

Chairman West called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All Board Members, the County Manager, County Attorney, Deputy Clerk, County Finance Officer, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Rev. Gary Brown from Resurrection Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

MINUTES - Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the minutes of the June 9, 2003, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hiram Tallent questioned the status of a larger meeting room, expressed concern about the lack of law enforcement from Jacobs Branch to the Lost Bridge, about all the restrictions below the dam and why back taxes are not being collected.

Narelle Kirkland expressed appreciation for the 4th of July fireworks display at the county recreation park and stated the Board might want to consider loud speakers around the park so everyone can hear comments, music, etc. Ms. Kirkland informed the Board a very old council tree is located on the Maki property at the Tellico Fish Farm which they are taking steps to preserve and suggested it would be a timely thing for the county to assist in the preservation. She also reiterated concern about the speed limits on airport road and suggested the Board take steps to encourage people to take responsibility for disposal of abandoned mobile homes that are eyesores.

Doris Conley - Chairman West distributed a letter from Doris Conley expressing concerns about animal control, enforcement of inoculation of animals, the need for an aggressive spay and neuter program and investigation of animal abuse. (A copy of the letter is on file in the County Manager's Office.)

CDBG PROGRESS REPORT - MPP Housing Director Rick Norton gave an update on the 2001 Scattered Site Rehabilitation Project #01-C-0805 and stated since the report was prepared World Changers have been in Macon County adding approximately eighteen more families that received assistance through MPP housing programs. Mr. Norton stated the County had submitted a Certificate of Interest in applying for a 2004 CDBG Scattered Site Rehabilitation Program and requested permission to proceed and schedule hearings on the application. Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to acknowledge receipt of the progress report, to proceed with the 2004 application based on the Certification of Interest and to authorize the Chairman and County Manager to sign necessary documents and schedule hearings for the August and September meetings.

J & B DISPOSAL, INC. RATE INCREASE - Commissioner Bryson made a motion to approve a rate increase for J & B Disposal, Inc. as requested increasing roadside rate to \$10 per month and house service to \$13.50 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored.

FOX RUN ROAD - Upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the Board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution recommending Fox Run Road be added to the State System per information from NCDOT. (Attachment #1.)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Area Agency on Aging - Upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Commissioner Shepherd with Teresa Mallonee as alternate; Dorothy Crawford (Senior Citizen) with Melissa Leatherman as her alternate and Ken Ring with alternate Jane Kinsey to the Area Agency on Aging. Terms will expire June 30, 2006.

Board of Adjustment - Commissioner Bryson made a motion to appoint Larry Stenger to fill an unexpired alternate member term on the Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Terms will expire April 23, 2004.

Farmland Preservation Committee - Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to waive term limitations and reappoint Charles "Butch" Deal and Stan Penland to the Farmland Preservation Committee with terms to expire June 1, 2006.

Health Board - Upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Angie Stahl representing pharmacists and Tere Swaney representing the general public on the Health Board. Both terms will expire July 1, 2006.

Home Community Care Block Grant and Department on Aging Advisory Council - Upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to appoint the following to the HCCBG and DOA Advisory Council: Britthaven Administrator, Angel Medical Center (Jan Lee), Transit Services (Kim Angel), Highlands Senior Citizen Council, Veterans Service (Jim DuBose), Cooperative Extension Services (JoAnn Cope), Macon Program for Progress (Teresa Mallonee), Health Department (Ken Ring), Social Services (Lisa Hilliard), Area Agency on Aging (Mary Barker), County Planning & Special Projects (Joe Stark), Nutrition Program Liaison (Patsy Ervin), Department on Aging (Jan Cabe), Smoky Mtn. Mental Health (Steve Miller), AARP Representative to be appointed by AARP, representatives from the Nantahala and Highlands areas to be named, County Manager and one Commissioner (Shepherd).

Jury Commission - Upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Bill Waldroop to the Jury Commission with a term to expire July 1, 2006.

It was noted Mr. Waldroop has served two terms but the courts do not impose a term limitation. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the recommendation to make the following appointments to the JCPC were unanimously approved: School Superintendent or designee (Marci Holland), Local Sheriff or designee (Robbie Holland), District Attorney or designee, Chief Court Counselor or designee (Lee Crites), Director AMH/DD/SA (Belinda Anderson), DSS Director or designee (Wesley Price or Ashley Collins), County Manager or designee (Gary Nicholson), Juvenile Defense Attorney (Jason Arnold), Chief District Judge or designee (John J. Snow, Jr.), Member of business community (to be designated), local health director or designee, and County Commissioner appointees Lindsey Gentry, Sharon Lauffer, Donnie Seagle, Chuck Mallonee, Jolita Jackson, Linda Tyler, Crystal Altman and Sandra Conaty. All terms will expire June 30, 2006.

Library Board of Trustees - Upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the recommendation to appoint Rachel Hamilton to fill the unexpired term of Douglas Campbell on the Library Board of Trustees was unanimously approved. Term will expire March 1, 2004.

Recreation Commission (Franklin) - Commissioner Simpson made a motion to appoint Roger Talley to fill the unexpired term of Keith Cabe on the Recreation Commission and Dennis Conley to fill the unexpired term of Sandy Cochran. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryson and all favored. Mr. Talley's term will expire January 2, 2005 and Mr. Conley's March 1, 2004.

Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees - Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to reappoint Terry Bell to the SCC Board of Trustees for a term to expire June 30, 2007.

Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Council (CJPC) - Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Lindsey Gentry, Juvenile Court Counselor to the CJPC with a term to expire September 30, 2003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

ADMINISTRATION - County Manager Greenwood presented a revised county organization chart per attachment #2. Upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to accept the chart as presented. Mr. Greenwood stated he was awaiting information on modification of the grievance procedures in the county personnel policy and requested the item be tabled until the August meeting.

TAX RELEASES - Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to approve tax releases in the amount of \$1,881.77 as submitted. (A computer printout of releases is on file in the Tax Department and the County Manager's Office.)

FINANCE - The following budget revisions for FY 2002/2003 and FY 2003/2004 were unanimously approved:

revision #211, upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$4,054 Terrorism Grant in Emergency Management,

revision 212, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$1,477 insurance payments for Franklin and Nantahala Recreation;

revision #213, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$27,145 timber receipts for the Board of Education;

revision #214, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$1,874 drug forfeitures in the Sheriff's Department;

revision #215, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$29,490 in E-911 for equipment;

revision #216, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$175,219 in the Highlands Recreation capital project;

revision #217, upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$2,047 in the LBJ water/sewer capital project;

revision #218, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating \$194 in the Landfill Garage capital project;

revision #219, upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$4,322 in the 441-South water/sewer capital project;

revision #210, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating \$6,727 in Schools Package B capital project fund;

revision #220, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, reclassing \$123 in the Schools Package B capital project;

revision #1, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$1,748 Hi-Top ASSIST grant in the Health Department;

revision #2, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, aligning the JCPC grants to approved State budget; and

revision #3, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd appropriating an addition fund \$10,000 to Macon Citizens Enterprise. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers are attached.)

LEGAL - Department on Aging Easement: Attorney Jones presented an amended resolution concerning the sale of 0.642 acres, including easements, near the Department on Aging building. Upon a motion Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to adopt the amended resolution as presented per attachment #3. Co-op Property: The County Attorney gave an update on sale of the Co-op property and stated he had talked with the appraiser and all parties are in agreement to go forward with the appraisal and sale.

CLOSED SESSION: After a brief recess Commissioner Bryson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and two matters of potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored. During closed session the above referenced items were discussed including discussions with the School Superintendent dealing with school personnel. No action was taken and upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board returned to regular session at which time Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to adjourn.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Mark B. West
Board Chairman

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