

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 3, 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, Staff Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Commissioner Shepherd gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENT: Chairman Bryson advised Items 11A and 11B, Subdivision Regulation draft and Nuisance Animal Ordinance would be removed from the agenda. The Board unanimously voted to add the following to the agenda: upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, added surplus of the solid waste baler as Item 11D; upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis two personnel matters were added as Item 15; upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board added schools as Item 16.

PUBLIC SESSION: No one wished to speak during public session.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 6, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman.

COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM AND CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM REPORTS: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board acknowledged receipt of the annual reports from the Community Child Protection Team and the Child Fatality Prevention Team. (Copies of the report are on file in the County Manager's Office.)

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Solid Waste Director Chris Stahl gave a brief overview of the three-year update to the Macon County Solid Waste Management Plan which addresses management of solid waste for residents of unincorporated area of Macon County, the Town of Franklin and the Town of Highlands. As posted by legal notice the public was invited to provide comments on the Plan. No one wished to speak and Mr. Stahl asked the Board to contact him if they had any suggestions for changes and noted adoption of the Plan will be on the May agenda.

LEASE RENEWALS: County Manager Greenwood reported Whitley Products and Shadetree Enterprises have both requested a one year renewal of their lease agreement for space at the Incubator Facility. Mr. Greenwood explained EDC met with representatives of Whitley and Shadetree to ensure that job creation goals were met from the previous contract and to establish goals for the new contract(s). Based on these meetings the EDC recommended one year lease renewals with both. Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board voted unanimously to renew the lease agreements for one year as recommended.

CARTOOGECHAYE SEWER LINE: County Manager Greenwood briefed the Board on changes to the Cartoogechaye Sewer Line project and informed the Board the County still is obligated to get two easements, one of which will probably need to be a condemnation and will be on a later agenda.

SOLID WASTE BALER: Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously vote to declare the solid waste baler surplus and authorize for disposal.

EXCISE TAX REFUND: Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt a resolution approving request for refund of \$600 excise tax collected on an exempt transaction from Tax Free Exchange Intermediary - LLC, grantor to Loeb Family Properties, LLC, grantee per attachment #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

APPOINTMENTS: Board of Adjustments - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Terry Bell on the Board of Adjustments was postponed. Planning Board - Upon motion of Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Susan Erwin and Mark West to the Planning Board with terms to expire March 23, 2009.

TAX DEPARTMENT: Releases - Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to approve tax releases in the amount of \$6,685.80 as submitted.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored. (Note: A printout of tax releases is on file in the Tax Department and the County Manager's Office.)

Refunds - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to approve refund requests to Bessie Stockton in the amount of \$86.55 and Marty Southard for \$127.34.

PUBLIC HEARING - ROAP: Chairman Bryson recessed the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. to convene the public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application as posted. Transit Director Kim Angel explained the application included \$44,224 for the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program, \$3,448 for Work First and \$39,898 for Rural General Public funding and is a continuation of on-going programs. No one wished to speak. The hearing was adjourned and the meeting reconvened in regular session.

ROAP Certification - Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to approve the ROAP Certified Statement and authorize execution per attachment #2.

FINANCE: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved:
revision #100, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$910,045 for Greenway streambank restoration;
revision #101, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$148,370 for the Greenway project;
revision #102, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$18,703 additional monies for the Eat Smart Move More water feature;
revision #103, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Simpson reducing HRSA EMS Grant by \$2,264;
revision #104, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$5,500 Citizens Corp Grant Award;
revision #105, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$1,720 donations for automotive seat simulator for car seats;
revision #106, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, budgeting \$2,500 for NC Scholastic Crime Stoppers and
revision #107, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, budgeting \$800 Senior Games donation.
(Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

PERSONNEL: Employee salary increase - Commissioner Simpson stated a 3% salary increase had been proposed in the upcoming budget, he felt that was not appropriate and would like to increase that to 5%. Commissioner Simpson then made a motion that, if money can be found without a tax increase, employees be given a 5% cost of living increase rather than the proposed 3%. The motion died for lack of a second with Chairman Bryson stating he did not feel the County was far enough into the budget process to make such a decision.

County Manager's Position - Chairman Bryson stated the issue surrounding the county manager's retirement was tabled at the March meeting and opened the floor for further discussion. The County Manager stated he had not completed his calculations but would have his thirty years some time around October, 2006. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to start advertising for the county manager position and take applications for a minimum of 120 days.

Commissioner Davis stated he would second the motion for purpose of discussion only afterwhich the motion passed three to two with Commissioners Davis and Leatherman opposing.

PUBLIC HEARING - ROAD NAMES: The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m. to convene the public hearing on road names as posted. 911 Addressing Coordinator Angie Kinsland reviewed the proposed additions and changes noting fees had been paid for changes except on changing Faith Mountain Drive to Sunshine Drive which is a change recommended by their office due to duplication. No one wished to speak and the hearing was adjourned.

The meeting reconvened in regular session and upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the names as submitted per attachment #3.

SCHOOLS: Commissioner Simpson commended teachers for the excellent job they do and made a motion that the County continue with the 2% supplement for teachers approved last year plus an additional 2% this year if the money can be found without a tax increase. The motion died for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson the meeting was adjourned.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board
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Daniel A. Bryson
Board Chairman