

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 16, 2006
CONTINUATION MEETING
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the meeting at 5 p.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room on the fourth floor as recessed. All Board Members with the exception of Commissioner Davis who arrived late, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWER PROJECT: County Manager Greenwood presented information on a lawsuit filed against the Town of Franklin and McGill Associates by one of the contractors for damages exceeding \$200,000 relating to the Macon Middle School sewer project. After mediations, which included County Attorney Rick Moorefield, the amount was reduced to \$52,000 and the Town and McGill have agreed to pay up to one-third of the \$52,000 with the Town requesting the County or School Board to pay the remaining one-third. After discussion Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve funding up to one-third of the final negotiated amount not to exceed \$52,000 contingent upon Macon Middle School accessing and beginning use of the sewer system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

HIGHLANDS RECREATION PLAN: Chairman Bryson stated there had been some questions concerning the purchase of property for the Highlands Recreation Park and explained negotiations began around 1998 with the Zachary family heirs to purchase the original tract and other surrounding tracts. He added it has always been the intention of the County to acquire as much of the Zachary property as possible by purchasing or trading property and the acquisition of the Reed property was part of the plan as pointed out on a plat of the property. No action was necessary.
(Note: Commissioner Davis arrived at this time.)

HOUSING: As continued from the October 2nd meeting the following representatives from Macon Program for Progress (MPP) were present to discuss transfer of the Section 8 Program to Macon County from MPP: Director Chuck Sutton, Board Chairman Phillip Moore, Board Member Steve Reeves and HUD Coordinator Gary Roper. Mr. Sutton advised the County that MPP Board of Directors had passed a resolution stating they wish to continue to be the agency to administer the Section 8/HUD program. He explained that their agency has things in control, all questions related to financing have been answered and after two audits particularly targeting HUD both have been clean and everything found in order. Some of the issues discussed were how the people of the County would be better served by leaving HUD with MPP, what would the drawbacks be, how separating the agencies administering housing programs would affect clients and/or funding. The general consensus was the Board needed more financial information before making a decision. Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the item was tabled until the November meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored. During closed session the above referenced item was discussed. No action was taken and upon motion of Commissioner Leatherman, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board returned to regular session.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Commissioner Davis made a motion to hire Lesley Moxley to fill the position of County Attorney pursuant to the terms of the contract negotiated between Chairman Bryson and Ms. Moxley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

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

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

D. Allan Bryson
Board chairman

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