

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 10, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 6 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Beale announced the Board would meet jointly with the Towns of Franklin and Highlands at 6 p.m. on July 23rd at Mill Creek Country Club and reminded everyone of Heritage Day scheduled for July 17th and 18th.

INVOCATION: Rev. Gary Hewins from Highlands Community Bible Church gave the invocation. The Board also extended sympathy to the J.B. Coram family on the recent death of their daughter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No one wished to speak during public session.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda with the following additions: budget and work sessions were added as item #9B; item #10B, resolution on HB 89 was deleted; bid award for landfill scales was deleted as item B under agenda item #10D; insurance and budget work session was added as item #10E; a Health Department announcement was added as item #10F; a report on building inspections was added as item #11G and additional budget revisions were added to item #11B.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETING BROADCAST UPDATE: Commissioner Koppers presented an update on assignments for community meetings. The Board also discussed the status of taping and/or broadcasting board meetings. The County Manager will contact representatives of Morris Broadband to check on local broadcast. No action was necessary.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: An update on the budget was discussed and it was agreed the August 24th agenda would be as short as possible with the remainder of the meeting utilized for discussions on the budget and county health insurance.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWER LINE PROJECT BID: Based on action taken at the July 14, 2008, meeting bids were presented for construction of a new aerial crossing to serve the new 5/6 School and the Macon Middle School with a recommendation the

contract be awarded to Tugaloo Pipeline for \$152,934.75 per the attached bid tabulation and letter from McGill Associates. (Attachment #1) After a lengthy discussion which involved assurances this construction should not fail, Commissioner Davis made a motion to award the bid to Tugaloo Pipeline at \$152,934.75 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all favored.

NCACC VOTING DELEGATE: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, Vice-Chairman Davis was designated as the voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference to be held August 27th-30th in Catawba County.

SOLID WASTE BID AWARDS: A letter advising two bids for the handling/processing/recycling of scrap metal delivered to the MSW Landfill Facility was presented. It was noted the bidders used two different indices in their calculations, trend pricing for each of the last twelve months was specified. After applying different calculations to each price structure it was recommended Desoto Trail Construction be awarded the bid. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the recommendation to award the bid to Desoto Trail Construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koppers and after discussion the motion was withdrawn and the item was tabled until the Solid Waste Director could be present. A motion to extend the current contract with Desoto Trail until August 30, 2009, if agreeable with Desoto Trail, was made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Koppers and all favored.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Commissioner Davis, Health Department liaison, announced the Western Regional Health Directors Association met on July 9th and selected Health Director Jim Bruckner to represent them on the Western North Carolina Health Network Board of Directors. Commissioner Davis commended Mr. Bruckner on his appointment and the job he does stating this is a reflection on the Board and the County. He also requested a letter of gratitude and congratulations be sent on behalf of the Board.

DAY CARE COMMITTEE: Chairman Beale informed the Board that the Macon County Childcare Issues Committee met on July 13th and distributed information from the meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS: It was reported the County Manager and Chairman had meet with Erosion Control Officer Matt Mason and Permitting, Planning and Development Director Jack Morgan to revisit the 2005 land disturbance fee schedule and they have discovered there are some problems with the square footage fees which will need to be looked at in the future. Commissioner Simpson questioned why silt fences were not in place at the new county animal shelter. The County Manager stated he would check into it. Commissioner Simpson also questioned the status of a sewage/well contamination problem on Old Murphy Road. An update will be provided.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McClellan the following items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved: **Minutes** – Approved the June 23rd minutes. **Budget revisions** – Approved

budget revision #205 appropriating actual fire tax revenues collected and paid to the various departments; revision #206, decreasing the housing budget by \$1,100 for landlord contributions that will not be received; revision #207, appropriating \$401 insurance settlement for Tax Assessing Department; revision #208, reducing revenue accounts to offset transfers from departments into contingency in January, 2009; revision #1, correcting Health Department/WIC budget by \$7,200; revision #2, appropriating increase of \$3,450, in Health Department/WIC budget; revision #3, correcting amount carried forward for Health Department/Healthy Carolinians by \$7,144; revision #4, was removed; revision #5, reducing Health Department NC Tobacco Settlement Funds by \$2,333; revision #7, carrying forward \$61,576 DSS special adoption grant funds; revision #8, carrying forward DSS/SHIPP grant funds in the amount of \$5,003 and revision #9, budgeting construction management contract for 5/6 School and East Franklin in the Consolidated Capital Project Fund. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached) **July 27th meeting** – Cancelled the second regularly scheduled meeting in July (July 27th) due to the Chairman, Commissioner Simpson and County Manager being out of town.

WORLD CHANGERS: Chairman Beale informed the Board that around 294 World Changer participants would be in Macon County the following week.

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

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman