

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 28, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 9 a.m. as posted 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: Commissioner Kuppers announced he had recently attended the Community Development Awards dinner and appreciation for support of the County Commissioners was expressed. Chairman Beale stated he was attending a meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee in Raleigh on November 19th. The County Manager informed the Board the interlocal agreement with the Town of Franklin has been approved.

INVOCATION: Dr. John Fowler, Minister at First Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

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

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following changes: budget revisions were added under the consent agenda, update on health and human services funding and an update on influenza vaccines, etc. by Health Director Jim Bruckner were added.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE: Chairman Beale stated 15 million dollars have been returned to LME's with approximately \$1,254,000 being returned to Smoky of which around \$600,000 should be for services in the western counties. No action was necessary and Chairman Beale stated he would continue to update the Board.

OCCUPANCY TAX ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: Finance Director Evelyn Southard reported she had reviewed the cost of the occupancy tax collection procedure for the past three months and stated based on that review she feels the Admin Fee can be reduced from 15% to 8%. Her recommendation was that the costs be reviewed annually and the Admin Fee adjusted annually if necessary to recoup actual costs. After a brief discussion Commissioner Simpson made a motion to set the administrative fee at 8% as recommended with an annual review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and all favored.

INFLUENZA UPDATE: Health Director Jim Bruckner reported about two-thirds of the season flu shots have been given, that some H₁N₁ vaccines have been received and about 700 doses were given to target populations, i.e. health staff, EMS personnel, hospitals, doctors offices, certain DSS staff, day care workers. Mr. Bruckner added additional

doses were received yesterday and they plan to make appointments and/or give numbers so when doses are allocated individuals will not be left standing in line.

HEALTH INSURANCE: The following companies gave presentations on health insurance services and health savings accounts they offer: Local Government Credit Union by LeeAnn Teague; Mark III Employee Benefits, Mark Browder; Ferguson Employee Benefits Agency, John Ferguson; North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, Lester Nixon and Jennifer Ketner; the Wayah Agency/Appalachian Benefits/Crescent PPO, Mike Norris, Georgia Sasscer and Myrna Harris. During each presentation several questions were asked. No action was taken and Chairman Beale expressed appreciation to each organization for the presentation stating the Board has had on-going discussions concerning insurance and discussion would continue. A work session with continued discussion on health insurance was tentatively scheduled for November 17th at 6 p.m.

BUDGET REVISIONS: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Kuppers, the Board unanimously approved the following budget revisions: revision #46, appropriating \$14,100 grant and match for the Narcotics Unit; revision #47, budgeting \$3,739 for educational materials sold to individuals for classes; revision #48, appropriating \$1,737 controlled substance funds received by the Sheriff's Department from the State of North Carolina; revision #49, appropriating \$6,134 in DSS from Haywood Electric; revision #50, appropriating \$4,656 forfeiture funds in the Sheriff's Department; revision #51, appropriating \$17,481 AARA Stimulus Funds in DSS; and revision #52, appropriating \$1,500 increase in Health Department Clinical Fees. During discussion the Finance Director was asked to determine if forfeiture funds could be used for the local match rather than Contingency noted in revision #46 and, if so, to use those funds rather than Contingency funds. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

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

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman