

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONTINUED SESSION  
DECEMBER 5, 2016  
MINUTES**

The County Manager reconvened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. in the commission boardroom as recessed from the November 15, 2016 continued session. All board members, the Deputy Clerk, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CHAIRMAN:** Prior to the start of the meeting, the County Manager took the opportunity to recognize outgoing Chairman Kevin Corbin for his service on the board. “We’re gonna miss you greatly,” he told Mr. Corbin, adding that the county has “been able to accomplish many great things at your direction.” Each of the remaining board members took turns presenting Mr. Corbin with gifts from the county and words of appreciation. Mr. Corbin in turn then recognized all of those seated at the dais with brief comments and remembrances of each person. He also offered his thanks to the media and to the public for the opportunity to serve.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:** Resident Superior Court Judge William H. Coward, with assistance from Jane Capman, his judicial assistant, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Paul Higdon and Commissioner-elect Karl Gillespie.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** The County Manager then opened the floor for nominations for chairman of the board. Commissioner Beale, stating that this individual has “proven his leadership over time,” made a motion for Commissioner Tate to serve as chairman for the next year, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shields. With no other nominations and no other discussion, the board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Jim Tate as chairman. The County Manager passed the gavel to Chairman Tate, who expressed his appreciation for the vote of confidence.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Chairman Tate opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman of the board. Commissioner Shields made a motion for Commissioner Beale to serve as vice-chairman for the next year, based on his “love of Macon County and his availability to the citizens,” and the motion was seconded by Chairman Tate. There were no other nominations. Following brief discussion, the board voted 4-1, with Commissioner Higdon opposing, to appoint Commissioner Ronnie Beale as vice-chairman.

**EXAMINATION OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF MACON COUNTY:** Following a brief explanation from the County Manager, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution entitled “Examination of Official Bonds for Public Officials of Macon County.” A copy of the resolution, which outlines the bond amounts for the Finance Director, Tax Collector, Register of Deeds and Sheriff, is attached [\(Attachment 1\)](#) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

**CONSIDERATION OF 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the board’s 2017 regular meeting schedule as presented, which continues the board’s custom of holding its regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. in the commission boardroom. A copy of the schedule is attached [\(Attachment 2\)](#) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURN:** At 6:55 p.m. and with no other business, upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Derek Roland  
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

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Jim Tate  
Board Chairman