

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONTINUED SESSION
JUNE 16, 2014
MINUTES**

Chairman Corbin reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. in the commission boardroom as recessed from the June 10, 2014 regular meeting. All board members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET AND BUDGET ORDINANCE: Commissioner Haven made a motion to adopt the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tate. Commissioner Higdon expressed his appreciation to the County Manager and the Finance Director for their work. Chairman Corbin noted that the proposed budget of \$45,721,122 was approximately \$1.4 million less than the current year budget, adding that Macon County is in an “enviable position” and that the budget reflects “excellent services to our county residents.” Commissioner Haven told the County Manager and Finance Director that he was “really impressed” with the budget. The board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as presented, a copy of which is attached (Attachment 1) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT: The Finance Director explained the need for a capital project ordinance for the Weatherization Services and HARRP Services administered through the NC Department of Commerce Energy Division and administered locally by the Macon County Housing Department. The ordinance formally appropriates \$320,347 for these services. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded

by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to adopt the Grant Project Ordinance as presented, a copy of which is attached (Attachment 2) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 BUDGET –

Upon a motion by Commissioner Haven, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to approve an “Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget” as presented by the Finance Director, with the final amount being \$48,917,798. A copy of the ordinance is attached (Attachment 3) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS FOR PARKER MEADOWS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX:

The Finance Director and County Attorney presented a resolution for the board’s consideration regarding financing terms for a \$1.8-million loan to help develop the Parker Meadows Recreational Complex. Chairman Corbin noted that the interest rate is 2.29 percent for the 10-year term of the loan and that there is no pre-payment penalty, and the County Attorney pointed out that the Finance Director had worked out an agreement calling for equal principal payments over the term of the loan. Commissioner Beale asked for assurance that there was no problem with him voting on the matter, as the loan is with Macon Bank and Commissioner Beale serves on the bank’s board of directors. The County Attorney explained that there was no conflict of interest unless Commissioner Beale held a certain percentage of the bank’s stock. Upon a motion by Commissioner Haven, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to approve the “Resolution Approving Financing Terms” as presented, a copy of which is attached (Attachment 4) and is hereby made a part of these minutes. In a related item, the County Attorney explained that by approving the resolution, the board did not need to vote on the Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust between the county and Macon Bank, as the resolution effectively authorized the agreement. By consensus, the board also agreed to table consideration of the fencing contract for the recreational complex until its July 8, 2014 regular meeting.

FUNDING FOR MACON PROGRAM FOR PROGRESS:

Commissioner Beale asked the board to consider providing additional funding for Macon Program for Progress (MPP). He noted that the county had already allocated \$24,000 during the current fiscal year to help the agency with administrative costs, and asked the board to consider an additional \$12,000 to assist them during the next six months. The Finance Director explained that \$52,000 remained in the county’s contingency line item. Commissioner Beale made a motion to authorize the Finance Director to move \$12,000 from contingency into an established line item for MPP prior to June 30, 2014. Following discussion regarding possible reimbursement, Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.

After further discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve a budget amendment for special appropriations to move \$12,000 from contingency to MPP to assist the agency with administrative costs due to the federal government reducing their administrative funds. A copy of the budget amendment is attached (Attachment 5) and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

MACON COUNTY SCHOOLS CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST: The Finance Director explained that she had received a request from Macon County Schools to shift some capital outlay funds earmarked for the window repair/replacement project at Franklin High School to help pay for the unexpected purchase of compressors for HVAC units at Cartoogechaye School that went out at the end of the school year. This would involve moving funds from one category to another and thus required board approval. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the request as presented and move \$21,958.40 from “Category I” to “Category II” within the schools capital outlay budget.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:22 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with the attorney under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). At 6:36 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Tate, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to come out of closed session and return to open session. No action was taken.

At 6:37 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman