

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 5, 2004  
MINUTES

Chairman West convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members, the County Manager, County Attorney, Staff Attorney, Deputy Clerk, County Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Rev. Ron Odum from Cornerstone Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD ORDINANCE/PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner West recessed the regular meeting immediately to convene the public hearing on amendments to the Planning Board Ordinance as noticed. The amendments were explained and no one from the public wished to comment. The hearing was adjourned and the Board reconvened in regular session. (Note action taken later in meeting.)

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the December 1st meeting as submitted.

MACON LEADERSHIP CLASS: Chairman West recognized Hank Shuler from Southwestern Community College who was present with the current Macon Leadership class. Ms. Shuler introduced and commended participants.

AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD ORDINANCE: After a brief discussion Commissioner Bryson made a motion to adopt the amendments to the Planning Board Ordinance as proposed (attachment #1) and appointed current members of the Planning Board with the current expiration dates. (Attachment #2)

FEBRUARY MEETING: Upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to change the February 2nd meeting from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. at which time employee service awards will be presented.

BUILDING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE: Public Hearing - Chairman West recessed the meeting at 6:15 to convene the public hearing to receive public input on proposed amendments to the County Building Regulations Ordinance as noticed. Jack Morgan, Chief Building Inspector, explained the amendments were requested to incorporate the latest versions of the State Code and to add four state codes which are currently being enforced but have not been incorporated into the county ordinance. There were no public comments, the hearing was adjourned and the meeting reconvened in regular session. Upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to adopt the amendments as presented. (Attachment #3)

PUBLIC SESSION:

Alex Dennison stated he had bought property in Nantahala which had previously been taxed as one parcel and now is being taxed as two parcels with a higher appraisal. The County Manager was asked to research the matter and get back with Mr. Dennison.

Narrella Kirkland informed the Board there is a billboard advertising County Inn near the intersection of Highway 28 and Sanderstown Road that is in a terrible state of disrepair and asked that inspectors be dispatched to look at the sign. Ms. Kirkland also stated she was still looking into planting trees as a shield at the junk yard on Highway 28 but has heard rumors that it may be closing.

RECREATION PARK BYLAWS: As instructed at the December meeting uniform bylaws for all three county recreation commission were presented and unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson. (Attachment #4)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Health - Human Resource Director Gary Nicholson presented a new organizational chart for the Macon County Public Health Center noting the Health Board had approved the chart. Commissioner Bryson made a motion to

approve the chart as presented per attachment #5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Transit Services - Mr. Nicholson presented job descriptions for Director of Transit Services/Regional Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Coordinator, Transit Program Coordinator and Transit Dispatcher/Scheduler along with a revised organizational chart for Transit Services. Upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously approved the job descriptions as presented and the revised organizational chart per attachment #6.

APPOINTMENTS: Highlands Recreation Commission - Upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to reappoint David Parrish, Frank Ferree and Allan Dearth to two year terms on the Highlands Recreation Commission. Terms will expire December 6, 2005. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - It was reported the term of F.P. Bodenheimer on the EDC expired January 31, 2004. The general consensus was the Board needs to offer some direction to the EDC prior to making any appointments to the Commission. Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to table the appointment until after meeting with the EDC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryson and all favored.

TAX RELEASES: Tax releases in the amount of \$9,928.40 with the exception of release #11 to Highlands Investments LLC in the amount of \$3, 77.90 and release #13 to Liz Development Corporation for \$6,64.57 pending further explanation. Motion for approval was by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and unanimously approved. (A print-out of tax releases is on file in the Tax Department and the County Manager's Office.)

FINANCE: Audit - Paula Hodges with Martin Starnes and Associates, CPA's presented the county's audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 and a slide presentation with highlights of the audit. The overall report was an unqualified report, there were no questions and the audit was accepted. Financing resolutions - The Finance Director presented three refinancing resolutions: Upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously approved a resolution approving terms of refinancing of an agreement with BB&T for financing of the landfill baler per attachment #7. Upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously approved a resolution approving terms of refinancing of an agreement with BB&T for financing of the jail per attachment #8. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously approved a resolution approving terms of refinancing of an agreement on the Special Obligation Bond, Series 1997 per attachment #9. Budget revisions: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved: revision #84, upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$30,136 FEMA Homeland Security grant; revision #85, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$4,500 contingency funds in the Health Department for flu vaccines; revision #86, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating \$500 increase in Health Education state funding; revision #87, upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$3,775 additional state funds in JCPC grants; revision #88, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$1,447 additional forfeitures in the Sheriff's Department; revision #89, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$10,596 remaining Medicaid cost in Health Department; revision #90, upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$2,850,000 debt proceeds for Highlands Gym Project; and revision #91, upon a motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$50,000 Recreation Trails grant in Greenway Capital Project. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers are attached.)

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the meeting was adjourned.

Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Board Chairman

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