

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 14, 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. Bob Abel from First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

SCC LEADERSHIP CLASS: Hank Shuler, Director of the SCC Leadership Class, introduced class members stating ten of the fifteen members were present. Ms. Shuler explained the class had developed four projects and a representative from each group outlined their project. Chairman West expressed appreciation to the participants for their time and interest.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the May 3rd and 24th meetings and the May 12th public hearing as submitted.

PUBLIC SESSION: Narrelle Kirkland explained the need for a better backboard at the recreation park tennis courts and requested the Board attempt to find funding for improvements there; stated she and her neighbors were being awakened by planes leaving the Macon County Airport as late as 10:30 p.m. and asked if Mr. Hoppee (the local FBO) could be asked for a earlier cut-off time for outgoing flights; expressed concerns that senior citizens had relayed to her concerning relocation of the public library to the Siler property and suggested working with the Chamber and Lutheran Church so they could relocate and the County could purchase their property for expansion of the existing library facility; proposed that as a means to preserve the mountains and surrounding land that the county buy the land and set it aside for construction of small, simple structures that could be rented or leased in some manner..

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda.

BUDGET ORDINANCE: Upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to approve the FY 2004/2005 budget and adopt the attached budget ordinance. (Attachment #1.)

LIBRARY FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Randolph Bulgin, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, and Architect Tom Ritter presented the plans for the proposed 26,000 square foot library facility to be constructed on the Siler Road property at an approximate cost of \$3,000,000. After discussion Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to dedicate use of five acres for the facility and continue with the process as outlined by Mr. Ritter and Mr. Bulgin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER: Shelley Lackey from Smoky Mountain Center gave an update on the state's mental health reform program stating some positive things have come out of the reform process such as the new Balsam Center for Hope and Recovery. Ms. Lackey also expressed appreciation to Commissioner Shepherd, the Board's liaison to the Mental Health Board, for his interest and attendance at the meetings. No action was necessary.

CAP/DA: A recommendation from the Macon County Board of Health that the county transfer the lead agency of the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) to Angel Medical Center Home Health and Hospice was unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson. The transfer will be effective July 1, 2004 pending all approvals from the State.

STATE PAY PLAN: Human Resource Director Gary Nicholson presented the FY 2004/2005 State Pay Plan for competitive service employees (Health and Social Services). Upon a motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the Board unanimously voted to approve the plan as submitted. (A copy is on file in the Human

Resource Office.)

APPOINTMENTS: Farmland Preservation - Appointments were delayed until the July meeting. Health Board - Commissioner Bryson made a motion to appoint Ron Winecoff and Roberta Swank to fill positions representing the general public and Tammy Dills representing nurses on the Health Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Terms will expire June 30, 2007. Social Services - Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dom D'Ascoli to the Social Services Board. Term will expire June 30, 2007. SCC Board of Trustees - Commissioner Bryson made a motion to recommend to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners that Commissioner Simpson be appointed to fill the vacant Macon County position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and passed unanimously with Commissioner Simpson abstaining. Term will expire June 30, 2008. Nursing and Adult Care Home Advisory Committee - Appointment was delayed until the July meeting. Library Board - Mildred Landrum resigned from the Library Board due to family reasons and Gail Criminger was recommended as a replacement. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to appoint Ms. Criminger to fill the vacancy. Term will expire February 28, 2007.

NEGOTIATED OFFER/REAL PROPERTY: Commissioner Leatherman made a motion to adopt the attached resolution accepting the offer of Douglas O. Lewis to purchase certain real property in the Smithbridge Township and authorizing the conveyance thereof pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-269. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryson and all favored. (Attachment #2)

TAX RELEASES: Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve tax releases in the amount of \$1,021.68 pursuant to NCGS §105-287. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. (Attachment #3)

FINANCE: Reimbursement resolution - Upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to adopt the attached resolution for the SCC/Library Project. (Attachment #4.)

Budget revisions - The following budget revisions were unanimously approved:
revision #162, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, adjusting Information Technology LEG-UP RIAA Grant by \$500;
revision #163, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$2,500 additional Criminal Justice Partnership funds;
revision #164, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, reclassing \$3,600 ROAP funds;
revision #165, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating \$125,000 Economic Development funds;
revision #166, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$51,563 Timber Sales to Education;
revision #167, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$18,911 drug forfeitures in the Sheriff's Departments;
revision #168, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson appropriating \$248,000 fire/rescue district taxes collected;
revision #169, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating COPS issue proceeds and related payments to escrow agent;
revision #170, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating additional debt service for 2003;
revision #171, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$20,000 for SCC/Library architect fees;
revision #172, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$55,332 local match for Recreational Trails Grant and
revision #173, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$41,210 for SCC Law Enforcement Center. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the meeting was adjourned with a note that the July meeting had been scheduled for July 12th.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Mark B. West
Board Chairman

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