

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 7, 2004
MINUTES

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

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: (1) Commissioner Bryson invited everyone to a forum addressing a community look at substance abuse and a service of blessing for the school year sponsored by the Highlands Ministerial Association, Macon County Sheriff's Department and Healthy Carolinians of Macon County to be held at the Highlands United Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 3rd. (2) Designation of a voting delegate to the N.C. Association of County Commissioners annual meeting was added to the agenda.

PUBLIC SESSION: Narelle Kirkland congratulated Commissioner Leatherman on winning the recent primary, expressed appreciation to the Board for (re)paving of Siler Road, the Georgia Road in front of Franklin High School and Bidwell Street and complimented the Board on the new shelter being constructed at the Iotla Drop-Off Center.

WATERSHED COUNCIL UPDATE: Bob Wright representing the Macon County Watershed Council gave an update on recent legislative action for implementation of Phase II Stormwater Rules stating the Watershed Council is keeping watch on legislation. No action was necessary. (A copy of Mr. Wright's brief is on file in the County Manager's Office.)

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe briefed the Board on the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan for Macon County and requested a resolution adopting the plan. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution as requested per attachment #1. (A copy of the complete plan is on file in the County Manager's Office and the Emergency Management Office.)

GRANT APPLICATION: Kathy McGaha and Ken Ring from the Health Department requested approval to apply for a Eat Smart, Move More Grant up to \$20,000 explaining no match is required and funding will not be used for salaries. Ms. McGaha stated the purpose of the grant is to fund the process of developing a county-wide Consolidated Recreation Plan and will involve several agencies. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to authorize submission of the grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored.

HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT: Humane Society Director Sharon Archer presented a proposed contract for accepting all stray and abandoned dogs and cats from the Macon County Animal Control Office. For purposes of discussion Commissioner Bryson made a motion to consider the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and, after discussion, was withdrawn pending the Sheriff and Staff Attorney meeting with Ms. Archer to work out details of the contract. Commissioner Bryson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Simpson to the Humane Society Board if agreeable with Ms. Archer and the Society Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored. Ms. Archer announced the next meeting of the Humane Society Board was August 18th and invited any of the Commissioners to attend.

ROAD ABANDONMENT/SR 1357-BRADLEY ROAD: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson the Board unanimously voted to forward a resolution to NCDOT for abandonment of a portion of State Road 1357, Bradley Road, per attachment #2.

GOLD CREEK LOTS: An offer of \$3,000 from Stanley Shook to purchase Lots 11 and 19, Block A, Gold Creek Road in Nantahala obtained by the County through tax foreclosure was presented. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the offer as a negotiated offer noting it was more than the current tax appraisal and to authorize advertisement as required by General Statutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and passed four to one with Commissioner Bryson opposing.

APPOINTMENTS: Nursing and Rest Home Advisory Committee - Appointments were tabled until the September meeting. Nantahala Recreation Commission - Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd Natalie Grant and Kenneth Cook were reappointed to the Nantahala Recreation Commission. Terms are for two years and will expire July 31, 2006.

ROADSIDE VENDING: Commissioner Bryson stated he had received several calls concerning roadside vendors who do not have to purchase permits, licenses, etc. and had asked the Staff Attorney to look into what steps can be taken to regulate and/or control these vendors. The Attorney stated it would require adoption of an ordinance pursuant to GS § 153A-125. No action was requested at this time and Commissioner Bryson asked that the Commissioners think about what they want to do.

TAX OFFICE: Tax settlement report - The Board acknowledged receipt from Tax Collector Margaret Perry of the tax settlement report for current taxes for fiscal year 2003-04 showing a 97.65% collection rate for 2003 general tax and motor vehicle taxes. No action was necessary. (A copy of the report is on file in the County Manager's Office and the Tax Collector's Office.) Tax releases - Upon motion of Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board approved releases of \$9,876.03 as submitted by the Tax Office. (A computer printout of releases is on file in the County Manager's Office and the Tax Office.) Resolution - Upon motion of Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution requiring tax certification prior to recording deeds in Macon County per attachment #3.

FINANCE: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved: revision #186, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$137,158 Duke Endowment Funding for the mobile dental unit; revision #1, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$2,365 insurance claim reimbursement in the Sheriff's Department; revision #2, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$18,004 fund balance for the Tobacco Wellness Grant; revision #3, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$20,000 Zonta Grant to the Health Department; revision #4, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$77,409 unspent Duke Endowment Funding from FY 2004 for mobile dental unit; revision #5, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$513 remaining fund balance and additional funding for Hi-Top Assist Grant; revision #6, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$1,500 CAP-DA reimbursements; revision #7, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$1,599 Foster Care adoption fees; revision #8, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, correcting DSS-VR budget by \$308; revision #9, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd appropriating \$5,000 for WNC Communities and County Community Development Council; revision #10, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$57,581 unspent concessions in Recreation Department; revision #11, upon motion by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$4,484 drug forfeiture funds; and revision #12, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Bryson, appropriating \$24,820 federal funds in LBJ Water/Sewer Capital Project. (Note: Revisions attached with corresponding numbers.)

NCACC VOTING DELEGATE: Commissioner Shepherd was designated as the voting delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Association's annual meeting to be held in Asheville.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The Board was reminded the September meeting had been changed to Tuesday September 7th due to Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the meeting was adjourned.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board
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Board Chairman