

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 22, 2011 – 5 P.M.
CONTINUED SESSION
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McClellan convened the meeting at 5 p.m. at the Macon Bank Corporate Center as recessed from the March 15th meeting for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with the Macon County Board of Education. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Beale gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTIONS: Following a meal, Chairman McClellan called the meeting back to order at 5:40 p.m. and introduced the members of the commission and other county representatives. Board of Education Chairman Tommy Cabe introduced the members of the school board and other school system representatives.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: The Finance Director presented Budget Amendment #120, which appropriates an increase of \$10,164 in state funding for the Health Department to be spent by April 30. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the amendment was unanimously approved. (See Attachment #1).

JOINT MEETING: Chairman McClellan initiated the discussion between the boards by noting that over the last three years, the county's overall budget had decreased by 15 percent while \$43 million had been invested in new schools and renovations of existing schools, which prompted two tax increases of 1.9 cents and 1.4 cents, with all of the revenue from those increases going toward debt service payments on the \$43 million. Following remarks from Chairman Cabe, School Superintendent Dan Brigman made a presentation, primarily covering budgetary items, and noted that the system's goal was to preserve classrooms and save jobs. Other topics of discussion included proposed state legislation regarding charter schools, use of supplemental funds and school fund balance amounts, with Chairman McClellan advising the school superintendent to plan for an assumed 8 percent cut in state funding. The two boards were also updated on progress at the new Iotla School, planned improvements for Wells Grove Road and Iotla Church Road, as well as the new Siler Road Extension. Chairman McClellan closed the meeting by thanking the school board members for their service.

Chairman McClellan recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman McClellan called the meeting back to order at 7:51 p.m.

The board members discussed an upcoming Regional Planning Organization (RPO) meeting scheduled for March 28 in Sylva, which prompted discussion regarding the proposed comprehensive land use plan for the county, as transportation funding will be

tied directly to an approved land use plan. After further discussion, the board agreed to the following schedule of upcoming meetings/topics:

- A joint meeting with the Town of Franklin and the Town of Highlands at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.
- The presentation of the comprehensive land use plan by the planning board at the April 12 regular meeting.
- A special called meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. for the sole purpose of discussing the land use plan.
- The presentation of the county manager's recommended Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget at the May 10 regular meeting.
- A public hearing on the land use plan on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m.
- A special called meeting on Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. to consider approval of the land use plan.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Brian McClellan
Board Chairman