

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 23, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 6 p.m. as noticed and welcomed everyone present. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Beale announced the Georgia EPD public meeting and hearing on the Rabun County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit would be held on July 7th and the Airport Authority had invited Commissioners to a breakfast on June 27th for an update on airport projects. Chairman Beale stated anyone interested in carpooling for the July 7th hearing should be at the Courthouse at 5:15 p.m.

INVOCATION: Commissioner McClellan gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Shirley Ches stated she had a Macon County Land Use Plan completed by the Macon County Planning Department in March, 1992, that was never approved and she hoped it would not be another seventeen years before something is adopted. Ms. Ches reiterated comments that the county needs to regulate junk yards, littering, etc.

ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the agenda was approved.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: Housing – Housing Director Rick Norton presented the attached progress report on the Macon County Housing Department’s activities. (Attachment #1)

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 09/10 BUDGET ORDINANCE: The County Manager presented the Budget Ordinance for FY 09/10 after which he and Finance Director Evelyn Southard reviewed changes. Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt the FY 09/10 Ordinance with changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and passed four to one with Commissioner Simpson opposing. (Attachment #2)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Health Director Jim Bruckner presented a proposed billing and collections and fee policy for FY 2010. Mr. Bruckner noted changes after which Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. (Attachment #3)

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner Kupperts, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda: **Minutes** - Approved the minutes from the June 8th meeting as submitted. **Budget revisions** – Approved budget revision #198, appropriating \$333,334 state aid grant funds and local match in Airport Capital Projects for the runway extension project; revision #199, appropriating occupancy tax to the various chambers. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

APPOINTMENTS: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Frances Slagle Dewitt to fill the vacancy on the Community Funding Pool previously held by the late Gail Criminger. Term will expire March 31, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session for attorney/client privilege and personnel. The Deputy Clerk and Finance Director were excused during closed session. During closed session the Board met with the County Attorney and then with the County Manager. No action was taken.

Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted to return to regular session.

APPOINTMENTS (continued): Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Charles Leatherman to fill a vacant position on the SCC Board of Trustees with a term to expire June 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kupperts and all favored.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman