

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 8, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 6 p.m. 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: There were no announcements.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Davis gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

FY 09/10 PROPOSED BUDGET: Chairman Beale recessed the meeting to convene the public hearing on the proposed FY 09/10 budget as noticed. **Charlie Cowie** expressed appreciation to the Board for holding the budget and tax rate and stated he wanted to reiterate his suggestion to review changing the method of collecting the commercial landfill fee to a square foot fee rather than a flat fee. Mr. Cowie stated this change would increase county revenue by several thousand dollars. No one else wished to speak and the hearing was adjourned with a note adoption of the budget would be on the June 23rd agenda.

FLOOD ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: Chairman Beale convened the public hearing on modifications to the Flood Ordinance as noticed. PP&D Director Jack Morgan explained the change was to Section F (1), page 21 of the Ordinance. No one wished to speak and the hearing was adjourned. Back in regular session Commissioner McClellan made a motion to adopt the ordinance an amended per **attachment #1**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuppens and all favored.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No one registered to speak during public session.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Beale stated County Manager Horton had an update on a water project to be added as agenda item #10A under new business and the Finance Director added another budget revision to agenda item #11B. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda with the requested additions.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: There were no reports or presentations.

SCC EARLY COLLEGE LEASE: Chairman Beale reported the family of Oscar Ledford was very appreciative for the naming of the early college facility the *Oscar J.*

Ledford Learning Center. The County Attorney and County Manager explained the legal description for lease of the Early College Facility is complete and is a portion of the property used to secure debt for construction of SCC and the Library; therefore, the County is awaiting approval from BB&T who holds the Deed of Trust. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the Board unanimously approved entering into a lease with SCC for the early college facility for a period of thirty years contingent upon approval of BB&T. (A copy of the lease will be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office.)

RIVERBEND WATER PROJECT: County Manager Horton reminded the Board that they had previously authorized a grant application for stimulus money for a water project in the Riverbend/Swiss Colony area. He explained the action included funding up to \$10,000 with the Town of Franklin also providing \$10,000 for engineering services on the project. Mr. Horton advised the County has received an award letter of \$2 million for installation of a water tank and water line for the project. He explained these funds are not part of the stimulus money but state funds that will require no county match. No action was necessary at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Davis the following items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved: **Minutes** – The minutes from the May 26th, May 27th, and May 30th meetings. **Budget revisions** – Revision #192, appropriating \$1,023 controlled substance funds in the Sheriff’s Department and revision #193, appropriating \$166,667 Airport Capital Projects Funds for 2008 Vision 100 Grant for the runway extension project.

BUDGET REVISION – Budget revision #191 was pulled from the consent agenda at the request of Commissioner Simpson and acted on separately. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve budget revision #191 appropriating \$513,019 balance for Highlands School bathrooms, sidewalk, lighting and soccer fields. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClellan and passed four to one with Commissioner Simpson opposing. (Note: budget revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner McClellan made a motion to go into closed session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koppers and all favored. During closed session the County Manager, Deputy Clerk and Finance Director were excused. The Board met with the County Attorney who was excused and then met with the County Manager. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman