

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONTINUED SESSION
APRIL 12, 2013
MINUTES**

Chairman Corbin reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. as recessed from the April 9, 2013 regular meeting. All board members, the County Manager, Finance Director and County Attorney were present. Also present were members of the news media and interested citizens.

Chairman Corbin opened the floor for public comment, and Dan McGaha spoke to the proposed recreation complex that would be under consideration at this meeting. He complimented the board on doing its “homework” as it relates to the use of the property. No one else spoke.

Chairman Corbin explained that the purpose of the meeting was to receive information concerning some unanswered questions regarding the former Parker Meadows golf course property. The County Manager recognized County Planner Matt Mason, who presented a PowerPoint presentation that addressed the following points regarding the proposed Parker Meadows Recreational Complex:

- County staff conducted a site meeting with David Brown of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss wetland delineations and existing water features on the property.
- County staff met with archaeologists to discuss potential historical sites that were present.
- County staff made several site visits to ensure that challenges were addressed in order to achieve compliance with all regulatory agencies.
- That the county planner’s office is required to make sure that all development within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is compliant with Macon County’s Flood Ordinance.
- That the site at Parker Farms is partially located within a SFHA.

- That the preliminary layout for the recreation complex will be in full compliance with the flood ordinance, and that the proposed development can be accomplished without any fill material being placed in the SFHA.
- That ball fields shown as 1, 2 and 8 on the preliminary layout are partially located within the SFHA, but should be able to be constructed as proposed, or Field 8 could be reduced to a smaller size.

Macon County Parks and Recreation Director Seth Adams also addressed the layout of the fields, and then Mr. Mason and Mr. Adams answered questions from the board members. The County Attorney then reviewed the legal aspects of purchasing the property, as well as any potential conflict of interest issues concerning Commissioner Beale and his participation in the debate and/or vote on the matter.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Haven made a motion to decline purchasing the property, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Higdon. After additional comments from all of the board members, Commissioners Haven and Higdon voted in favor of the motion, and Commissioners Beale, Corbin and Tate voted against the motion. The motion failed 2-3. The County Attorney noted that the county would need to prepare for closing on the property. This was followed by a discussion regarding surplus county property.

With no other business, at 7:04 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until April 18, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Macon Bank Corporate Center.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman