

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JULY 21, 2011
MINUTES**

The joint meeting with the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners convened at 6 p.m. at the Cajun Connection restaurant in Franklin. All board members, the County Manager and Deputy Clerk were present. All of the Franklin aldermen, Town Manager Sam Greenwood, Assistant to the Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. were present. Mayor Joe Collins was absent. All of the Highlands commissioners – with the exception of Commissioner John Dotson – Mayor David Wilkes, interim Town Manager Bob Zoellner, Town Clerk Rebecca Shuler and MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler were present. Also present were members of the news media.

Franklin Vice-Mayor Verlin Curtis welcomed everyone and asked Commissioner Beale to give the invocation, followed by individual introductions of those present.

Mayor Wilkes gave an update on activities and projects in Highlands, and introduced Mr. Zoellner as the interim town manager. Chairman McClellan gave an update on a number of county issues, including progress on the Iotla Valley School, the Little Tennessee/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer system, the Riverbend/Swiss Colony water line improvements, the comprehensive plan and draft comprehensive transportation plan, and the grand reopening of the Hudson Library in Highlands. Commissioner Beale, having just returned from the National Association of Counties conference, noted that from a nationwide perspective, meetings like this one were rare and that the three local boards should be proud of the level of commitment. Franklin Town Manager Sam Greenwood gave an update on activities and projects in Franklin. Vice-Mayor Curtis asked the county and Highlands to join Franklin in opposing the proposed Duke Energy rate increase.

Following additional comments from members of each unit, and with no action taken, Vice-Mayor Curtis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Brian McClellan
Board Chairman