

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – 6 P.M.
CONTINUED SESSION
MINUTES

Chairman Corbin convened the continued session at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the third floor of the courthouse as recessed from the September 11th meeting. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney and members of the news media were present.

Chairman Corbin asked if there were any items that needed to be added to the agenda. The County Manager requested the addition of a resolution that would add Westside Duck Mountain Road to the state-maintained road system, and Commissioner Beale requested to add an item regarding the school system.

Chairman Corbin asked if there were any announcements. Commissioner Beale said the presentations of the Macon County Medallion of Honor to Nathan B. "Nat" Henry and Dr. Thomas McNish would be held at 2 p.m. on September 26, 2012 at the gazebo in downtown Franklin, and that the dedication of the bridge in honor of Mr. Henry would be held at 2 p.m. on October 12, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial Park. Commissioner Koppers, who broke his arm in an accident at the football stadium at Pisgah High School the prior week, expressed his appreciation to the Macon County Emergency Medical Technicians who aided him. Commissioner Corbin read a card from the organizers of the Franklin Folk Festival who expressed their appreciation of the board's support for the event.

WESTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD: The County Manager explained that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) had been petitioned by property owners along Westside Duck Mountain Road to add 0.25 miles of the roadway to the state-maintained road system, and that state law requires any roadway added to the system be supported by the respective board of commissioners in the form of a resolution. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution regarding the road as presented by the County Manager (**Attachment 1**), a copy of which is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

SOUTH MACON ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND: Commissioner Beale said that the South Macon Elementary School PTO is working to provide "playground certified" mulch for the school playground, and has a quote

of \$2,370 for the material. Following discussion, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the board voted unanimously to split the cost with the PTO, with the county's share of \$1,185 to come from contingency.

AMBULANCE BIDS: Emergency Services Director David Key explained that five bids for two new ambulances were opened on September 20th, with the low bidder being Custom Truck & Body Works at \$200,966, and he recommended that the county accept the bid. Following discussion, and upon a motion by Commissioner Tate, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to accept the low bid as presented. A copy of the bid tabulation (Attachment 2) is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes. Mr. Key told the board that he estimated delivery of the vehicles in approximately 90 days.

CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 12 ON THE LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER/CARTOOGECHAYE CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT: The County Manager explained that the change order represents the final quantity adjustments on the sewer line, adding \$3,597.63 to the cost and 27 days to the original contract time, and recommended approval of it. He noted that the only remaining portion of the project to be completed is the reuse or "purple pipe" system. Upon a motion by Commissioner Haven, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the board voted unanimously to approve the change order as presented. A copy of the change order and the accompanying summary (Attachment 3) is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #35: Upon a motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #35 (Attachment 4), for the Little Tennessee River/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer Project and move \$3,598 from contingency for Change Order Number 13. A copy of the budget amendment is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

BB&T RESOLUTIONS: The County Attorney explained the need for the board to consider a revised version of a resolution passed by the commissioners on September 11th regarding the financing of computer equipment for the school system. The new version clarifies that, under state law, the county will purchase the computers and allow the schools to use them, as the county and not the school board is responsible for the loan. The County Manager noted this gives the county more control over the purchases and allows the computers to be bought as they can be worked into the system. Chairman Corbin summarized the need to pass the resolution again, noting that it modifies the language but does

not change the material aspects of the loan such as the amount, interest rate, term, etc. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Kuppers, the board voted 4-1, with Commissioner Haven opposing, to adopt a “Resolution Approving Financing Documents from Branch Banking and Trust Company with Changes and Authorizing the Chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and Officers and Employees of Macon County to Fill In, Complete and Execute Such Financing Documents on Behalf of Macon County (Attachment 5), a copy of which is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The board then considered two other resolutions that would approve the terms of refinancing two existing loans with BB&T. The first, which involves the original loan of \$5-million for the Macon County Library/Southwestern Community College Campus, would reduce the interest rate from 3.48 percent to 2.19 percent on the current principal balance of \$2,666,667. The term would remain at 15 years, with final payment due in July of 2020, but would save the county approximately \$140,849 over the life of the loan. The second, which involves the original loan of \$2.6-million for the Sanders/Owens property purchased for the intermediate school, would reduce the interest rate from 3.69 percent to 2.49 percent on the current principal balance of \$1,820,000. The term would also remain at 15 years, with final payment due in December of 2022, but would save the county approximately \$109,612 over the life of the loan. The board members expressed their thanks to the Finance Director for her efforts in saving the county approximately \$250,000 over the next 10 years. Upon a motion by Commissioner Kuppers, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve resolutions approving terms of refinancing Contract 9933002354-00001 and Contract 9933002354-00002 (Attachments 6 and 7), copies of which are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes. By consensus, the board also instructed the Finance Director to look at refinancing larger, existing county loans or to consider going to the bond market. She noted that those transactions would be much more complex and would take several months to accomplish.

CLOSED SESSION: At the recommendation of the County Manager, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with the attorney under G.S. 143-318-11(a)(3). At 7:22 p.m., and upon a motion by Commissioner Tate, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to come out of closed session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN: Upon a motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman