

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 10, 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. immediately following the public hearing on the proposed Subdivision Control Ordinance as noticed. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Commissioner Shepherd gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to add a recommendation from the Recreation Commission to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored.

PUBLIC SESSION: Martin Flores presented to the Board information on a problem he was having with getting a final inspection and certificate of occupancy on his house. Chairman Bryson agreed to check on the matter.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the minutes from the June 1st public hearing and June 5th meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE: Shelley Lackey gave an update on regional mental health services and stated Macon County had been awarded a pilot treatment site for "meth", that there are new service codes and new endorsed providers which equates to better service. No action was necessary.

J&B DISPOSAL FEES: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve a request from J&B Disposal allowing them to modify and pass on to commercial customers the landfill fee increase effective July 1, 2006, per the schedule adopted with the FY 06/07 budget per the attached schedule. (Attachment #1) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Emergency Operations Plan - Warren Cabe, Emergency Management Director, requested addition of Section N-2, "Special Needs Operations" to the County Emergency Operations Plan to address evaluation and sheltering of special needs patients and adoption of the National Incident Management Implementation Plan for Emergency Operation Plan which keeps the County current with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 and other Federal and State requirements for emergency management. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve both requests as presented, seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, all favored. (Plans are on file at the Emergency Management Office.)

Cowee/Mountain Valley Fire Districts - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously approved a request to alter the boundary lines for Cowee and Mountain Valley Fire Departments as recommended by the Fire Commission to cover Wildflower Development at the north end of the county. (Attachment #2)

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE: Fred Jones, Chairman and Bob Wright Vice-Chairman of the Macon County Watershed Council presented an amended Macon County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance explaining the Watershed Council had incorporated into the ordinance some stricter provisions for the protection of public safety, property and tax dollars. The proposed amendments were presented for information only at this time and it was noted prior to adoption a public hearing would be necessary. (A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the County Planner's Office.)

APPOINTMENTS: Farmland Preservation - Commissioner Davis made a motion to waive term limits and reappoint Charles "Butch" Deal and Stan Penland to the Farmland Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Terms will expire March 31, 2009.

Health Board - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Angie Stahl to the Health Board representing pharmacists and to appoint Paul Higdon representing the general public to replace Terri Swany who was ineligible for reappointment because she has served the maximum number of terms allowed by general statute. Terms will expire June 30, 2009.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the recommendation to reappoint Lindsey Gallira, Julita Jackson, Crystal Altman and Ashley Cunningham to the JCPC and to appoint Rita Easterwood to replace Linda Tyler (due to position changes at the Health Department) and that the expired position of Sandra Conaty not be filled at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored. Terms will expire June 30, 2009.

STATE PAY PLAN: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to adopt the FY 06/07 State Pay Plan which covers employees of the Departments of Health and Social Services and to authorize submission to the Office of State Personnel as required by law. (A copy of the pay plan is on file in the Human Resource Office.)

VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX: Commissioner Davis made a motion the Board adopt a resolution opposing HB1827 which would reduce local motor vehicle property tax revenues to counties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored. It was noted Macon County would lose approximately \$277,159 if passed.

BUDGET REVISIONS: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved
revision #146, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$6,100 canteen proceeds in the Sheriff's Department;
revision #147, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$3,490 Adult Day Care increase;
revision #148, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$2,150 SHSGP Grant;
revision #149, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, transferring \$20,000 from Contingency to Professional Fees in the SCC/Library Construction Project;
revision #150, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, budgeting Ivan disaster expenditures to be reimbursed by FEMA;
revision #151, upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, approving revisions for various departments for close out at year end;
revision #152, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, appropriating \$8,000 sales tax refund on Highlands Gym project;
revision #153, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$21,430 AVA Funds for voting booths,
revision #154. upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$166,667 for Airport Construction fund; Project ordinance - upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, adopted a Capital Project Ordinance for Airport Project #36237.1.8.1 in the amount of \$166,667 per attachment #3;
revision #155, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$166,667 for Airport Construction fund; Project ordinance - upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, adopted a Capital Project Ordinance for Airport Project #36237.1.6.1 per attachment #4;
revision #156; upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$75,000 Urgent Repair Housing grant; Project ordinance - upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, adopted a Grant Project Ordinance for Urgent Repair per attachment #5;
revision #157, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by

Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$94,233 Weatherization Assistance funds; Project ordinance - upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, adopted a Grant Project Ordinance for NC Weatherization Assistance Program per attachment #6; revision #158, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$75,000 CDBG supplemental funds; Project ordinance - upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, adopted a Grant Project Ordinance for Housing CDBG supplemental funding per attachment #7; revision #2, upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Davis, rolling over \$34,000 Transit funds from FY 05/06 for vehicle purchase; and revision #3, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$48,000 funding for Healthy Carolinians. (Note - revisions with corresponding numbers attached.)

RECREATION FACILITIES/REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS: Commissioner Simpson, liaison to the Recreation Commission, presented a request on behalf of the Recreation Commission asking that registered sex offenders be banned from county recreational property/facilities. He explained this request was the result of a recent encounter at the Park. After discussion Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the recommendation and authorize the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance banning convicted sex offenders from county recreational facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd the meeting was adjourned.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Daniel A. Bryson
Board Chairman

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