

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 1, 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, Staff Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Commissioner Shepherd gave the invocation.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENT: The Board unanimously voted to add the following two items to the agenda: upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman an issue concerning illegal immigrants and upon motion Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd disposition of property.

PUBLIC SESSION: Peggy Patterson stated she had been a realtor for thirty-four years and there has always been a problem with getting septic inspections but it is worse now than ever. Ms. Patterson stated on March 21st she had been told it would be eight weeks before she could get an inspection on a piece of property she has a pending contract on and the past Friday she had been told it would be eight more weeks. She stated these time limits are unacceptable and requested the Board to please do something about the problem.

Narrell Kirkland stated more people are coming into Macon County and requested the Board to keep county lands beautiful and not let over development happen.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2006, meeting as submitted with the correction of "solid" on page 1.

SOLID WASTE: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting and endorsing the Solid Waste Management Plan 2006 for Macon County per attachment #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored.

LEGAL: Release deed - A request for release of property from a note and deed of trust between Lawrence M. Patton, Jr. and Linda T. Queen, Franklin Lee and Roger Van Loan and Robert Lloyd and Beverly Morgan for renovations funded through the Community Development Block Grant in October, 2003 was presented for consideration. It was noted sufficient property and improvements remain (2.26 acres and a house) to secure the amount owed (approximately \$20,000.) Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the release subject to the County Attorney's approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. (Attachment #2) Bethel Church Road Property - An offer of \$50,000 from Greg and Priscilla Young for purchase of approximately 3.76 acres at 388 Bethel Church Road was presented. The County Manager advised a professional appraisal was done on the property in March, 2006 and places a value of \$82,000 on the property. Commissioner Davis made a motion to establish the appraised value (\$82,000) as a minimum offer on the property; therefore not accepting the offer from the Youngs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored. Disposal of property (baler) - Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adopt a resolution of intent to accept a proposal to purchase the Solid Waste baler system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored. (Attachment #3) Incubator Facility lease agreement - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis the Board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution of intent to lease certain real property (Incubator Facility) with final authorization to be at the June, 2006 meeting. (Attachment #4)

PERSONNEL POLICY: A recommendation from the County Personnel Committee, that in order to comply with the Federal Family Medical Leave act, Article VII, Section 25 of the County Personnel Policy be amended to read: "An employee

on leave without pay, having exhausted accumulated sick and annual leave will not accrue leave benefits, nor will they be entitled to holidays. That employee will however, be eligible for cost of living adjustments and merit increments, and be eligible to continue to receive the benefits under the County's group insurance policies by paying the employee and employer portions."

Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to amend the County Policy as recommended.

HOME COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT BUDGET: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the Home Community Care Block Grant budgets for Department on Aging and Transit as submitted contingent upon approval of the County FY 06/07 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and all favored. (Attachment #5)

TAX DEPARTMENT: Releases - Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to approve tax releases in the amount of \$915.49 as submitted. (A printout of releases is on file in the Tax Office and County Manager's Office.) Refunds - Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to accept the recommendation to deny a refund request from Countrywide Tax Services in the amount of \$337.96 because the refund does not meet the criteria for refund under NCGS §105-381. Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation to approve a release of \$364.49 for Phillip Reed. Public hearing on 2007 Schedule of Values - Tax Supervisor Richard Lightner presented the Schedule of Values for the 2007 revaluation. Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman the Board unanimously voted to hold a public hearing on the Schedule of Values on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 6 p.m.

BUDGET REVISIONS: The following budget revisions were unanimously approved: revision #118, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Leatherman, appropriating \$10,000 NCDENR Wastewater reimbursement; revision #119, upon motion by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Davis, appropriating \$36,465 for additional sanitarian in Health Department; revision #120, upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, appropriating \$1,220 sign ordinance fees; and revision #121 appropriating \$300 VR reimbursement for DSS. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers are attached.)

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: Commissioner Davis stated he wanted to bring up an issue discussed at a recent Board of Health meeting dealing with illegal immigrants. Commissioner Davis explained he has no problem with legal immigrants but was concerned about the burden illegal immigrants place on local governments. After a brief discussion Commissioner Davis made a motion to instruct the County Manager and County Attorney to draft a letter to the County's legislative delegation encouraging them to do what they can to control illegal immigration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leatherman and all favored. It was suggested the letter also be sent to all other 99 North Carolina counties and all State and Federal representatives.

RECESS: The meeting was recessed until 6 p.m. on May 22, 2006.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Daniel A. Bryson
Board Chairman

