

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 22, 2007
PUBLIC HEARING/CONTINUATION MEETING
MINUTES

Chairman Leatherman convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members with the exception of Commissioner McClellan who arrived late, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, County Attorney, County Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Chairman Leatherman welcomed everyone present and convened the public hearing to receive comments on the County's intent to finance \$2,000,000 in Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) for East Franklin renovations as noticed. The floor was opened for comments and no one wished to speak. Chairman Leatherman adjourned the hearing and convened the meeting in regular session.

FINANCING QZAB BONDS: Finance Director Evelyn Southard reported only one proposal had been received to issue the \$2,000,000 QZAB bonds and that was from Bank of America. Ms. Southard stated receipt of only one proposal was acceptable with LGC and the matter is on their November agenda. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the proposal per attachment #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously. (Note: Commissioner McClellan was not present for the vote.)

VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT: Chairman Leatherman reported the contract on the Veteran's Memorial Project needed to be modified to allow the County's maintenance crew to become the lead agency on the project. He added he had met with Counsel, the Veteran's representatives and the Manager and this needs to be done until the Veteran's group can complete and receive 501C(3) status. Chairman Leatherman stated this will also allow volunteers to sign a form that will allow them to be covered under the County's liability insurance. (NOTE: Commissioner McClellan arrived during this discussion.) Commissioner Beale made a motion to authorize the preparation of documents or any necessary paperwork for the County to be the lead agency for the project including volunteers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored.

REQUEST FROM TOWN OF FRANKLIN: Town Administrator Mike Decker, Mayor Joe Collins, Aldermen Verlin Curtis and Billy Mashburn and Engineer Jeff Bishop were present to discuss a request from the Town of Franklin for approximately fourteen acres of county property on Sierra Drive near the Town's wastewater treatment plant for expansion of their treatment facilities. Mr. Bishop explained the proposed upgrades, addressed current issues including overflows on the Greenway, modification of the County's landfill permit and other pertinent issues of the expansion. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously voted to commit to offering to the Town of Franklin acreage for adequate space to serve for improvements of their treatment expansion/improvements at no charge.

CLEAN WATER GRANT: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting \$3,000,000 NC Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Funds from the North Carolina Environmental Management Commissioner for the construction of the Little Tennessee/Cartoogechaye Creek Sewer Project and to authorize the County Manager to execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and all favored. (Attachment #2)

BUCK CREEK PARK: The County Manager reported that Mattie Crawford had recently contacted the County advising she wished to sell rather than trade the 1.78 acres adjoining Buck Creek Park and was willing to sell for the tax value of \$167,040. Commissioner Davis made a motion to authorize purchase of the property at the tax value and authorize execution of necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and after discussion, Commissioner Davis, with the agreement of Commissioner Simpson, amended the motion to include purchase was subject to a valid survey, subject to a general

warranty deed, no utilities are necessary, the property will be used for governmental or recreational use and the transaction will be a straight purchase with \$50,000 earnest money and the balance due at closing. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner McClellan the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session for personnel. The Deputy Clerk, Finance Director and County Attorney were excused. During closed session the above referenced was discussed with no action being taken. Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board returned to regular session.

RECESS: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the meeting was recessed until 4 p.m. on November 2, 2007.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman

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