

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 8, 2010 – 6 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Beale stated with the recent election there would be some changes on the board, stated there could be possible meeting cancellations and/or called meetings and reminded everyone of the reception for the new SCC president scheduled for 4 p.m. November 10th at SCC.

INVOCATION: Commissioner McClellan gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING/GRANT APPLICATION/CDGB: Chairman Beale convened the second public hearing as required and noticed for the purpose of providing information to the public on the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program and Macon County's intent to apply for a CDBG 2010 Scattered Site Rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$400,000. Housing Director John Faye was present to explain the application and answer questions. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. **Grant Application** – Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Housing Department to pursue a CDBG 2010 Scattered Site Rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$400,000 and to authorize the County Manager and Chairman to execute the necessary documents.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Chairman Beale informed interested individuals that the Bob Zahner Wilderness issue was not on the agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the agenda was approved with the following changes: an update and request by the Veterans Memorial Committee was added as item #8A, an update on the legislative goals by Chairman Beale was added as item #8B and discussion on Holly Springs Community Building was added as item #10D.

VETERANS MEMORIAL: Neal Reindeau stated Veterans' Day ceremonies were planned for November 11th with a parade up Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. with a ceremony to follow at the Gazebo. He added the program will then move to the new Veterans Memorial Park for the unveiling of the center piece around noon. Mr. Reindau explained the memorial wall has been redesigned and the group is very proud of the project. He added that there is one more planned phase to complete the project and Ken Carpenter presented information on that phase. Mr. Carpenter expressed appreciation to the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director and the citizens for their support

and encouragement of the Veteran's Memorial project. He stated the cost of the center piece depleted the group's funds and that the final phase will be six round cemented circles representative of the six branches of the service at a cost of \$4,500 each for a total cost of \$27,000. He requested a 50/50 match of the \$27,000 or an allocation of \$13,500 if possible. Upon motion by Commissioner Kupperts, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to appropriate the \$13,500 as requested. The Board commended the group for their dedication on the project and for the services of all veterans.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: Chairman Beale stated the proposed legislative goals had been completed and submitted to the General Assembly adding that the goals were realistic considering the current budget situation. He informed the Board another meeting is schedule for January 21st in Raleigh.

IOTLA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the Board unanimously voted to ratify and record the final documents related to financing of the Iotla Valley Elementary School construction project. (Attachment #1)

SOLID WASTE: Scales - Solid Waste Director Chris Stahl requested the Fairbanks truck scale with Mettler/Toledo Digital display that has been removed from service at the landfill be declared surplus and authorized for sale. Mr. Stahl explained he has been contacted by four different parties about these scales and anticipates taking sealed bid offers for the scales. Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, the Board unanimously voted to declare the scales as surplus and authorize for disposal within full compliance of the law as it stands. **50 yard roll-off containers** – Mr. Stahl reported there are ten to fifteen fifty yard roll-off containers that have been retired from service due to excessive wear. He added that the Solid Waste Department attempts to rehabilitate the containers when possible but the cost to repair these containers would be prohibitive. He explained that notification had been received that someone is interested in purchasing the cans and, if an offer is made, he would like to accept it as a negotiated offer. Should an acceptable offer not be received his recommendation would be to cut the containers into pieces and sell them for scrap steel. Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan the containers were declared surplus and authorized disposal by upset bid if a bid is received and if no offers are received then give Mr. Stahl the discretion to sell as scrap metal.

HIGHLANDS RECREATION AGREEMENT: The County Manager presented the interlocal agreement with the Town of Highlands for funding of recreation programs and facilities explaining this year's allocation is reduced from \$500,000 to \$495,000 which reflects the one percent overall expenditure cut by the County. He added that the Highlands Town Board has approved the agreement. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agreement per attachment #2.

FLATS TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY/SCALY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY BUILDING: The County Manager explained the Board approved an appropriation for assistance in renovation expense for the Scaly Mountain Community Center adding that the facility is used as a voting precinct and offers recreational activities for area residents. He added the appropriation was made subject to review and approval of the County Attorney and after review of the non-profit status the Attorney recommends the county enter into an agreement with the Flats Township Historical Society specifying the facility will be used for public purposes including recreation. Upon motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to enter into a contract with the Flats Township Historical Society per **attachment #3** and to authorize release of funds upon execution of the agreement.

HOLLY SPRINGS COMMUNITY BUILDING: Commissioner Simpson explained representatives of the Holly Springs Community had met with state representatives from the historical and preservation societies and now have a list of what can and/or cannot be done to maintain the historical preservation of the community building. The County Manager and county maintenance staff will meet with Holly Springs representatives to continue the project.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the Board unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda: **Minutes** – Approved the minutes of the October 11th and 26th meetings. **Finance – Budget Revisions:** Approved revision #48, appropriating \$263,939 for Weatherization Stimulus Grant; revision #49, appropriating \$1,060 additional TANF Domestic Violence Funds and revision #50 appropriating \$13,273,250 for construction of Iotla Valley Elementary School. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.) **Capital Project Ordinance:** Approved the Iotla Valley Elementary School Capital Project per **attachment #4**. **Surplus vehicles** – Declared the attached list of vehicles as surplus and authorized for proper disposal. **Attachment #5**

APPOINTMENTS: Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Helen Burnett to the Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Term will expire August 31, 2013. **Community Funding Pool** – Commissioner Koppers made a motion to accept Terry Stenger’s resignation from the Community Funding Pool and to accept the recommendation that Anne Hyder be appointed to fill the vacancy with a term to expire March 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and all favored.

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

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman