

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 11, 2011 – 6 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Prior to the regular meeting Kevin Corbin took the oath of office replacing Commissioner Jim Davis who resigned upon his election to the North Carolina Senate. Mr. Davis was presented with a plaque and a gift of appreciation. A reception honoring Mr. Davis and new board members Haven and Corbin followed.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman McClellan convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. He also welcomed Commissioner Corbin to the Board. All Board Members, County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Officer, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Beale announced the Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Cowee School on the Needmore Road project.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman McClellan announced former Commissioner Bruce Bryant had recently passed away and requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Bryant, and Senator Gabrielle Gifford and the other victims of the recent shooting in Arizona. Commissioner Beale gave the invocation.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION:** Macon County Native, Major John A. VanHook, Commanding Officer, A Company, 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, presented the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Robert Holland and the residents of Macon County with American flags and Certificates of Authenticity verifying that the flags were flown above the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Compound in Kandahar, Afghanistan while the command was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The Board expressed appreciation to Major VanHook and all the troops for their dedication and service.

**ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Upon motion by Commissioner Kuppers the agenda was unanimously approved with the following additions: proclamation of Heart Health Month was added as Item 8A, homeless shelters as Item 10A (1) and a legislative goals update as Item 10C.

**HEART HEALTH MONTH:** Chairman McClellan read a proclamation proclaiming February, 2011 as Heart Health Month in Macon County and urging all citizens to reduce heart disease risks as outlined in the proclamation.

**NANTAHALA BUILDING (CORBIN) LEASE:** The County Attorney presented a resolution and lease agreement with Commissioner Corbin for lease of office on the

second floor of the Courthouse Plaza Building, 93 Church Street, Franklin, North Carolina. Commissioner Beale made a motion to approve a specific resolution approving the entry of a commercial lease agreement between Macon County and Commissioner H. Kevin Corbin pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Statute §14-234 per **attachment #1**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kupperts and passed unanimously with Commissioner Corbin abstaining.

**HOMELESS SHELTER:** Commissioner Haven stated he would like for the Board to address the needs of the homeless in the County. He added he has people coming to his motels, especially with the recent cold weather, looking for shelter, and there are no resources. DSS Director Jane Kimsey stated the help line is available for those in need during working hours but the funding is very limited. It was noted Cathy McGaha with Healthy Carolinians and a group have been addressing the needs of the homeless and it was suggested Commissioner Haven contact Ms. McGaha.

**EMS BILLING:** Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe gave a brief history on the county's ambulance transport billing and reported proposals were requested and received for the service. Mr. Cabe advised that eleven proposals were received and his recommendation was that the County contract with National Reimbursement Group (NRG) to provide the service. Upon motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and approved awarding the contact to National Reimbursement Group.

**CORRIDOR K RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT:** Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the Board unanimously voted to approve a resolution of support for the completion of Corridor K from Stecoah to Robbinsville and from Robbinsville to Andrews per **attachment #2**.

**LEGISLATIVE GOALS:** Commissioner Beale presented information on the following top five legislative goals as determined by the NCACC Board of Directors: adequate mental health funding, opposition of shift of state transportation to counties, reinstatement of ADM and lottery funds for school construction, preservation of the existing local revenue base and authorization of local revenue options. Chairman Beale stated the Legislative Goals Conference is January 20<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh which he, the Manager and some other Board Members plan to attend.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the Board unanimously approved the following items on the consent agenda: **Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Audit Contract** – Approved the audit contract for FY 2010/11 with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's, P.A. per **attachment #3**. **Budget revisions** - Approved the following budget revisions: revision #68, budgeting \$8,000 additional Family Planning money; revision #69, budgeting \$5,622 additional Family Planning money; revision #70, budgeting \$6,881 additional DSS Crisis Funds; revision #71, budgeting \$100 additional Foster Care Christmas donation; revision #72, budgeting \$12,450 funds to cover invoice from NCSBI for CHP; and revision #73, awarding \$2,034 additional immunization

funds. (Note: revisions with corresponding numbers attached.) **Tax releases** – Approved tax releases in the amount of \$59.16. (Note: A print-out of releases is on file in the Tax Office and County Manager’s Office.) **Tax refund** – Approved a tax refund in the amount of \$56.16 to H. Kent Busing, Account #74584, due to a clerical error. **Housing** – Authorized the Housing Department to pursue a Single Family Rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$200,000 and authorized the County Manager and Chairman to execute the necessary documents. **Biannual Subdivision Ordinance Review** – Pursuant to Section 159.75 (2) of the Macon County Subdivision Ordinance instructed the Subdivision Administrator and Planning Board to begin the biannual review of the Subdivision Ordinance.

**APPOINTMENTS: Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee** – Appointment was delayed. **Economic Development Commission** – Upon motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Mark West, Roger Plemons and Gary Drake (representing the Town of Highlands to the EDC. Also included in the motion was appointment of Brian Stiehler. All terms will expire January 31, 2014. Appointments to fill the positions representing the Highlands and Franklin Chambers were delayed pending recommendations. **Watershed Review Board** – Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Jim Waldroop and Robert E. Smith, Jr. as at-large members on the Watershed Review Board contingent upon Mr. Smith agreeing to serve. Both terms will expire January 1, 2014. **Community Meetings** - Commissioner Koppers distributed a list of community meeting assignments and asked that staff send a letter to each club with the schedule.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. During closed session Economic Developer Trevor Dalton updated the Board on possible location of an industry to the County. No action was necessary and upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the Board unanimously voted to return to regular session.

**MEETING DATES:** After some discussion, the following meeting dates were established contingent upon the schedule of other boards: School facilities committee on February 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Shoney’s; Joint meeting of Planning Board and BOC at 4:00 p.m. on February 10 at Macon Bank Corporate Center and joint School Board/BOC meeting at Macon Bank Conference room at 5:30 p.m. on February 22.

**RECESS:** Upon a motion by Beale and a seconded by Koppers, the Board recessed the meeting until Saturday, January 29, at 9:00 am, at the conference room of the Cecil Groves Building, Siler Road, Franklin, NC, for the purpose of a mid year budget report and a planning session.

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Jack Horton, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Brian McClellan  
Board Chairman