

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

August 17, 2005

A meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on August 17, 2005 at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Lamar Sprinkle, Alan Marsh, Jimmy Goodman, Eric Pierson, Mike Decker, County Building Inspector Jack Morgan, County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, Ben Brown of Macon Tomorrow. Mr. Lewis of the Franklin Press and a couple from the general public was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Allen Marsh made the motion to adopt the July 6th minutes. Mike Decker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ronnie Beale reminded the board of the HILU Public Hearing on August 29th and the need to be prepared to answer questions and/or refer to appropriate individuals with answers. It was also decided that Gregory Hunt, Planning Assistant would do reminder phone calls to all board members on the 29th.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No one chose to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ronnie Beale introduced Carla Norwood and Gabe Cumming, Graduate students at UNC who developed the presentation, "The Little Tennessee Perspective – Macon Voices". The floor was then turned over to Carla and Gabe for their presentation at 3:15 PM.

Open discussion took place after the presentation. Jack Morgan expressed the need for someone to either have the answers or find the answers to the continuing growth of Macon County and to be able to handle the growth while still enjoying what we currently have. Mike Decker remarked that he would love to have had this data and presentation years ago to prepare for the growth of Macon County. All present agreed that there needs to be an open discussion on all the issues of growth and land management in order to work through these issues.

Eric Pierson notified the board that he would not be present at the September 21st meeting.

Ronnie Beale expressed the need to have a strong agenda and items to discuss at the next board meeting on September 21st.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Stacy J. Guffey, Clerk/Secretary

Ronnie Beale, Chairman