

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2012  
MINUTES**

Chairman Corbin convened the joint meeting with the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners at 6 p.m. at Fat Buddies Restaurant in Franklin. All board members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director and County Attorney were present. All of the Franklin aldermen – with the exception of Aldermen Billy Mashburn and Sissy Pattillo – Mayor Joe Collins and Town Manager Sam Greenwood were present. All of the Highlands commissioners and Town Manager Bob Frye were present. Also present were members of the news media and interested citizens.

Highlands Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Drake explained that Mayor David Wilkes was out of town and could not attend. He introduced the new town commissioners, Eric Pierson and Brian Stiehler, and the new town manager, Bob Frye. Mr. Drake provided an update on some ongoing projects in Highlands, including adoption of a new Unified Development Ordinance.

Franklin Mayor Joe Collins said the town's recent focus had centered around three issues, the spraying of the Indian Mound, the relocation of the ABC Store and an upcoming biker rally to be held downtown. He noted the hiring of a new police chief, David Adams, and a new planner, Derek Roland.

Commissioner Beale gave the invocation and the meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m. for the meal. Chairman Corbin called the meeting back to order at 6:53 p.m. Commissioner Beale provided an update on issues related to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), followed by Chairman Corbin's recap of recent county events and projects.

Following a number of comments on various topics from other board members and the County Manager, and upon a motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

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Jack Horton, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Kevin Corbin  
Board Chairman