

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 21, 2011 – 8 A.M.
CONTINUED SESSION
MINUTES

Chairman McClellan convened the continued session at 8:08 a.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the third floor of the courthouse as recessed from the June 14th meeting. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Chairman McClellan announced that the board would go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and to preserve the attorney/client privilege.

Before the closed session, Commissioner Beale announced that Judy Lau with the Macon County Sheriff's Department had just been named the Juvenile Officer of the Year in North Carolina, and suggested that the board should formally recognize her for the accomplishment at an upcoming meeting.

Also, Chairman McClellan said that Allan Bryson, who serves on the Highlands ETJ Board, desired to resign from the board, adding that John Crowe was willing to serve the remainder of Mr. Bryson's term. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted 5-0 to accept the chair's recommendation and appointed Mr. Crowe to fill Mr. Bryson's vacancy on the Highlands ETJ Board and to serve the remainder of his four-year term, which expires June 30, 2012.

Also, Commissioner Kupperts reported that while the county planning board was working on recommended steep slope regulations, the presentation of those regulations at the August regular meeting was not achievable. Commissioner Kupperts requested that the commission give the planning board until the September regular meeting to have that recommendation ready, and the board agreed to this by consensus.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, at 8:14 a.m. the board voted unanimously to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and to preserve the attorney/client privilege.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, at 9:14 a.m. the board voted unanimously to reconvene in open session.

Chairman McClellan explained that he would entertain a motion regarding an agreement between the county and United Community

Bank for the county to purchase the property located at the corner of Palmer Street and Patton Avenue at a cost of \$300,000, to authorize the County Manager to sign the offer to purchase, and to appropriate \$320,000 from the general fund fund balance to cover the cost of the property and related expenses. The County Attorney then explained that with regard to a second document, entitled property acceptance and indemnification agreement, he would recommend that the board approve it but withhold having the County Manager sign it, pending inspections and other due diligence matters. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the two agreements as presented (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the board voted unanimously to approve a recommendation from the County Attorney to revise the wording on Page 2 of the Macon County Public Health Center Billing and Collection Policies and Fee Schedules for FY 11-12, as approved at the board's June 14, 2011 meeting. The change restores the original language under the subtitle "Rationale" and will read "Fees **shall** (not may) be based on a plan recommended by the Health Director."

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kupperts, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve a recommendation by the Finance Director to amend the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 as approved at the June 14, 2011 meeting, as the amended budget ordinance takes the funds for the 3 percent cost-of-living increase given to the county's employees and spreads those amounts from one budget line item into each departmental budget, as appropriate.

Chairman McClellan asked the members of the media to contact the County Manager regarding any details they might need as to the purchase of the property. The County Manager noted that the purchase is beneficial to the county in that it adjoins existing county-owned property, can be used as office space instead of the county continuing to lease such space, is convenient to the courthouse and is a wise investment. The closing on the property is scheduled for July 12, 2011.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Kupperts, the board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until July 5, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Brian McClellan
Board Chairman