

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JULY 26, 2012
MINUTES**

Franklin Mayor Joe Collins convened the joint meeting with the Macon County Board of Commissioners, the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners at 7:38 p.m. at the Franklin Town Hall Boardroom in Franklin. All board members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, and Finance Director were present. All of the Franklin aldermen – with the exception of Alderman Bob Scott – Mayor Joe Collins and Town Manager Sam Greenwood were present. All of the Highlands commissioners – with the exception of John Dotson and Brian Stiehler – Mayor David Wilkes and Town Manager Bob Frye were present. Also present were members of the news media.

Mayor Collins introduced Franklin Fire Chief Warren Cabe, who addressed a number of fire protection issues in the county, focusing on the shift from volunteer to paid departments as well as the possible consolidation or merger of some of the volunteer fire departments in the years to come. Insurance rating and training issues were also discussed. Commissioner Tate raised the issue of the possible need for a county fire administrator.

Commissioner Beale informed the group that the formal dedication of the Nat Henry Bridge was set for October.

The next joint meeting will be held in Highlands in the fall.

With no other items, Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman