

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 1, 2008  
MINUTES

Chairman Leatherman convened the meeting at 6 p.m. as noticed. All Board Members, Commissioner-elect Bobby Kuppers, County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Commissioner Beale gave the invocation.

Chairman Leatherman congratulated County Manager Jack Horton for his recent recommendation as a member of the State Community College Board of Trustees.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner McClellan the minutes from the November 10th meeting were unanimously approved as submitted. Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the November 17th meeting as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business. The County Manager announced approval of the county's bonds would be on the agenda for the regular meeting.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS: Judge James U. Downs swore in new board member Bobby Kuppers and Commissioner Davis for four year terms.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN: County Manager Jack Horton opened the floor for nominations for chairman for the coming year. Commissioner Kuppers nominated Commissioner Beale. There were no other nominations and upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, Commissioner Beale was elected by acclamation. The gavel was passed to Chairman Beale and he opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. Commissioner Simpson made a motion that Commissioner McClellan be elected vice-chairman. The motion died for lack of a second and Commissioner McClellan nominated Commissioner Davis. Chairman Beale seconded the motion and Commissioner Davis was elected four to one with Commissioner Simpson opposing.

RECOGNITION OF FORMER CHAIRMAN LEATHERMAN: Each Board Member was given an opportunity to comment on Mr. Leatherman's service the past eight years and the general theme was his love of the county and appreciation of his dedicated service. Plaques or tokens of appreciation were presented to Mr. Leatherman by Gary Dills on behalf of the Republican party, Joey Curtis on behalf of the Academic Fountain, members of the American Legion Post 108 and VFW Post 7339, Mike Trammel on behalf of the Sheriff's Department and Chairman Beale on behalf of the Commissioners, county employees and citizens of Macon County. Chairman Leatherman recapped some of the accomplishments during his time on the Board and made an announcement that Phil and Sharon Drake have committed to donate \$25,000 to the new Veteran's Memorial.

COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Beale asked Commissioner Kuppers if he would like to make any comments. He stated he was honored, a bit overwhelmed and looked forward to serving on the Board. The meeting was adjourned and a reception in honor of retiring Chairman Leatherman and Commissioner Kuppers followed.

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Ronnie Beale  
Board Chairman