

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012 – 6 P.M.
MINUTES**

Chairman Corbin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the third floor of the courthouse. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Pat Millis for the Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 BUDGET:

Chairman Corbin explained that the purpose of the meeting was to receive public comment on the county's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13, and he opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. **Chris Murray**, representing the Macon County Republican Party, congratulated the board on balancing the budget and said he was very happy to see the inclusion of new emergency vehicles and that the board held the tax rate steady. He complimented the board on its bi-partisan efforts and encouraged them to keep up the good work. With no one else signed up to speak, Chairman Corbin closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

The County Manager then reviewed a number of potential adjustments to the budget, including additional money for economic development marketing, funding for a part-time administrative assistant for the soil conservation department, funding for six in-car cameras for the sheriff's department and matching funds for additional state money from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). He noted that the budget also includes \$256,000 for capital projects in the school system, based on a prioritized list, in addition to the \$1.5-million in technology funding for the schools.

Following discussion regarding a number of other items, including grant funding for the transit system, a shortfall in funding regarding the North Carolina Forest Service contract, and the soon-to-be-vacant Cowee School, the board members pointed out some recent actions by the state legislature that will impact counties.

After recognizing the county department heads in attendance and offering them a chance to comment, upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman