

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JULY 30, 2013
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 6 p.m. at the Sakura Japanese Grill and Sushi Bar at 57 Highlands Road 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 Joyce Handley – Mayor Joe Collins, Town Manager Warren Cabe, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Janet Anderson and Assistant to the Manager Summer Woodard were present. All of the Highlands commissioners, Mayor David Wilkes and Town Manager Bob Frye were present. Also present were members of the news media.

Franklin Alderman Verlin Curtis gave the invocation.

Mayor Collins gave a brief update on Franklin issues, including a study of water resources and the prospect of moving Pickin' on the Square back to the gazebo area.

Highlands Mayor David Wilkes expressed his appreciation to the county for the financial assistance with the new pool at the town's recreation center. He said the town had experienced a good tourism season. Like Mayor Collins in Franklin, Mayor Wilkes is not seeking re-election. He said he had "enjoyed my time" over the past four years.

Chairman Corbin provided a brief update on county issues, including the passage of the annual budget, funding for the school system and the imminent retirement of County Manager Jack Horton. The County Manager recalled the restart of the joint meetings when he returned as manager in 2008, and reviewed a list of recently completed and ongoing county projects.

Commissioner Tate noted the county's acquisition of property near Zachary Park as well as the county's recently adopted resolution to seek a resurvey of the boundary line between Macon and Jackson County.

Commissioner Beale noted that there would be an open house for the new dialysis center in September.

Commissioner Haven expressed his appreciation to Mayor Collins and Mayor Wilkes for their years of service to their respective municipalities.

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

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

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman