

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED SESSION
MAY 11, 2010 – 6 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beale convened the meeting at 6 p.m. as noticed and welcomed everyone present. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, Interim County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Beale announced the Southwestern Commission (Region A) meeting will be held on May 24th and Commissioner Simpson stated NCDOT should be commended for the good job they did at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Highway 28.

INVOCATION: Commissioner McClellan gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak during the public comment period.

ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner McClellan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda delaying item 10A, the Highlands Library Board Resolution, and item 10B, House bill draft to protect health care freedom, until a later meeting.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: Firemen of the Year - Recipients of the Fireman of the Year award were previously invited to the meeting to receive recognition from the County as well as from the Macon County Fire Fighters' Association and their respective departments. Commissioner Simpson presented a framed replica of the County flag and a pen to Tina Francescutti from Burningtown Fire and Rescue and Billy Lewis from West Macon Fire Department. Absent were Dusty Price, Cowee; Dan Tiller, Cullasaja; Bobby Lewis, Highlands; Bill Hopper, Franklin; Mark Gramlich, Sky Valley/Scaly; Jay Prince, Nantahala; Blaine Keener, Clarks Chapel; Eric Webb, Otto and Jerry Tallent, Mountain Valley. **Budget** – County Manager Horton reported that due to his recent illness the FY 2010/2011 budget was not ready for presentation and would be presented at the May 24th meeting with a recommendation that the public hearing on the budget be scheduled for June 7th. The Board discussed work sessions and agreed to schedule the first work session on May 27th at 6 p.m. Upon motion by Commissioner Koppers, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously voted to schedule the public hearing on the budget for 6 p.m. on June 7th. **Updates** - The Manager also informed the Board that he and Commissioner Koppers would be attending Assembly Day on May 19th, that the onsite septic system permit has been approved for the K-4 School, that the bid on the Highway 28 North water storage tank and line came in below budget and that the Nantahala School renovation project is out for bids. Chairman Beale stated the community garden is in full swing and all plots have been sold.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Animal control within the incorporated limits of the Towns of Franklin and Highlands was discussed and the attorney will review the ordinance to determine the appropriate action.

FINANCING RESOLUTION: Action on a funding resolution on the Nantahala School renovation project was removed from the consent agenda and handled individually. Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statutes 160A-20, QAZB allocation for Nantahala School renovations per **attachment #1**

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Koppers, the following items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved: **Minutes** – Approved the minutes of the April 22nd and 26th meetings. **Budget revisions** – Approved budget revision #170, budgeting \$4,500 DSS adoption funding; revision #171, appropriating \$3,845 controlled substance tax funds in the Sheriff's Department; revision #172, appropriating \$500 DSS Vocational Rehab funds; revision #173, appropriating \$2,869 additional BCCCP funds in the Health Department; and revision #174, appropriating \$75,000 Housing Urgent Care Grant #URP 1014. (Note: budget revisions with corresponding numbers attached.) **Medallion of Honor** – Ratified the attached Medallion of Honor Resolution on behalf of Phil and Sharon Drake. **(Attachment #2)**

APPOINTMENTS: Planning Board - Upon motion by Commissioner McClellan, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Jim Tate to the Planning Board contingent upon his acceptance. Term will expire April 23, 2013. It was noted Eric Pierson would be recognized for his service to the Planning Board at a later date. **Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board** – Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Nursing/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board was delayed.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the meeting was adjourned.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Beale
Board Chairman