

Macon County Planning Board



MINUTES

August 6, 2026

Call to Order: The August 6, 2026 meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Culpepper in the A/B room of the Macon County Human Services Building, at 5:00 p.m.

Members: David Culpepper, Marty Kimsey, John Shearl, Amy Patterson

Staff: Joe Allen, Eric Ridenour

Media: Shelby Powell, Amy Kirkpatrick and Bobby Coggins.

Public: Two members of the public were in attendance, along with two BOCC candidates.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Chairman Culpepper requested planning board review the minutes of the July 2, 2026 meeting and Marc Hehn made a motion of approval and Marty Kimsey seconded it, all members voted in approval.

Chairman Culpepper asked the Planning Board members for a motion to approve the Agenda for the August 6, 2026 meeting. Marc Hehn made a motion to approve and David Culpepper seconded it. All members voted in favor.

Liaison Report: Amy Patterson request the planning board recommend a moratorium be placed on Data Center.

John Shearl thanked the members for the continued hard work.

Public Comment: Two members of the public spoke about Data Centers.

Media Comment: None

Old Business: The board discussed the proposed changes to the High Impact Ordinance specifically amending the definition of server- based facilities to include data centers. After these discussions were over Marty Kimsey made a motion that the planning board make a

recommendation for to adopt the proposed changes to the BOCC at their next meeting. David Culpepper seconded it. All members vote in favor

New Business & Presentations: Marc Hehn requested the board discuss Hurricane preparedness at an upcoming meeting.

Announcements: None

Member Comments: None

Planning Board Recommendations: Planning board voted 3-0 to recommend the proposed changes the High Impact Ordinance the BOCC.

Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: The Macon County Planning Board meeting was adjourned with Marc Hehn making the motion and Marty Kimsey seconding the motion.