

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
6 P.M., DECEMBER 5, 2022
MINUTES**

Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as provided for in the Notice of Special Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, a copy of which is attached [Attachment 1] and is hereby made a part of these minutes. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Finance Director Lori Carpenter, County Attorney Eric Ridenour, Deputy Clerk Mike Decker and members of the news media were present, as were a number of county employees and citizens.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Higdon. Vote was unanimous.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONER RONNIE BEALE: Commissioner Beale stated it had been an honor and a privilege to serve Macon County for the past 16 years and wished the board the best moving forward. He thanked the citizens of Macon County for allowing him to serve and, in departing, shared a quote from John Lewis, "Now is the time to build and not to tear down, to reconcile and not to divide, to love and not to hate."

RECESS: Upon a motion by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Young, Chairman Tate called a brief recess at 6:05 p.m. in order to move the meeting to Courtroom A on the fourth floor of the courthouse due to an overflow audience desiring to attend the meeting. Vote was unanimous.

At 6:10 p.m., Chairman Tate called the meeting back to order and welcomed those in attendance before passing the gavel to Mr. Roland.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONER GARY SHIELDS AND COMMISSIONERS-ELECT DANNY ANTOINE AND JOHN SHEARL: Chief District Court Judge Roy Wijewickrama administered individual oaths of office to returning Commissioner Gary Shields, Mr. Antoine and Mr. Shearl. Copies of the executed oaths are attached [Attachments 2, 3, and 4 respectively] and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS TODD RABY: Judge Wijewickrama administered the oath of office to returning Register of Deeds Todd Raby. A copy of the executed oath is attached [Attachment 5] and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD CHAIR: Mr. Roland opened the floor for nominations and conducted the election for board chair. Commissioner Antoine nominated Commissioner Higdon as chair. Commissioner Shields seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, all favored.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD VICE-CHAIR: Chairman Higdon then opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. Commissioner Shields nominated Commissioner Young. Commissioner Shearl seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, all favored.

FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE SHERIFF'S BOND FOR SHERIFF-ELECT BRENT HOLBROOKS BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FOLLOWED BY FORMAL DELIVERY OF THE ACCEPTED SHERIFF'S BOND TO THE NEW CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FOR REGISTRATION: Sheriff-elect Holbrooks presented the bond to Chairman Higdon for examination. Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to approve the bond as presented. The bond was then officially delivered to Clerk of Superior Court Shauna Thun-Lamb, who was in attendance at the meeting. A copy of the bond is attached [Attachment 6] and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR SHERIFF-ELECT BRENT HOLBROOKS: Judge Wijewickrama administered the oath of office to Mr. Holbrooks. A copy of the executed oath is

attached [Attachment 7] and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION REGARDING EXAMINATION OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Finance Director Lori Carpenter explained the bond requirements and asked for approval of the bond examination resolution which includes bonds for the Finance Officer in the amount of \$250,000, the Tax Collector in the amount of \$250,000, Register of Deeds in the amount of \$50,000, and the Sheriff in the amount of \$25,000 [Attachment 8]. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the resolution as requested. Vote was unanimous.

AFFIRMATION / CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S 2023 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE: Mr. Roland requested approval of the 2023 regular meeting schedule indicating that meetings would continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the commission boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, located at 5 West Main Street in Franklin, NC. [Attachment 9]. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the schedule as presented. Vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #99: Ms. Carpenter explained the budget amendment for the "Shop with a Cop" program, which would allow the Macon County Sheriff's Office to begin purchasing gifts for children on December 6, 2022. Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to approve the budget amendment as presented. Vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR DEPUTIES, DETENTION OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Judge Wijewickrama administered the oaths of office to the deputies, detention officers and administrative staff of the Macon County Sheriff's Office.

ADJOURN: With no other business, at 6:50 p.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, the board voted unanimously adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Paul Higdon
Board Chair