

January 2, 2024
Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Oliver, Commissioner Felton, Commissioner George, Commissioner Haugabook, County Attorney Coogle and County Manager Starling in attendance. Commissioner Melvin joined via cell phone.

Commissioner Oliver called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Felton gave the opening prayer.

Appointment of Chairman

Commissioner Felton made the motion to appoint Carl Oliver as Chairman for 2024, seconded by Commissioner George and carried unanimously. Chairman Oliver asked for assistance in attendance at the monthly RVRC meetings because he cannot always attend. The Board agreed to assist if notification is provided in advance.

Appointment of Vice-chairman

Commissioner Melvin made the motion to appoint Bob Melvin as Vice-chairman for 2024, seconded by Commissioner Felton and carried unanimously.

Approval of December 5, 2023, minutes

Vice-chairman Melvin made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Haugabook and carried unanimously.

Discussion 2024 LMIG project list

Joe Vail, Representative from Construction Materials explained how the roads were rated on the LMIG road list that the Board had compiled. The list consisted of eighteen roads and Barrett Road and Gene Wilburn Road both rated 75 points which is the highest score. Barrett Road is in worse condition and will cost \$598,500 and Gene Wilburn Road base will have to be rebuilt and the cost will be \$1,412,080. Joe stated some of the roads on the list were dead end roads and some were just residential and did not rate very high. Commissioner George asked if they should do 2 or 3 short roads or one expensive road. The total for the 2024 LMIG allocation is \$550,627.40 with the county matching 10% \$55,062.74 for a total of \$605,890.10. Vice-chairman Melvin stated Barrett Road would be the one he would choose and that Peeds Pond Road where it connects to Fields Crossing Road and Hwy 90 was where they were looking to place a fire station and it needs to be considered in the future. Commissioner Felton made the motion to submit Barrett Road as the 2024 LMIG project, seconded by Commissioner Haugabook and carried unanimously. Commissioner George stated there needs to be a way to compile a record of when the roads are resurfaced/paved.

Approval of Resolution establishing Qualifying fees

Commissioner George made the motion to approve the Resolution establishing the qualifying fees for each county office to be filled in the upcoming election, seconded by Commissioner Haugabook, and carried unanimously.

Approval/denial Resolution- Mental Health Services

Commissioner George made the motion to approve the Resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve Mental Health Services for the Citizens of Georgia, seconded by Commissioner Felton, and carried unanimously. ACCG has been working diligently to get all 159 counties to adopt the Resolution so they can show the Governor and General Assembly this is a state-wide problem that needs to be addressed.

Approval/denial Resolution to move into executive session for litigation and personnel matters

Commissioner Felton made the motion to adopt the Resolution to move into executive session for litigation and personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Haugabook and carried unanimously.

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Chairman Oliver reconvened the regular meeting. Commissioner Haugabook made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Felton and carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl Oliver", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carl Oliver, Chairman