

March 7, 2018

Worksession

The Macon County Board of Commissioners held a worksession on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Commission Chairman George, Vice-chairman Melvin, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Felton, County Manager McDuffie and Deputy County Manager Starling in attendance. Commissioner Haugabook was absent.

The minutes of the February 28th worksession were approved by consensus.

Commissioner Felton recommended Eddie Walker to fill the unexpired term of Valery Davis on the Tax Assessor's Board.

Vice-chairman Melvin recommended Tarshea Fudge-Riley to fill the unexpired term of Governor Gibson on the Board of Elections. Chairman George asked if any Commissioner had anyone else in mind. Vice-chairman Melvin asked if the Commissioner could get a copy of the Board of Elections bylaws. Discussion on whether to change the number of Board members from three to five. Vice-chairman Melvin stated he thought there should be an appointment from all five districts. Chairman George suggested checking with other counties to see how many members are on their Board of Elections and to see the manner in which they are selected. If the Board decides to change to five members they will need to contact Representative Bentley to see when to introduce legislation.

County Manager McDuffie stated that the Building Inspector had identified property maintenance issues with three properties. Property owned by William Walls on Whitewater Creek Rd, property owned by Wayne Rohrbaugh on Hwy 224 and property owned by Roy Yoder on Mennonite School Rd. Roy Yoder has old equipment, trucks, etc. on his property. William Walls has an accumulation of cars on his property but he has agreed to move them within 30 days. Wayne Rohrbaugh's property is zoned commercial and it has residential houses; stockpiled mobile homes that he is repairing and an accumulation of various trucks, etc. located on his property. County Manager McDuffie stated that the question had been raised regarding these property owners being made to comply with zoning codes despite them being grandfathered in when the zoning changes were made. Chairman George stated he knew Roy Yoder has expanded his junk and that a non-conforming junk yard has two years to meet requirements by installing a buffer screen to obscure the view. Commissioner Felton stated letters need to be sent to these property owners about compliance issues. Chairman George stated the Zoning Committee needs to get more involved to evaluate the non-compliance and make recommendations to the Board.

County Manager McDuffie stated the Mutual Aid agreement with the Fire Department had expired. Chairman George stated the Mutual Aid agreements need to be reviewed each year. County Manager McDuffie stated she will update and include the \$5,000 allocation in the agreement. Vice-chairman Melvin also discussed the problem with burn houses that are never torn down and cleaned up.

County Manager McDuffie stated the Red Light Policy had not been updated to address the speed limit on responding to calls because this item will be included in the Standard Operating Procedures of the fire department. Commissioner Felton asked if everyone needs red lights. Fire Chief Kauffman stated red lights would only be assigned to captains, chiefs and officers. Commissioner Felton also stated the dash camera footage as required by the Red Light Policy should be available upon request by the Board. Fire Chief Kauffman agreed to check licenses and insurance as requested either on an annual basis or bi-annual basis.

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Commissioner Felton stated he received a request from Sharonda West that South Street be renamed Mag West Road. The Road Naming Ordinance will be reviewed.

County Manager McDuffie presented the FY2019 budget calendar. Chairman George stated Commissioner Haugabook request the documents before the May 9th meeting to give more time for review.