
(STATE OF ALABAMA)
(COUNTY OF MACON)

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
205 B N. Main Street, Tuskegee, AL 36083
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - INVOCATION
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
(Limited to 3-minutes, no more than two speakers on the same subject)
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS
- IV. ROLL CALL to ESTABLISH QUORUM
 - HONORABLE MILES D. ROBINSON, DISTRICT ONE
 - HONORABLE EDWARD HUFFMAN, DISTRICT TWO
 - HONORABLE ANDREW D. THOMPSON JR, DISTRICT THREE
 - HONORABLE ROBERT M. BERRY, DISTRICT FOUR
- V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- VI. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING (S)
- VII. AWARDS & PRESENTATION(S)
 - Employee of the Month (Proclamation)
 - Jason Lawler, Appraiser Property Reappraisal
 - TeleCom Audit Group, Bruce Brooks
 - Alicia Caldwell, Attorney
 - Little Texas, Mr. Willie Kirk
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - April 15, 2019 & April 8, 2019
 - PAYMENT OF BILLS/INVOICES
 - Overtime
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - Personnel Actions
 - o M. C. Sheriff & Jail - Hires
 - o MC Public Transportation- Complete Probation
- XI. OLD BUSINESS
- X. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN and STAFF
 - CHAIRMAN
 - FINANCE DIRECTOR
 - COUNTY ENGINEER
 - COUNTY ATTORNEY
 - COMPLIANCE OFFICER
 - EMA DIRECTOR
 - RSVP DIRECTOR
 - COMMUNITY CORRECTION
 - RURAL TRANSPORTATION
- XII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S) BY COMMISSIONERS
(Discussion Items May Only Be Acted upon by Affirmative Vote of All Commissioners in Attendance).
- XIII. RECESS/ ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

Next Meeting: **Monday, June 10, 2019 - District #1 (Chisholm Community Center)**

Meeting: Continuation Meeting
Date: April 15, 2019
Time: 10:00 pm
Location: Annex

Meeting Called to Order:

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1

Offering of Prayer:

- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2

Present Commissioners:

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1
- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2
- The Honorable Andrew Thompson, Jr., Commissioner District #3
- The Honorable Robert Berry, Commissioner District #4

Staff:

- Susan B. Thomas, Finance Director
- Gertrude S. Benjamin, Personnel Director/Treasurer
- Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant
- Bridgett Gray, Attorney

Topics of Discussion:

1. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add "Bids for CR 7 from Hwy 80 to be received by June 10, 2019" to New Business. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, and the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
2. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt **Resolution #041519-1**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
3. Commissioner Thompson moved to authorize Engineer to let bid for CR7 from Hwy 80 to D.C. Wolfe to be received in June 10, 2019, Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
4. Commissioner Berry moved to reject any & all bids for Safe Room project and request new bid as per architect of record. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
5. Commissioner Thompson moved to adjourn @ 10:26 am.

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION
Continuation Meeting
April 15, 2019



Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman



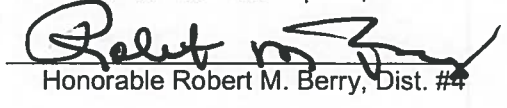
Honorable Miles Robinson, Dist. #1



Honorable Edward Huffman, Dist. #2



Honorable Andrew Thompson, Dist. #3



Honorable Robert M. Berry, Dist. #4

ATTEST:



Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

Meeting: Regular Meeting
Date: April 8, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Annex (Tuskegee, AL)

Meeting Called to Order:

- The Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chariman

Offering of Prayer:

- Fred Gray, Jr., Attorney

Present Commissioners:

- The Honorable Miles D. Robinson, Commissioner District #1
- The Honorable Edward Huffman, Commissioner District #2
- The Honorable Andrew Thompson, Commissioner District #3
- The Honorable Robert Berry, Commissioner District #4

Staff:

- Susan B. Thomas, Finance Director
- Gertrude S. Benjamin, Personnel Director/Treasurer
- Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant
- Fred Gray, Jr., Attorney

Topics of Discussion:

1. Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the amended agenda to include under "New Business" Erika Collins, Probationary Period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
2. Commissioner Berry moved to adopt the minutes for 03/11/2019 & 03/25/2019 with any necessary corrections if there be any. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, and the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
3. Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt a Proclamation honoring the Employee of the Month Ms. Eloise Smith, Revenue Commission for April 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
4. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve, payment of bills and invoices for March 2019 upon review and signatures of the Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
5. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve budgeted overtime for general and gasoline funds for April 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
6. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve completion of probationary period for Erika Collins, Macon County Commission (Retroactive). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
7. Commissioner Huffman moved to authorize the Engineer to advertise replacement hire for three (3) employees (Roy Blackstock, Eddie Bowens, Aubrey Humphries) in Gasoline Fund for the next Regular Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**
8. Commissioner Huffman moved to approve the Probate Judge's request for a temporary hire (three months) in Tag & Title Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

9. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the Sheriff's recommendation for completion of probation for Quametrius Glenn, effective 04/01/2019 at a rate of \$15.15 pr/hr. with the Macon County Sheriff Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

10. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the Revenue Commissioner's request via the adjustment letter for budget adjustment with changing of term used in his letter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

11. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the EMA's request to receive the lowest bid for the Safe Room from A.C. Bulls and continued the meeting for 04/15/2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: Rural Transportation's, (Copy of Report on File)

12. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Rural Transportation's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huffman, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: Community Correction's, (Copy of Report on File)

13. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Community Correction's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: RSVP Director's, (Copy of Report on File)

14. Commissioner Huffman moved to accept the RSVP Director's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: EMA's, (Copy of Report on File)

15. Commissioner Huffman moved to accept the EMA's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

16. Commissioner Thompson moved to authorize the EMA Director to request to search for grants for vehicle & equipment (via USDA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: Compliance's, (Copy of Report on File)

17. Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the Compliance's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: Engineer's, (Copy of Report on File)

18. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Engineer's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

19. Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the recommendations of the Engineer to order one (1) pickup truck & two (2) mowers for Road & Bridge Department and one(1) pickup truck for Compliance Office contingent upon receiving funds from USDA grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

20. Commissioner Robinson moved to authorize the County to sign the MOU between the County and with other governmental entities or agencies for County to assist with Tuskegee Univeristy (TU) when available. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: EMA's, (Copy of Report on File)

21. Commissioner Huffman moved to accept the EMA's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

NOTE: Report: Finance Director's, (Copy of Report on File)

22. Commissioner Berry moved to accept the Finance Director's written report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

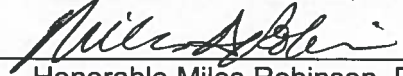
23. Commissioner Huffman moved to adopt a Resolution to congratulate Auburn University's Tigers (War Eagles) representing the State of Alabama in the Final Fours. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry, the motion carried by **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

24. Commissioner Robinson moved to recess until Continuation Meeting, Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 10:00 am.

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting (Annex)
April 8, 2019



Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman



Honorable Miles Robinson, Dist. #1



Honorable Edward Huffman, Dist. #2

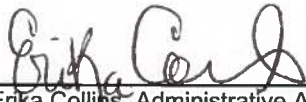


Honorable Andrew Thompson, Dist. #3



Honorable Robert M. Berry, Dist. #4

ATTEST:



Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant

Resolution Number 041519-1

Resolution requesting the Macon County Legislative Delegation to support a ½ cent Sale Tax Increase

Whereas, the Macon County Commission has a need for revenue to support the community's Ambulance Service,

Whereas, it is the desire of the Macon County Commission to impose a ½ cent sale tax to support the funding of Ambulance service in Macon County, and

Whereas, this request is for a 14 month period following the passage and signature of the Governor and said tax will only be used to support Ambulance expenses incurred effective September 1, 2018, and

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the Macon County Commission that it calls upon its Legislative Delegation to draft the necessary legislation to accomplish the above request during the 2019 Legislative Session.

Adopted and Approved by the Macon County Commission, this 15th Day of April 2019.

Attested:


Gertrude Benjamin, Clerk


Louis Maxwell, Chairman



PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of
Eloise Smith
"Employee of the Month"
April 2019

WHEREAS, Macon County Commission is the governing body which here and hereafter represents the citizens of its domain of the County of Macon and State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and privilege of the Macon County Commission to serve the residents of Macon County, to recognize special events pertaining to the residents of the county and contributions of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Macon County Commission nominated from among their peers a co-worker whom they feel is worthy of the designation *Employee of the Month*; and

WHEREAS, ***Eloise Smith***, County Administrator provides leadership with a sense of passion and enthusiasm by being a trail blazer, who has a vested interest in making sure that the citizens in Macon County are being afforded services that are second to none, her collaborative leadership style cultivates a clear customer services focus that centers on every citizens; and

WHEREAS, ***Eloise Smith***, *Employee of the Month* recipient will be honored during the month of *April 2019* by her peers; and

WHEREAS, ***Eloise Smith***, relentless giving of herself to, County Government, and to the Macon County Community is worthy of recognition, congratulations and expressions of gratitude and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of great pride that the Macon County Commission joins the Macon County employees and the Macon County Community in celebrating this accomplishments and public service contributions of ***Eloise Smith***, *Employee of the Month*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louis Maxwell, Chairman along with the honorable Commissioners and all the citizens of Macon County hereby formally acknowledge

"Eloise Smith"
"Employee of the Month"

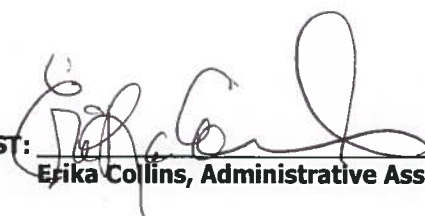
in recognition and appreciation for her dedicated services to humanity and to the citizens of Macon County.

IN FURTHER RECOGNITION THEREFORE, I, Louis Maxwell, Chairman, and on behalf of the Macon County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of *April, 2019* as


"EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH APPRECIATION RECOGNITION"

in Macon County, Alabama, and encourage all Macon Countians to come forward and join in paying tribute to this individual.

In Witness Whereof, I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Caused the Great Seal of Macon County to Be Affixed Thereto, on this the **1ST** Day of **APRIL, 2019**.

ATTEST: 
Erika Collins, Administrative Assistant




Louis Maxwell, Chairman

Marlin King
Public Transportation Coordinator's Report
April 8, 2019

- **Grand total of trips for the month of March 528**
 - February trips total 484
 - November trips total 276
 - Tuskegee trips has increased from last month 259 to 364
 - Shorter trips decline from last month 83 to 75

- **Old Business in Transportation**
 - Received a 2010 E-350 Super Duty from ALDOT
 - Currently disposing a 2005 E-450 Super Duty
 - Still in the process of billing ALDOT

- **New Business in Transportation**
 - Advertising
 - Hiring of Relief Drivers
 - Surveying Customers/Bus Drivers

- **Bus Drivers Collections**
 - March collections was \$1,572.97
 - Compared to February collections of \$924.24
 - Payments by Community Action
 - Extra payment from Fresenius Kidney Care Client

Be advised that this month collection total doesn't include the funds from United Health Care, JARC, Cancer Wellness, Medicaid and JOBS



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Governing Body of Macon County

Louis Maxwell, Chairman

Miles D. Robinson,

District 1 Commissioner

Edward Huffman,

District 2 Commissioner

Andrew D. Thompson, Jr.,

District 3 Commissioner

Robert M. Berry,

District 4 Commissioner

To: Louis Maxwell; Chairman, Macon County Commission and Commissioners
From: Jonathan Davis; Director, Macon County Community Corrections
Re: Monthly Report, March 2019

April 8, 2019

During the month of March the Macon County Community Corrections Program continued to assist our clients with employment, mental health services and substance abuse. During the month, three clients were successfully released from the program. We are continuing to receive our reimbursements from the Department of Correction (DOC) and supervision fees from our clients monthly. No major problems were noted for the month of March.

Jonathan Davis,
Director
Community Corrections



**Report of Mary L. Harris
Director, Macon County RSVP
Macon County Commission Meeting
April 8, 2019**



RSVP continues to accept applications for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) until the maximum number of applications that SFMNP has funds to serve for 2019 year has been reached. You must be 60 years of age or older and meet the income requirements to apply for the vouchers. You may call (334) 724-2606 or come by the RSVP office at the Courthouse Annex, 210 North Elm Street, Tuskegee, AL. We are receiving great responses from the seniors in Macon County.

The Executive Board of AARSVP voted to spend \$100 to purchase blankets for the survivors/victims of the recent Lee County disaster. Two large trash bags of new blankets were purchased and delivered by Tammy McGee and Bridget Woodyard, FGP Director in Lee County.

The Seventh-Annual National Service Recognition Day was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. This initiative is led by the *Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and Cities of Service.* All mayors, county officials, and elected officials were invited to register for this event at www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/Recognitionday.

On April 5, 2019, RSVP staff and several volunteers attended the 2019 Elder Justice/Fraud/Courageous Caregiver Conference held at the Tuskegee Municipal Complex. The conference was very informative.

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUTEER MONTH! JOIN US! Senior volunteers must be age 55 years old and older. We are still recruiting volunteers for the Chisholm Community Center, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems (Tuskegee Campus), Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce, Tuskegee History Center, and the Macon County Schools, to name a few. For more information, you may contact the **RSVP Office** at **(334) 724-2606** or come by the office at the **Courthouse Annex, 210 North Elm Street, Tuskegee, AL.** You may be semi-retired or retired to volunteer on this program.

RSVP staff thanks you for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Harris

MARY L. HARRIS

Frank Lee
EMA Director's Report
April 8, 2019

- As we continue to be in the midst of tornado season, our office is vigorously promoting mitigation and preparedness practices.
 - The recent tornado event that impacted our county has raised severely the consciousness of our citizens in every possible way.
 - While Emergency Management officials across this nation are addressing mitigation daily, the advent of a local disaster proves not only the importance of being prepared, but having the proper equipment and supplies is tantamount to successfully responding.
 - Since my arrival, our office is sought out resources, training, and everything we can obtain without placing a hardship on our very limited resources.
 - Our office continues to use the best practices in ascertaining funding and resources, understanding the plight facing county government, and we will continue.
 - This past months has been quit challenging as we experience a harsh days of bad weather, prompting us to address our needs locally.
 - We are in the process of searching and securing funding via grants and to beef up and be properly prepared to address our immediate needs in response and recovery.
 - Our office continues to work with our mutual aid partners in Lee County as the long road continues.
 - This month has been typical in recapitulating our routine efforts.
 - I am asking our commission to approve the efforts of securing resources to further ascertain much needed equipment immediately.
 - We will continue our mission and work forward in that regard.
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MACON COUNTY COMPLIANCE OFFICE

MONTHLY REPORT for April 8, 2019

Business License: Ongoing visits to local businesses door to door in the city and county on a daily basis about noncompliance for mandatory business license for Macon County 2019.

SOLID WASTE:

3rd Saturday pickup

The 3rd Saturday pickup for the month April 20, 2019

- District #3 Shop – Hwy. 80 West
- District #4 Shop on Lori Lane – Notasulga, Alabama

Animal Control: The calls and complaints are still coming in on a daily basis.

Mobile Home permit: Ongoing visits to residents who are living in mobile homes and have failed to obtain and/or correctly display a manufactured home decal.

Are there any questions?

Brian Ware

Compliance Officer

MACON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE
Report for the County Commission
April 8, 2019 Meeting



Federal & State Aid Projects

- FHWA/ALDOT Projects
 - County Road 7 & 6 scheduled for the May letting

- FEMA Projects
 - Red Creek Road: Work will be completed by end of this month to be submitted to AEMA for reimbursement
 - Radar Station Road: Obligated as Pre-Disaster, submitted Scope of Work to meet codes and standards waiting AEMA review and FEMA preliminary review
 - County Road 67 East Bridge: Sent Hydraulic Study to AEMA for review
 - County Road 67 West Bridge: Sent Hydraulic Study to AEMA for review
 - No word from AEMA concerning April Tornadoes

Action Items Needs

- Authorize to advertise and hire to replace Roy Blackstock, Eddie Bowens, and Aubrey Humphries.
 - Ratify submittal for District 4 Multi-purpose Trail thru MidSouth RC&D for a \$40,000 project requesting \$7,250 in reimbursements with county forces and equipment doing remaining.
 - Approve ordering of one (1) pickup truck and two (2) mowers for the Road & Bridge Department and one (1) pickup for the Compliance Office for the USDA grant which was submitted last year.
 - Approve submittal for USDA funding for next fiscal year for department equipment needs
 - Authorize the chair to sign MOUs between county and other governmental agencies for county to assist when can.
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Finance Director's Report

April 8, 2019

- I am currently working on Bank Reconciliations for January, 2019, afterwards the Month-End and Year-End-Close-Out will follow.
 - Revenues are almost at a standstill, but are being used as soon as they come in.
 - Finances are still crucial, it's harder to meet net payroll and all of the fringe benefits due, but have brought everything up to the current month. Examples: Retirement, Health and Life Insurance.
 - We are still faced with paying Federal Taxes, Liability Insurance and Property Insurance.
 - Business Licenses collected from October, 2012 through September, 2013 totaled **\$185,230.12** and **\$145,756.07** was collected from October, 2013 through September 30, 2014 for Business Licenses.
Business Licenses collected from October, 2014 through September 2015 totaled **\$167,455.27**.
Revenues collected for Business Licenses from October, 2015 through September, 2016 totaled **\$128,998.09**.
Revenues collected from Business Licenses were \$64,787.35 for October, 2016 through September, 2017 which totaled **\$157,928.02**.
Revenues collected for Business Licenses for October, 2017 through September, 2018 totaled **\$211,311.97**.
 - Revenues collected for Business Licenses for October, 2018 was \$110,749.59; \$37,480.30 for November, 2018 and \$24,410.28 which totaled \$172,640.17.
 - The 2012 Gas Tax Bond had a Cash balance of **\$24,585.13** at January 31, 2019.
 - **Gasoline taxes collected from RDS.** Revenues totaled **\$83,641.24** from November, 2015 through September, 2016; **\$262,261.09** was collected from October, 2016 through September, 2017; and **\$271,511.78** was collected from October, 2017 through
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September, 2018.

Taxes collected were \$25, 469.33 for October, 2018; \$2,434.65 for November, 2018; and \$43,400.58 for December, 2018; \$23,036.71 for January, 2019 and \$18,870.67 for February, 2019 which totaled **\$730,626.05**. A check for **\$228,255.00** has was paid to **Midsouth Paving, Inc.** for work done on Co. Roads 40 & 30. On July 16, 2018, a check was done for **\$222,015.00** to **East Alabama Paving Company, Inc.** for Resurfacing County Roads 24B and 33. This leaves a balance of **\$280,356.05**.

- **It is my recommendation is to amend the Reappraisal budget by the Itemized Expenses listed in the amount of \$133,837.00 from the 09/30/2018 Cash balance of \$300,103.25 and refund the balance of \$166,265.25 to Mr. Gandy to redistribute back to all agencies due. (SEE ATTACHMRNTS).**