

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONTINUED SESSION
DECEMBER 1, 2014
MINUTES**

Chairman Corbin reconvened the meeting at 5:46 p.m. in the commission boardroom as recessed from the November 18, 2014 regular meeting. All board members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, County Attorney, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

Chairman Corbin recognized outgoing Commissioner Ron Haven and invited Commissioner Haven to make some farewell comments. He said that he has "some other things to explore" and that during his time on the board, "I've done what I said I'd do." Chairman Corbin thanked Commissioner Haven for his service to the county.

Macon County Clerk of Superior Court Victor H. Perry administered the oath of office to Commissioner-elect Gary M. Shields, Commissioner James Phil Tate and Commissioner Ronnie D. Beale.

Chairman Corbin recessed the meeting until 6:10 p.m. and invited those in attendance to a reception honoring the commissioners.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: At 6:10 p.m., the County Manager called the meeting back to order and opened the floor for nominations for chairman of the board. Commissioner Tate made a motion for Chairman Corbin to remain as chairman for the next year, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Beale. With no other nominations and no other discussion, the board voted unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Kevin Corbin as chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Chairman Corbin opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman of the board. Commissioner Beale made a motion for Commissioner Tate to serve as vice-chairman for the next year, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shields. With no other

nominations and no other discussion, the board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Jim Tate as vice-chairman.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF MACON COUNTY: Following a brief explanation from the County Attorney, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution entitled “Examination of Official Bonds for Public Officials of Macon County.” A copy of the resolution, which outlines the bond amounts for the Finance Director, Tax Collector, Register of Deeds and Sheriff, is attached **(Attachment 1)** and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE: The County Attorney explained that for 2014, the board had adopted a resolution that included the scheduling of some regular meeting dates that did not fall on the second Tuesday of each month. In looking toward 2015, he asked the board members to check their calendars for any possible conflicts with meeting dates for the coming year and to inform him and the Deputy Clerk of those dates. In the absence of any, the County Attorney said he would prepare the appropriate resolution to set the board’s regular meeting schedule for the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the commission boardroom, and that the board could consider that resolution at the regular meeting on December 9th.

With no other items on the formal agenda, Chairman Corbin recognized state Sen. Jim Davis of Franklin, a former Macon County Commissioner. He congratulated the recently elected commissioners and noted he would be meeting with Commissioner Beale and others later in the week regarding the legislative goals of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). He also noted that he chairs the county caucus in the legislature, which is made up of 20 to 25 former county commissioners. “Local government is the best government,” he told the board, adding, “I look forward to serving you.” He closed by saying that Medicaid reform would be the biggest issue in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Chairman Corbin then commented on a recent letter in the local media regarding the role of the county commission in the ongoing investigation involving the board of elections office. He said he wanted to correct a “misinformed citizen” and restate that the board of commissioners has no jurisdiction over the board of elections or its director. The County Attorney said an investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is still in process and that no results have been reported in regard to a state audit of financial matters related to the board of elections. The consensus of the board was to request the County Attorney to ask the new District Attorney about the status of the investigation and to report back to the board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Beale made an announcement regarding an upcoming concert by Wade Hayes to benefit colon cancer awareness, and challenged each of the other board members to make a \$100 donation.

ADJOURN: With no other business, at 6:26 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Tate, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Kevin Corbin
Board Chairman