

SPECIAL MEETING of November 7, 2005, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners Amy Patterson, Hank Ross, H. N. James, Dennis DeWolf, and Alan Marsh present.

Also present were Macon County Board of Commissioners members Allan Bryson, Charles Leatherman, Bob Simpson, and J. D. Shepherd, as well as County Manager Sam Greenwood, County Attorney Rick Moorfield, Wilma Anderson, Evelyn Southard, Robbie Holland, Richard Betz, Selwyn Chalker, Kim Lewicki, Adam Thompson, and others.

The Board had agreed to meet informally with the Macon County Board of Commissioners to discuss a proposed agreement providing for funding of Recreation in the Highlands area.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Comm. Patterson asked if the intention of the agreement was for the County to fulfill its obligation to provide funding for Recreation in this end of the County. Chairman Allan Bryson said that it was; the agreement was a beginning, and the intention was to provide \$500,000 in funding this year. Comm. Patterson expressed concern on the part of the Board over the change from a "contract and agreement" to a "memorandum of understanding."

The County Attorney explained that a contract and agreement would not be permitted under the General Statutes. Comm. Patterson also expressed concern over the change from "the minimum sum of \$500,000" to "an amount not to exceed \$500,000." After considerable discussion, the County Attorney proposed language clarifying that "it is anticipated that the amount each year shall be \$500,000." The change was to be drafted, reviewed by Staff, and submitted for final adoption by the respective Boards.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 5:30 p.m. The County Board of Commissioners adjourned until 6:00 p.m. and then called to order its regular meeting.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk