

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Charles W. Bishop, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson Jr., and Commissioner Joe O. Allen.

Staff present: Mr. Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Mrs. Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director, Information & Technology Services; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Barry Smallwood, Purchasing Agent; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media:

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

In the absence of a guest minister, Chairman Bishop asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that the Commissioners would hold a work session for a Six-month Financial Update on Friday, February 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Bishop announced that the Commissioners will be in Atlanta for the ACCG Legislative Conference on February 6th and 7th. With that being said, Chairman Bishop entertained a motion to cancel the February 6th Commission meeting day with the understanding that he will call a special meeting if warranted.

The motion was made by Vice Chairman Hart and seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried unanimously.

Chairman Bishop welcomed Boy Scout Troop 19 sponsored by Vineville Methodist Church along with their Troop Leader, Craig Cowart.

Mr. Cowart thanked the Board for allowing them to participate in tonight's meeting and stated that the troop was working on their communications merit badge in which of the requirements is to observe a public meeting. He added that he thought this would be a great way to fulfill that requirement.

Chairman Bishop thanked them for coming and stated that he hopes they will come back after they receive their merit badge.

Chairman Bishop announced his Appointments for 2007:

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Engineering/Public Works	Bert Bivins	Elmo Richardson	Sam Hart
Finance, Tax & Revenue	Sam Hart	Elmo Richardson	Joe Allen
Human Resources/Info Services	Elmo Richardson	Sam Hart	Bert Bivins
License & Tax	Bert Bivins	Joe Allen	Sam Hart
Ordinances & Resolutions	Joe Allen	Elmo Richardson	Bert Bivins
Properties	Elmo Richardson	Sam Hart	Joe Allen
Risk Management	Sam Hart	Elmo Richardson	Joe Allen
Tobesofkee	Joe Allen	Elmo Richardson	Bert Bivins

***** Board Chairman is ex-officio member of all Committees *****

Chairman Bishop entertained a motion to approve the committees as announced. The motion was made by Commissioner Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Hart and carried unanimously.

Committee Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meeting times will be determined by the Chairman.

Regular Board Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Agency/Authority Appointments:

Macon Water Authority	Bert Bivins
Land Bank Authority	Bert Bivins
Board of Health	Bert Bivins
Regional Development Center	Chairman Bishop

Chairman Bishop entertained a motion to confirm the before mentioned agency/authority appointments. **The motion was made by Commissioner Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried unanimously.**

Staff reappointments:

Chief Administrative Officer	Steve Layson
Clerk of the Board	Shelia Thurmond
Finance Director	Deborah Martin
County Engineer	Ken Sheets
Human Resources Administrator	Tommy Brown
Information and Technology Services	Tony Rousey
Buildings & Property Director	Sam Kitchens
Lake Tobesofkee Director	Doug Furney

Chairman Bishop entertained a motion to confirm the before mentioned staff reappointments. **The motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Board of Tax Assessors Hearing on December 13, 2006, Regular Meeting on December 19, 2006, and Called Emergency Meeting on December 20, 2006 (Re: Stop Loss Policy) were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

From Boy Scout Troop 19:

Murphy Hall	Michael Lanipe	Matt Schwartz
Steve Schwarts	Jasper Cowart	Zip Brown
David Hall	Roe Patterson	Reid Barry
Art Barry, III	Joey Cleveland	Gus Youmans
Stewart Bowers	Craig Cowart	Charlie Grossnickle
R. J. Cleveland	Bradley Smith	Tommy Neary
Charlie Avant	Gray Lindley	Bert Thompson

Other Visitors:

Donald H. Richardson, Jr.
Hazel Giddens
Johnnie Mae Dawkins
Nettie Thomas
Yvette and Fernella Cabey
Colleen M. Giffin
Lance Randall

Chairman Bishop presented Ms. Elaine Carr, Supervisor, Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections, with a Certificate of Service Award and Pin representing 20 years of service to Bibb County.

Next, Chairman Bishop called on the Clerk of the Board for the reading of the Board Agenda.

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to **Engineering/Public Works:**

1. Correspondence from Nelle Brack of 3765 Hartley Bridge Road advising of dangerous traffic conditions at the intersection of Hartley Bridge Road and School Road.
2. Petitions from Stanley Johnson, Building & Restoration Group, Inc. for the registration of Hidden Creek Circle, Gladstone Way and Green Fern Road as public roads of Bibb County.
3. Petitions from Benjamin Griffith, III, for the registration of Barrington Hall Drive as a public road of Bibb County.
4. Petitions from Danny Harrison for the registration of Joseph Chandler Drive and Nicholas Lane as public roads of Bibb County.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Clerk, State Court.

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution presented to Ms. June Thomas upon her retirement from the Bibb County Finance Office on December 31, 2006 after more than 11 years of service.

On motion of Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned resolution was ratified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE, TAX AND REVENUE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the County Attorney review the documents related to the Centreplex Hotel tax abatement and refer them back to committee after any necessary changes.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Safe neighborhood Program – to be offset with revenue.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

3. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$6,800.00 that is offset with revenue for the purchase of laser radar units for the H.E.A.T. vehicles.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

4. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,250.00 that is offset with revenue for the purchase of in-car radar units for the H.E.A.T. vehicles.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

5. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Fire Department to purchase an additional mobile radio; this will not increase the FY 2007 budget.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

6. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$70,000.00 to cover inmate medical cost.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

7. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$49,845.00 to cover the cost of repairs to the Traffic Control Building.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

8. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Bridge Repair to Costello Industries in the amount of \$37,818.20.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

9. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to Fisher Scientific in the amount of \$28,579.90 by utilizing the State of Georgia Contract.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

10. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Fire Trucks to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$728,464.00. *It was noted that said cost covers two (2) fire trucks.*

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

11. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Vehicles as follows:

Item #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10,11 & 12	To Riverside Ford in the amount of \$312,940.03
Item # 9 and 14	To Prater Ford in the amount of \$82,133.60
Item #6	To Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$18,798.00
Item #15 and 16	To Middle Georgia Freightliner in the amount of \$259,406.00

The Committee also recommends that bids for item #13, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton service truck, be rejected, revise the specifications and re-bid.

The Committee further recommends a transfer in the amount of \$8,766.45 from Engineering/Public Works salary line item to cover shortage on item #14, 15 and 16.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

12. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for a Telephone Switch to Strategic Products and Services in the amount of \$90,211.40.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

13. The Committee recommends awarding requisition #49928 for Digital Vehicle Video Cameras to Integrian in the amount of \$49,770.00.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

14. The Committee recommends awarding requisition #50083 for Digital Reader/ Printers to Milner Document Systems in the amount of \$35,356.00 and allowing trade-in of the exiting equipment.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

At this time, Commissioner Allen stated that he would like permission to re-discuss the Centreplex Hotel tax abatement issue discussed earlier due to the fact that the matter was supposed to be referred to the committee of the whole rather than back to the Finance Committee.

County Attorney stated that, by a majority vote, the Board could reconsider the matter as it was passed and then make the clarification and vote on that.

Commissioner Hart made a motion that the matter related to the Centreplex Hotel tax abatement be brought back up for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously.

Chairman Bishop called for the question. There being no opposition, the matter was reconsidered. Commissioner Allen stated that he wanted to make an amendment to the previous motion as follows:

“The Finance Committee recommends that the County Attorney review the documents related to the Centreplex Hotel tax abatement and that the matter be put on the next agenda for the Committee of the Whole after any necessary changes.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried unanimously.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2007 for Bibb Distributing Company located at 6401 Hawkinsville Road.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends approval of the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2007 for Polly’s Corner Café located at 6351 Zebulon Road.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Agreement between Bibb County and the Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering activities for the Sardis Church Road Connector, Project No. STP-000-00(566).

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends approval of the request of Palmer Rolfes, Southland Waste Systems, that the contract for residential solid waste collection and disposal be amended to allow rate increases for the 30-yard compactor as is provided for the other contract items (year 1 rate + increase as per CPI not to

exceed 3%). The Committee further recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign said contract amendment after legal review.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

3. The Committee recommends that the petition to register Luke Drive be approved and that said road be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

4. The Committee recommends that the petitions to register Buckskin Drive, Gray Wolf Drive and Fawn Court be approved and that said roads be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

5. The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance establishing and constituting Maimont Subdivision as Street Light district #5094.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

6. The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance to fix the maximum speed limit on Ayers Road, from North Mumford Road to Hancock Place at 35 miles per hour.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

7. The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance to fix the maximum speed limit on Ayers Road, from Hancock Place to the Macon City Limit at 45 miles per hour.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

8. The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance to fix the maximum speed limit on Idleway Drive, from Tucker Road to North Mumford Road at 35 miles per hour.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

9. The Committee recommends that the contract between Bibb County and Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for management of the Macon-Bibb County Road Improvement Program be extended for one year to February 2008.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends establishing the position of City/County Garbage Coordinator (C22-01) to the Tax Commissioner Department. The salary plus benefits i.e. (Health Care, Pension, Dental, Vision, etc) will be at no cost to the County.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends the approval of a temporary employee for the Finance Department not to exceed eight (8) weeks.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee authorizes the Chairman to sign the contract for the Courthouse Fire Alarm System.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee authorizes the Purchasing Department to secure an RFP for roof replacement on the Fish N' Pig restaurant.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends adoption of an Ordinance of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, Georgia to amend Section 2-364, sub-section (e) of the code of Bibb County, Georgia entitled "Procurement and Disposal of Personal Property".

On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends approval of an Ordinance Change of the code of Ordinances, to amend section 17-52 through Section 17-56 of the Code of Bibb County entitled, "In Rem Tax Foreclosures".

On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Bishop commented that the land recently purchased by Bibb County, approximately 400 acres identified as the Jordan tract located off of Rocky Creek Road, and designated as greenspace, is something the boy scouts might want to look into for trails and primitive camping, etc. He added that it would be a good place for them because there is all kind of wildlife out there. He stated that the County would have to look at the liability waiver, however.

Commissioner Bivins added that the butterfly habitat at Lake Tobesofkee was another location for them to give some consideration for use.

Chairman Bishop added that Commissioner Bivins has been real instrumental in building a butterfly garden at Lake Tobesofkee.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board