

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 10, 2004
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Tommy C. Olmstead, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Charles W. Bishop and Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr.

Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, was absent.

Staff present: Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Director, Buildings & Properties; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Bill Vaughn, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer and Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

News Media: Mr. Travis Fain of The Telegraph and a representative from FOX TV 24.

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Reverend Curtis Raines, Sr., Pastor of the New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Olmstead asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Olmstead announced that a retirement reception will be held for Bob Fountain, former County Engineer, on Friday, February 13, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom.

Chairman Olmstead announced that the Annual Taste of Macon will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at the Historic Atlanta Depot from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2004 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Ms. Nettie Thomas and

Mr. Clifford Johnson of Kings Park.

Ms. Nettie Thomas addressed the Board by stating that she lives at 3309 Majestic Lane. Ms. Thomas stated that the house next door to hers (3308 Majestic Lane) is open and people are going in and out of the house, day and night. Ms. Thomas stated that the house needs to be boarded up as well as other vacant houses in the neighborhood. She stated that someone started a fire in the house this past Friday night and that, thankfully, one of her neighbors was able to put it out before the Fire and Sheriff's Departments arrived.

Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer, stated that Citibank Corporation has foreclosed on the previous owner. He stated that he has been contact with the local office and advised them that the house has been open for more than a week. Ken stated that if the Board directed, he could go out and board the house up tomorrow or put a lien against to try and recoup the County's cost. Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney, stated that the County Code would allow it. Chairman Olmstead directed Ken Sheets to board up the house tomorrow.

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Mr. Ray Ellerbee. Mr. Ellerbee addressed the Board by stating that he lives in Lizella, Georgia. Mr. Ellerbee stated that there is a mega-operation of a junkyard in his area. He stated that the citizens of Fulton Hills and Blue Ridge Subdivisions have signed a petition. Mr. Ellerbee stated that the owner, Mr. Surles, has been out there since 1989 and never obtained a permit for anything except one pole barn. Mr. Ellerbee stated that Mr. Surles only had a 60 ft. right-of-way on Bethel Church Road. He stated that Mr. Surles junkyard is a violation of the Bibb County Code. Mr. Ellerbee also stated that there is an injunction against Planning and Zoning and they can't do anything to help the situation. He appealed to the County to do something because Mr. Surles is operating without a license and, as a result, is breaking County and State law.

Chairman Olmstead asked Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney, and Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer, to review the documents to find just what the County can do to in this situation.

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Mr. James Ray Mobley of Lizella, Georgia who was accompanying Mr. Ellerbee.

Chairman Olmstead also recognized and welcomed Mr. Freddie Graham, Ms. Fernella Cabey and Ms. Yvette Cabey of Kings Park Circle.

Ms. Cabey addressed the Board by stating that she was representing Ms. Hugley, who is the president of the Kings Park Association/Sam Hart Community Center. Ms. Cabey stated that she serves as the vice president. She expressed gratitude to the Board for working with the Kings Park Association with regard to the problems in the neighborhood. The first problem she mentioned is that water backs up when it rains. She stated that it accumulates into a pond in front of her house and throughout the community and they need some drains cleaned and others put in. She stated that another problem they are experiencing is that there are three houses in the neighborhoods that have been burned and/or abandoned. She stated that one of the houses is located on Masseyville and two are located on Majestic Circle. Ms. Cabey stated that they have sent a letter along with pictures to

Vice Chairman Hart.

Chairman Olmstead stated that he will ask the County Engineer to look at the drainage problems to see what can be done.

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to the **ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS:**

1. Petition from Mr. Brandon Robertson, R & B Construction, Inc., for the registration of Alex Bailey Court and Shelby Court as public roads of Bibb County.
2. Petition from Mr. Ray Young, The Summit Group, for the registration of Sheraton Boulevard as a public road of Bibb County.

RECORD & INFORMATION:

Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Tobesofkee Recreation Area.

ACTION:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Olmstead gave a brief report of his activities since the last meeting. They were as follows:

- 1/28 - Macon-Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Luncheon
- Meeting with Mr. Ben Campen
- Chamber Board of Directors Called Meeting
- 1/29 - Stakeholders' Meeting @ Board of Health
- Meeting with Commissioner Bishop & Senator Ross Tolleson
- GEDA Legislative Reception
- 2/5 - Meeting with Mr. Hale Almand, Bill Vaughn, Ken Sheets & Van Etheridge

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

1. The Committee recommends award be made to Die Bold Election System, Inc. in the amount of \$88,077.10 covering the Sole Source procurement of Voting Unit and Memory Card for Board of Elections.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation

was approved as presented.

2. The Committee recommends approval of requisition #34720 to Dell Marketing in the amount \$31,398.47 off of state contract.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval for Chairman Olmstead to sign the lease between Bibb County and the Georgia Department of Human Resources for lease of the DFACS Building for a period of one year commencing on the first day of the month following the date of issuance of a Permanent Certificate of Occupancy by the State Fire Marshal and a Certificate of Substantial Completion from the County's Architect and final approval and acceptance by DHR's architect. The initial term is one year at a rate of \$1,435,633.52 with lessee having exclusive right to renew for seventeen initial terms with the rate being subject to adjustment annually.

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

4. Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2004 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$15,900.00 for the purchase of seven (7) computers to be used with the CAD System.

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

5. The Committee recommends the bid for 3/4 Ton Truck be awarded to Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$26,158.00.

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

6. The Committee recommends the bid for Vehicle Customizing be awarded to Macon Communications at the unit prices bid.

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 2004 General Fund budget in the amount of \$247,600.00 to cover legal expenses incurred in a Bibb County Civil Case.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation

was approved as presented.

8. The Committee recommends approval authorization for Deborah Martin to sign Application for Federal Assistance relating to an audit b the Office of Inspector General for the period July 1994, to July 2002, and approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2004 General Fund budget in the amount of \$15,371.00 for payment to FEMA resulting from this audit.

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

9. The Committee recommends that, for future Committee meetings, agendas and information be mailed out to all Commissioners on Friday prior to Committee meetings, and that additional notebooks not be set up for Committee meetings, and that Committee Backs be given only to the Commissioner who is to read them at the Board Meeting.

Commissioner Richardson stated that this will be quite a cost-savings for the Finance Department and he commended Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director, for bringing this matter to the Board's attention. Chairman Olmstead added that the positive vote on this is a commendation to the Finance Director.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - No Report.

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Bishop reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Certificate of Ownership and Agreement from GDOT for resurfacing of 1.020 miles of County Roads under the Local Assistance Roads Program, LAR04-S006-00(286).

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

2. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the County Right-of-way Agreement with GDOT for the Sofkee Development located on SR247 @ Allen Road, Project TSAP0-S006-00.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Certificate of

Ownership and Agreement from GDOT for resurfacing of 5.920 miles of County Roads under the Local Assistance Roads Program, LAR04-S006-00(285).

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the resolution to authorize certain proceedings in eminent domain for Parcel No. 02, Tucker Road, Project RIP#23, for the purpose of acquiring right-of-way and a construction easement.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of the resolution to authorize certain proceedings in eminent domain for Parcel Nos. 46 and 48, Tucker Road, Project RIP#23, for the purpose of acquiring construction easements.

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

6. The Committee recommends that the resolution to authorize certain proceedings in eminent domain for Parcel Nos. 19-A and 21, Tucker Road, Project RIP#23, be withdrawn, and reports that a settlement has been reached with the property owner.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE - No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - No Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE - In the absence of Committee Chairman Bivins, Commissioner Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the Pension Advisory Board be comprised of two (2) employees (**one General Employee and one Retiree**). The Pension Advisory Board participants will be invited to sit in on pension presentations.

Chairman Olmstead requested that the County Attorney draw up some specific rules for the Board to operate by.

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

Commissioner Bishop read a Resolution respecting air quality by the following caption:

“Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County supporting creation of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.”

On motion of Commissioner Bishop and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was approved as presented.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE - No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Commissioner Bishop stated that it would be nice for the Board to hold Town Hall meetings in the different areas of the County where they not only can tell what they have accomplished during the past three years but also to find out what problems exist that they haven't addressed or that people think they haven't addressed and answer questions for the citizens and have as many Commissioners as can attend at each meeting in different areas of the County. He also recommended that certain members of the County staff be required to attend, especially from the Engineering Department.

Chairman Olmstead added that a Town Hall meeting should be held in each of the four Districts and that the Board should really plan on this because there are a lot of questions right now, particularly with the Sales Tax vote coming up on March 2. He stated that people need to know what they think and what they plan to do.

Commissioner Bishop suggested that one such meeting could be held at the Porter Ellis Community Center, the new Sheriff's Precinct in Lizella and one across Highway 247. Chairman Olmstead stated that all of these locations were in the same district and that they need to look at some other places too. Chairman Olmstead added that the meetings were a good idea and would be timely.

Commissioner Bishop added that they owe to the public an explanation why they decided to change, per se, the form of government by approving a full-time county manager and making the chairman part-time.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Clerk of the Board