The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Member absent: Commissioner Bert Bivins III

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

News Media present: Mr. Travis Fain from The Macon Telegraph.

Chairman Olmstead recognized Reverend Curtis Tolbert, Pastor of Progressive Baptist Church, for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Olmstead called on Commissioner Bishop to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Olmstead stated that Bibb and Twiggs County officials are talking about creating an Industrial Park on I-16. The counties have adjoining land and feel that it could be a good prospect to attract some industry from the Savannah area where they are building the new Daimler-Chrysler Plant in Pooler, Georgia. There will be another meeting on Saturday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m. at GEICO. He advised that members of our Legislative Delegation would be in attendance.

Chairman Olmstead announced that ACCG’s Commissioners meeting at the Capitol Program will be held on Wednesday, February 19. This was the date assigned to the Commissioners of the Sixth District and was an opportunity to meet with legislators and talk about legislation that affects Bibb County. He advised that breakfast would be served at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 on the Senate Side. Chairman Olmstead also announced that the annual Taste of Macon event will be held on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Georgia Depot in Atlanta.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2003 were approved as written.
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Olmstead recognized the following visitors: Ms. Dorothy Hill, Mr. Charles Moody, Mrs. Virginia Gallemore, Ms. Bianca Harmon, Ms. Kecia Hill, Ms. Denise Hill and Mr. Winfred Davis.

In recognition of their disability retirements effective December 31, 2002, the following employees were presented with a Resolution and watch from the Board of Commissioners: Chairman Olmstead recognized Mr. George B. Hill, III, who had more than 20 years of service; Commissioner Hart recognized Mrs. Gloria Moody, who had more than 23 years of service; Commissioner Bishop recognized Mrs. Shirley Lester, who had more than 14 years of service; Commissioner Richardson recognized Ms. Gloria Newbill, who had more than 23 years of service and Mr. David Price, who was not in attendance, for more than eight years of service.

Chairman Olmstead read the narrative of the Resolution and the Commissioners assisted in presenting the Resolution and watches as indicated above.

BOARD AGENDA (Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board)

REFERRALS:

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

1. Letter from Mr. Merritt Johnson, Jr., Chairperson, Bellevue Concerned Citizens Community Organization, requesting that the name Roundfield Road be carried throughout the road beginning at Hollingsworth Road to the dead end.

2. Correspondence from Mr. Buddy Gratton, P.E., State Maintenance Engineer, Department of Transportation, respecting load rating of bridges in Bibb County.

The following item was referred to the HUMAN RESOURCES & INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Correspondence from Mr. Cam Oetter, Chairman, MATS Citizens Advisory Committee, requesting that an appointment be made to the CAC County At Large post.

RECORD & INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

Ratification of Resolution designating Friday, January 31, 2003 as “National Groundhog Job
Shadow Day” in Macon and Bibb County.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman Olmstead reported on his activities since the last meeting. They were as follows:

- Macon Middle Georgia Economic Outlook 2003 Luncheon – 1/29
- Meeting w/Frank Fields & Bill Vaughn – 1/29
  (Re: New HALFWAY House)
- Chamber Board Meeting – 1/30
- GEDA Legislative Reception (Atlanta) – 1/30
- Shadow Day Kick-Off @ Career Center – 1/31
- Breakfast Meeting w/Mayor Ellis – 1/31
- MEDC Luncheon for past Bd. Members – 2/3
- Industrial Authority – 2/3
- Meeting w/Clay Murphrey, Jeff Jones, Bill & Virgil – 2/4
- Meeting w/Charles Brittain & Bob Cincevich – 2/4
- ACCG Legislative Conf.– 2/5; 2/6
- Meeting w/Jim Davis & Bill – 2/7
- Meeting between Bibb & Twiggs County Commissioners – 2/8
- GA. Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – 2/9
- Called Industrial Authority Audit Finance/Personnel Comm. Meeting – 2/10

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

1. The Committee recommends bid for Vehicle Customizing for Bibb County Sheriff’s office be awarded to Interceptor Public Safety Products in the amount of $50,632.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of proposal from Donaldson, Garrett and Associates covering topographic/utility survey at a cost of $24,124.00 to facilitate the Bibb Law Enforcement Center expansion and renovation project.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the attached schedule regarding tentative dates covering
the FY 2004 budgetary process pertaining to the County Departments and Agencies be approved. This schedule reflects that a budget planning retreat has been scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, May 15th. The schedule for budget hearings is as follows:

- May 19th - 23rd
- May 28

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

4. The Committee recommends that camera equipment be installed with an estimated cost of $28,000.00 at the River Edge Behavioral Health Center on Emery Highway and the small building located a the same site which houses several local and State agencies. Once the bids are received, a supplemental appropriation in the like amount should be made to Capital Improvements Fund.

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

5. Regarding the request from Civil Court Sheriff Tommy Alston for the County to sell four (4) extra handguns to four employees in his office, the Committee recommends that the guns be sold at the County’s upcoming auction which will give the employees the opportunity to buy the guns.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of $100,000.00 to the FY 2003 General Fund budget to cover purchase of Standard Register Imaging Processor for Tax Commissioner’s office to help facilitate the billing of City garbage bills. This appropriation will be offset by payment from the City in the amount of $65,000.00.

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

_DISCUSSION:_
For clarification purposes, Chairman Olmstead stated that the $65,000.00 is comprised of $50,000.00 for the machine and a $15,000.00 up-front payment.

7. The Committee recommends that the request from the Georgia Department of Administrative
Services for the County to waive rent increases for FY 2004 covering Leases No. 4690, 4798, 5156 and 3452 be addressed as follows:

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

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Olmstead stated that a letter would be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services giving an explanation as to why the two leases were denied. He stated that they were denied because the rates were really the payment of the bonds that the County sold to build the buildings where these agencies are housed. He stated that he wanted the State to know that the County is cooperating with them as much as possible.

8. For the Record: The Committee received a report prepared by the Purchasing Agent regarding credit card activity for the month of December 2002.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - No Report.

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

1. With regards to correspondence from Mr. Lionel Hutchinson respecting a drainage problem at 5989 Rogers Road, the Committee recommends that the County Public Works Department be authorized open up the ditch and divert the storm water from Mr. Hutchinson’s property, only if Mr. Wiggins will grant an easement to the County.

The Committee further reports that, based on advice from the County Attorney, Bibb County cannot purchase pipe to be installed in said ditch as was previously requested by Mr. Wiggins.

Note: This recommendation comes as a result of a 2 to 1 vote by the Committee, with Commissioner Bishop voting against.

Commissioner Bishop stated that he was putting the matter forth for approval. Chairman Olmstead called for the vote. The recommendation passed by a 3 to 1 vote. Commissioner
Bishop cast the dissenting vote and Commissioner Bivins was absent.

2. The Committee reports that bids were received on January 7, 2003, for road improvements to Millerfield Road, RIP#54-B, and that the low responsive bidder was Kemi Construction with a total bid of $1,617,869.25, 23% below the engineers estimate.

The Committee recommends that award be made to Kemi Construction at the unit prices bid and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract as soon as satisfactory bonds have been furnished.

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

3. The Committee reports that the County Attorney has advised that Bibb County is well within its rights to differentiate between mobile home parks and apartment complexes for the purpose of solid waste collection.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the request of Attorney Jonathan Alderman on behalf of Matt Reno, for exemption from county trash pickup at Pine Acres Mobile Home Park and permission to contract with a private waste disposal carrier be respectfully denied.

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 - No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends accepting the recommendation of the Chief Appraiser to grant a refund to Ms. Eve McElrath of 176 Tattershall Court for taxes paid on the value of $11,400.00 for tax years 1999 and 2000 based on the factual errors discovered.

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

2. The Committee recommends accepting the recommendation of the Chief Appraiser that no action be taken with regard to the request of Teddy L. Coody of the Bloomfield Drive
Pentecostal Holiness Church beyond the correction of the value for parcel known as 5540 Columbus Road.

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

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** - No Report.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** - No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - At this time, Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed the following visitors who came in late: Ms. Nettie Thomas, Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins.

Ms. Nettie Thomas, Kings Park Association, addressed the Board by stating that she was again soliciting the County’s help as a result of a tragedy on the weekend whereby a vacant house in her neighborhood burned down. She stated that the house should have been boarded up and that they needed better patrolling and the drugs out of Kings Park. She stated that drug dealers have taken over her street, Majestic Court, Majestic Lane and East Royal Court.

Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Kings Park Association, addressed the Board by stating that the County’s Ordinance respecting loud music needs to be enforced and particularly on her street, Lancing Lane. Ms. Dawkins stated that she can’t sleep at night for the loud music.

Chairman Olmstead advised Ms. Thomas and Ms. Dawkins that their concerns would be relayed to the Sheriff’s Department.

Chairman Olmstead also recognized and welcomed Ms. Yvette Cabey of Kings Park. Ms. Cabey commented that she shares the same concerns as expressed by Ms. Thomas and Ms. Dawkins.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None.

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

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Clerk of the Board