

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 20, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, February 20, 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; Barry Smallwood, Purchasing Agent; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director, Information & Technology Services; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Director of Buildings & Property; Ms. Latoya Belgrave, Risk Management; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; and Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media: None

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Chairman Bishop recognized Reverend David L. Stanley, Sr., Pastor, Union Baptist Church, for the Prayer for the Day. Chairman Bishop thanked Reverend Stanley for the prayer and invited him to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that the Taste of Macon event will be Thursday, March 1, at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Bishop announced that the Commissioners will be attending the NACo Conference in Washington, D.C. March 4 - 7. He then entertained a motion to cancel the March 6 Commission meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the March 6 Commission meeting was canceled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2007 and Special Called Meeting on February 2, 2007 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

George Maddox
Nettie Thomas
Reo Porter
Hazel Giddens
Vicki Cotton
Glenda Vyncke
Ann Griffin

Chairman Bishop presented a retirement resolution and watch to Chief Jimmy Allen, Sheriff's Office, for 38 years and five months. In conjunction with this presentation, Sheriff Jerry Modena presented Chief Allen with a service award.

Chairman Bishop presented a retirement resolution and watch to Mr. Ted Mollohan, Engineering/Public Works, for 24 years and three months.

Chairman Bishop announced that the next presentation of certificates was for graduates of the 2006 Management Development Program. Tommy Brown, Human Resources Director, called each name as follows:

- Zonteon Cotton, Public Works
- Donald Crooms, Sheriff's Office
- Vernon Cullins, Engineering
- Jesse Griffin, Purchasing
- Sidney Jordan, Sheriff's Office
- Lynne Mattox, Sheriff's Office
- Kenith Porter, Sheriff's Office
- Patricia "Pat" Raines, Engineering
- Roland Reed, Sheriff's Office

Other graduates of the MDP, included William Ferrel and Charles Sanferrare of the Sheriff's Department, both of whom were unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Chairman Bishop added that this Management Development Program is a part of the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government and consists of Levels one, two and three and 150 hours of instruction.

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

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to **Engineering/Public Works:**

1. Petition from Ms. Lucy Gibson, Gibson-Carey Development Company, Inc., for the registration of Ryan Drive as a public road of Bibb County.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - presented to Mr. Lenzy Reid, Sr., on the occasion of his 91st birthday celebration held on January 31, 2007;
 - presented in recognition of “*National Earned Income Tax Credit Day*” in Bibb County on February 1, 2007;
 - presented in recognition of “*National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*” in Bibb County on February 7, 2007; and
 - presented to Mrs. Lottie Bell Cousins on the occasion of her 99th birthday celebration held on Sunday, February 18, 2007

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

Next, Chairman Bishop called for ratification of the following Board appointments as discussed and voted on during the meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

- Appointment of Commissioner Allen to the River Edge Community Service Board;
- Appointment of Mr. Matt Rogers to the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center (RDC); and
- Appointment of Mr. Frank Amerson to the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned appointments were ratified unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement between Mr. James Jordan and Bibb County to allow Mr. Jordan to take a special tax advantage from the State of Georgia and possibly from the Internal Revenue Service.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the FY 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$44,677.00 for completion of the DHR grant for River Edge. The revenue was received in FY 2006.

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

3. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Renovations at the Farmer's Market Tag Office to Engineering Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$249,000.00.

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

4. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Digital Recording Systems for State Court and Superior Court to DECA – AMR Business Products, Inc. in the amount of \$23,796.00.

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

5. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Banking Services to Capital City Bank at the unit prices bid for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

**Commissioner Richardson stated that he was recusing himself from the vote due to his membership of the Board of Directors of SunTrust Bank.
On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented on a four-to-one (4-1) vote.**

6. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for the Sale of a Log Cabin to Mike Cook Company in the amount of \$5,400.00.

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

7. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Seawall Construction at Lake Tobesofkee to G&E Dock and Seawall Corp. in the amount of \$19,900.00.

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

8. The Committee recommends approving the change order covering increased material costs to Speir & Associates Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00.

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

9. The Committee recommends authorizing chairman Bishop to execute the contract with GovDeals, Inc. covering internet-based auctioning of surplus goods and equipment.

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

10. The Committee recommends approving the change order covering additional materials and repair costs at the Fenley Ryther Dam to Alpha Construction Company in the amount of \$74,116.00.

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

11. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the certificate of substantial completion for the DFACS office addition and renovation.

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

12. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for State Court Probation to purchase a radio for Mr. Lindsey Spivey from Capital Outlay Contingency.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of Elaine Carr's vehicle assignment as Exclusive Unrestricted providing it meets with all requirements of the IRS.

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

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

1. License and Tax Committee recommends approval of the New 2007 Alcoholic Beverage License for 247 Clubhouse LLC d/b/a The Clubhouse located at 7275 Hawkinsville Road.

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

2. The Committee recommends. License and Tax Committee recommends approval of the New 2007 Sunday Sales Affidavit for 247 Clubhouse LLC d/b/a The Clubhouse located at 7275 Hawkinsville Road.

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

3. License and Tax Committee recommends approval of the New 2007 Alcoholic Beverage License for C. B. Y. Food Mart located at 6024 Moseley Dixon Road.

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

4. License and Tax Committee respectfully denies the request from Joe and Carolyn Hubbard to waive the late fees (*related to their property taxes*).

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 authorizes the Chairman to sign a letter stating the new Forsyth property for the Fire Station was purchased from the Bibb County government for a public purpose which may allow for some tax advantages for the seller.

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

2. The Committee reports that bids were received on February 14, 2007 for Houston Avenue Improvements from Eisenhower Parkway to MLK Jr. Blvd and from Rocky Creek Road to Newberg Avenue, Project RIP#36 and that Kemi Construction Company of Atlanta was the low responsive bidder with a total bid of \$8,830,300.00.

The Committee recommends that award be made to Kemi Construction Company 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 Bivins and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

3. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Right-of-Way Agreements between Bibb County and the Department of Transportation for Houston Avenue Road Improvements, Phase I and Phase III, Project RIP#36, PR000-S009-00(857) AND (858).

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

4. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Certificate of Ownership and Agreement between Bibb County and the Department of Transportation for line striping on 40.61 miles of various County roads.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of Budget Modification No. 24 for Macon-Bibb County Road Improvement Program.

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 accepts the recommendation of the Human Resources Director for approval to use Temporary Agencies for the Mosquito/Tick Workers, which would eliminate workers' compensation and unemployment insurance with a savings to Bibb County Government.

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

2. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the Information and Technology Service Director (ITS) for the reorganization of the Information and Technology Services Department effective February 20, 2007 as follows:

Grant Faulkner	Grade T37 Step 03
William Simpson	Grade T33 Step 05
Don Moody	Grade T27 Step 04
Robert Hall	Grade T21 Step 09
Ken Clark	Grade T21 Step 08
Marty Marberry	Grade T28 Step 02
Sam Sengsouvanh	Grade T25 Step 01

The positions of the Data Entry and ITS Intern will be eliminated. The reorganization of the ITS Department will result in a savings to Bibb County in the amount of \$29,883.00.

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

3. The Committee recommends the approval of two (2) Temporary Positions in Custodial Services up to June 30, 2007. Funding to be used from existing salaries.

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

4. The Committee recommends the approval of the Job Descriptions for the Chief Deputy – Law Enforcement Services and the Chief Deputy – Corrections and Court Services.

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

5. The Committee recommends the approval of the revised Bibb County Government “Computer Policy” effective February 20, 2007.

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

6. The Committee recommends the approval for a temporary position in Juvenile Court for up to eight (8) weeks funding to be used from existing salaries.

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

7. The Committee recommends the approval of the new pay scale for both Chief Deputy positions of the Bibb County Sheriff Department to be set at Grade S09 Step 8 effective January 18, 2007.

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

8. The Committee accepts the recommendation for the Human Resources Director for the pay scale of the Assistant Building and Properties Director to remain at grade T26 Step 1.

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

9. The Committee recommends the approval of two (2) temporary positions in custodial Services up to June 30, 2007 funding to be used from existing salaries.

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

10. The Committee accepts the recommendation of Sheriff Jerry Modena to change the previously approved forty-six (46) Jailer positions to forty-six (46) Deputy Sheriff Positions and that the Jailer position to be eliminated.

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 Properties Committee recommends approval of carpet replacement for various County departments. The cost of labor and materials will be \$116,609.00.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the request from Mr. Wyndell Sikes to construct a playhouse on land below the 369 foot contour line adjacent to the property at 175 Waterway Court.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the request from Georgia Multisports productions to use Sandy Beach Park on June 2 & 3, 2007 for the Fourth Annual Half-Iron Triathlon.

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

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of a change in the Ordinance of Bibb County for Sales Below Fair Value (Sec. 17-49)

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of a change to the Bibb County ordinance for the Sale of Real Property Acquired at Tax Sale in the name of the County prior to January 1, 1998. (Sec. 17-51).

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of a change to the Bibb County Ordinance as it relates to Lake Tobesofkee. (Sec. 13-1 – 13.20)

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of a Resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Road Enhancement Trust Fund for the purpose of providing necessary funding for the Houston Avenue Road Improvement Project.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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