

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 3, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Boardroom at the Bibb County Courthouse. Board Members present were Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Vice Chairman Joe O. Allen, Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., Commissioner Lonzy Edwards and Commissioner Bert Bivins, III.

Staff in attendance was Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant and Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer.

News media in attendance included Jennifer Burk of The Telegraph.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the Minutes of the regular monthly meeting on February 17, 2009 were approved as written.***

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Patricia Faye Ivey Brown of 523 Rutherford Avenue addressed the Board regarding her constitutional rights as a citizen of Macon-Bibb County.

**REFERRALS:**

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

1. Agreement for Maintenance of Roadway Lighting Systems for Mercer University Drive.
2. Agreement for Maintenance of Roadway Lighting Systems for Thomaston Road @ I-475 Interchange.
3. Agreement for Maintenance of Roadway Lighting Systems for Riverside Drive @ I-75 Interchange.

**RECORD AND INFORMATION:**

1. Correspondence from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Historic Preservation Division – announcing that the **Joseph and Mary Jane League House** in Bibb County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 9, 2009. The house is located at 1849 Waverland Drive located in the Shirley Hills neighborhood.

2. Correspondence from Cox Communications announcing that effective April 1, 2009 they plan to make several changes to their programming lineup to include the addition of seven new High-Definition channels.
3. Correspondence from Cox Communications giving notice of a situation regarding programming on its cable system serving Bibb, Houston, Jones, Monroe and Peach counties. They are in the midst of negotiations with Gannett Broadcasting, owner of WMAZ-TV 13, for the right to continue to carry its signals, but their carriage rights for WMAZ-TV currently expire on April 1, 2009.

**ACTION:**

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
  - presented to Ms. Karen Potts in recognition of her retirement from the Tax Commissioners' Office December 31, 2008 after 25 plus years of service;
  - presented to the Nathaniel Macon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognizing February 12, 2009 as "GEORGIA DAY" in honor of our State's 276<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
  - presented to Macon State College recognizing February 20, 2009 as "ARBOR DAY" in Bibb County.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. The Committee recommends that the request of Georgia Power Company for an easement across property at 3890 Houston Avenue be respectfully denied.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance to prohibit exceeding certain load limits on Augusta Avenue, Brunswick Avenue and Cordele Avenue.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the petitions to register Headwaters Court and Headwaters Cove Drive be approved and that said roads be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

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

**TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval for a Georgia Power Easement in Claystone Park for the installation of approximately 200 feet of underground electrical line for the purpose of restoring electrical power to the boathouse area. This easement is granted with the stipulation that all overhead lines be removed.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval for the Georgia Bass Federation to use Claystone Park as the location of the 2009 GBCF Youth Top-6 Fishing Tournament on March 28, 2009.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the request from John Harrison to use Claystone Park for the First Annual “Fish N’ Pig Moonlight Classic” Disc Golf Tournament on March 11, 2009.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Relay for Life” Cancer Fund Raiser Event to be held at Sandy Beach on May 1, 2009. The Committee further recommends that all fees be waived.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval for the RDC to use Claystone Pavilion on October 15, 2009 for their Annual Meeting. The Committee further recommends that all fees be waived.

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

Commissioner Allen reported that the second of two Town Hall meetings will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at Claystone Park at Lake Tobesofkee. The purpose of the meetings is to gather input from the public on ***“How they would like to see the Lake Tobesofkee Recreation Area used?”***

Opinion Research Solutions (ORS) is the firm conducting the town hall meeting and the survey and market analysis to determine the needs and wants of citizens who have used the lake and parks and also potential users.

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

1. The Committee respectfully denies the request for consideration of Claim #765A64708-06.

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – No Report

**ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE** – No Report

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** – No Report

**MACON WATER AUTHORITY** – No Report

**LAND BANK AUTHORITY** – No Report

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – No Report

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

1. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Traffic Signal Installation for Engineering to Moye Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$124,500.00.

The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$21,145.00.

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

2. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for a Skid Steer for Lake Tobesofkee to Central Georgia Equipment in the amount of \$36,772.00.

The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$36,772.00.

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

3. The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,772.00.

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

4. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for an Aerial Fire Truck for the Fire Department to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$739,830.00.

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

**LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approving a New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application for Lucky Keno located at 3047 Hartley Bridge Road.

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** – Chairman Sam Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending the reappointment of Ulysses J. Finney, Chuck O'Neal and John Wolfenbarger to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority for the term of March 18, 2009 through December 31, 2012. A replacement for Robert Mullis will be named at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

2. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole adopting a Code of Ethics for Bibb County subject to modifications by the County Attorney.

Chairman Hart noted that the modifications have been made.

**On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the before mentioned item was ratified.**

3. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole approving Bibb County to act as the fiscal agent for the Mental Health Grant Application subject to the policies and procedures of Bibb County.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – Commissioner Edwards noted the presence of Mr. Palmer Rolfes, General Manager, Southland Waste Systems, and asked if he would to say a few words. Mr. Rolfes introduced Ms. Monica Moseley as the Marketing Manager for the south area. He stated that Southland Waste Systems has had the pleasure of serving the County and being a partner with the County over the last several years.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC  
Clerk of the Board