

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 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; Jesse Griffin, Purchasing, Mr. Tony Rousey, Director, Information & Technology Services; Christy Iulucci, Assistant Director of Finance, Ms. Charlene Maynard, Human Resources; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; and Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media: Lora Lynch, WMAZ TV 13 and Chase Ambrose, WGXA TV 24.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Chairman Bishop recognized Reverend Sonny Mason., Pastor, Riverside United Methodist Church for the Prayer for the Day. Chairman Bishop thanked Reverend Mason for the prayer and invited him to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2007 and Special Called Meeting on March 12, 2007 (Executive Session) were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Nettie Thomas	Steven Evans
Hazel Giddens	April Evans
Diane Torbush	Erica Evans
Donald Richardson, Jr.	Cathy Evans
Ayesha Thornton	Linda McElroy
Gene Ray	Ava Hollingshed-Steele
Pat Simmons	Dorothy Prater
	Kevin Miller

At this time, Chairman Bishop recognized Ms. Cathy Evans and invited her to join the Commissioners at the podium, along with members of the Lemon family, Sheriff Jerry Modena and Fire Chief Jimmy Hartley.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Bishop presented Ms. Evans with a resolution in recognition of her heroism which saved the life of Marquez Lemon from his burning home in Lizella during an early morning in February 2007 during the course of her newspaper delivery job.

Marquez's grandmother, Linda McElroy and great aunt, Dorothy Prater, expressed their gratitude to Ms. Evans for her bravery which resulted in saving Marquez from the fire.

Next, Chairman Bishop recognized Judge Thomas Matthews, Juvenile Court of Bibb County, and invited him to join him at the podium.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Bishop presented Judge Matthews with a Certificate of Appreciation and pin for the completion of 30 years of service (*as of February 16, 2007*) with Bibb County.

Next, Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Mr. Gene Ray, 256 Providence Boulevard, located off of Bass Road.

Mr. Ray asked for the Board's consideration in getting a traffic light installed on Bass Road at the entrance to the Providence subdivision to curtail speeding and accidents. Mr. Ray also expressed concerned at the entrance to a particular service station on Bass Road and suggested that some improvements at that location, perhaps, installing a median. Additionally, Mr. Ray stated that there was a problem with speeding in the Providence subdivision, adding that he has reported this to the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Richardson responded that he agreed with Mr. Ray that it is a major problem out there.

Sheriff Modena stated that he has the citations to prove that the Sheriff's Department has been out there patrolling the area and that he has also received several complaints because of the tickets they've written out there. Sheriff Modena added that he would increase the patrol in this area.

Chairman Bishop thanked Mr. Ray for taking the time to come to the meeting to express his concerns.

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. Correspondence from Rick Hill, 129 Oakview Club Drive, requesting approval from the County to allow platting of property not fronting a public right-of-way to allow a gated community within Oakview Subdivision off Hartley Bridge Road.

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 Winnie Hinton upon recognition by the Career Women's Network during Women's History Month (March 2007) for her many contributions to the community;
 - presented to Dr. Glenda Earwood upon recognition by the Career Women's Network during Women's History Month (March 2007) for her many contributions to the community; and
 - presented to Edward N. Grant, Jr., in recognition of his service as a member and Chairman of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the Memorandum of Understanding regarding “One Stop Shop” between Bibb County and the City of Macon.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the transfer of funds for the SPLOST transportation Fund from Smith Barney to Merrill Lynch. The Committee further recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign any documents necessary for this transfer.

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

3. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for a $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Truck for the Fire Department to Prater Ford in the amount of \$20,096.77.

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

4. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Guardrail Installation and Repair for Public Works to Martin-Robbins Fence Company in the amount of \$59,750.00.

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

5. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Assessment Paving of County roads to Georgia Asphalt at the unit prices bid which total \$207,955.32.

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

6. The Committee recommends awarding the contract for Inmate Medical Services for the Law Enforcement Center to Correct Health in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with a per diem rate of \$2.95 for each inmate in excess of the average daily base population of 966.

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

7. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Backflow Prevention Devices for Buildings and Properties to Greene and Associates in the amount of \$28,161.00.

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

8. The Committee recommends approving Requisition #51121 covering Computer Hardware for Information Technology Services to Dell Marketing in the amount of \$28,036.08.

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

9. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Road and Highway Equipment for Public Works to Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$1,748,200.00.

The Committee further recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,748,200.00 to be offset by revenue from lease proceeds.

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 that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Addendum to the ACCG Workers' Compensation Contract.

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

2. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to Mr. David Price vs. Bibb County.

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. The Committee recommends approval of the New 2007 Alcoholic Beverage License for Mo-Joe's located at 5966 Zebulon Road.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the Tax Abatement Schedule for Battle Lumber Company.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the Tax Abatement Schedule for Project Window.

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 petition for the registration of Barrington Hall Drive, from LL 107/132 to Estes Road 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.

2. The Committee recommends that the petitions for the registration of Joseph Chandler Drive and Nicholas Lane 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.

3. The Committee recommends that the petitions for registration of Hidden Creek Circle, Gladstone Way and Green Fern Road 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.

4. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Technical support Agreement between Bibb County and GasBoy regarding the fuel distribution system at the Operations Complex, 4520 Knight Road.

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

5. The Committee recommends that the petition from Mr. Gary Jackson fore the paving of Seville Avenue be approved on an assessment basis with the property owners incurring 2/3 of the cost and the County incurring the remaining 1/3. The Committee further recommends that construction begin when prior commitments have been fulfilled and monies become available.

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

6. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 4 between Bibb County and the Department of Transportation for the Traffic Signal Timing Project, SAPS-11(227), PI No. 3KA201, RIP#56.

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

7. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contracts between Bibb County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for Houston Avenue road Improvements, Phase I and III, Project PR000-009-00 (857 & 858) RIP#36.

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 –No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends purchasing a 4 ton split air conditioning system for the Sheriff's training facility at the cost of \$11,850.00. This item will be paid for with a transfer of funds from other operating line items in the Sheriff's budget.

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

2. The Committee recommends transferring the ownership of 125 acres on the front of property located at 4280 Fulton Mill Road from the County to the Industrial Authority.

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 Mulberry Lakeside partners to construct a community boat ramp to be used by the residents of a planned development off of Moseley Dixon Road to be known as “Treetop Development.” This approval is contingent on obtaining a buffer variance permit from the DNR/EPD and the planting of an adequate vegetative buffer.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Georgia Chapter to use Claystone Park for their Annual MS Walk site on Saturday, March 24, 2007 and that all fees be waived.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the agreement with the Coca-Cola Company to provide drink machines at Claystone and Sandy Beach Parks.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the 19th Air Refueling Group at Robins Air Force Base to use Sandy Beach Park on Monday, June 4, 2007 for their Annual “101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Fair” and that all fees be waived.

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 the revised Ordinance of Bibb County for Flood Damage Prevention.

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

Commissioner Allen reported that he had his first meeting with River Edge this past Thursday and that he was sworn in. He stated that it was a very productive meeting and that he hopes to be able to give a report of the information obtained at the next Commission meeting.

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