

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 3, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, April 3, 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. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; and Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media: None.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

In the absence of a guest minister, the prayer for the day was omitted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop asked Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director, to join him at the podium for a presentation. He stated that he was pleased to present Ms. Martin with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006. The award is from the Government Finance Officers Association and is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by Bibb County.

Commissioner Allen asked Ms. Martin how many years she has received the award. Ms. Martin responded that she thinks the County has received the award either 18 or 19 years. Commissioner Allen commended her on the award.

Commissioner Bivins stated that the Macon Water Authority received the same award this year and one of the things they pointed out is that even though it might seem routine to receive the award, it is not common, because there are counties that don't get them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 20, 2007 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Nettie Thomas
Johnnie Mae Dawkins
Ayesha Thornton
Hazel Giddens
Colleen Giffin
Donald Richardson, Jr.

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

REFERRALS:

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

1. Correspondence from Jeff Carreker, President, Carreker Development Inc., requesting a sewer line easement for The Woods at Ocala, located on Vinson Road.
2. Petitions from George Connell for the registration of Karlee Dawn, Manning Mill, Bob White Road, Sweetgum Way and Quail Ridge Drive as public roads of Bibb County.
3. Petitions from Dave Odom, President, Sivica Communities, Inc. for the registration of Ivy Brook Way, Hawthorn Trail (east portion) Ironwood Court, Poplar Pass, Hawthorn Trail (west portion) Cottonwood Court and Autumn Leaves Lane located in The Highlands Subdivision, Phase IIB, as public roads of Bibb County.
4. Petitions from Dave Odom, President, Sivica Communities, Inc. for the registration of Harvest Walk, Cold Creek Parkway (2 portions) Ivy Brook Way (2 portions) and Hawthorn Trail located in The Highlands Subdivision, Phase I & IIA, as public roads of Bibb County.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Correspondence from Elaine Carr, Board of Elections, advising of the following appointments for the term April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2009: The Bibb County Republican Party has appointed Mrs. Rinda Wilson and Mr. Donald F. Layfield; the Bibb County Democratic Party has appointed Mr. Ronnie T. Miley and Mr. Virgil Watkins, Jr.; and the four members appointed by the two parties appointed Mrs. Barbara Clowers as the nonpartisan member. *Note: Secretary of State Karen Handel will issue the oaths to the Honorable William J. Self, II, Bibb County Probate Judge, who will swear them in.*

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution presented to the Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church upon their 138th Anniversary.

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

At this time Chairman Bishop announced that Jim Davis, Chief Appraiser, will be presenting an update on the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Tax Digest on April 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the RDC Boardroom. All Commissioners are invited and asked to let Janice Ross know if they plan to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 general Fund budget in the amount of \$39,470.00 for salaries and benefits for the District Attorney's Office.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for transfer to the Group Insurance Fund.

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

3. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Turnout Gear for the Fire Department to Nafeco in the amount of \$41,744.29.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$90,000.00 for medical and hospital charges for the jail.

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

5. The Committee recommends asking Mr. Steve Layson to review the mental health services currently provided at the Law Enforcement Center and to gather information to bring back to the Finance Committee in regards to the development of an RFP for these services.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 for jail dental charges.

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 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$277,598.00 to cover contract payments and per diem overages to Prison Health Services for the jail.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. License and Tax Committee recommends approval of the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2007 for Giuseppe's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant located at 120 Tom Hill Blvd. Suite 105.

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

2. License and Tax Committee respectfully denies the request of George and Emmie Washington on behalf of Barbara Hicks to remove penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes and accepts the recommendation of the Tax Commissioner as it relates to a monthly payment plan.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2007 for Hooters located at 112 Riverside Parkway.

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 County accepts the increased buy back offer of \$1,006,815.00 from Yancey Brothers Company for the 12 pieces of heavy equipment leased in 2004.

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

MACON-BIBB COUNTY LAND BANK – Commissioner Bivins reported that the Land Bank Authority has offered to provide materials to build homes for families of the fireman who killed this past November. He stated that the fireman was divorced and had two children by both wives. He stated that they came with the idea of trying to find some land and he advised them that the County could not give them land but was working through the Land Bank to try and help them come with some property they can afford. He also stated that they were working on some ideas for raising funds to try and purchase property.

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

1. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the temporary employee for the Board of Commissioners' office be extended up to ninety (90) days and that the monies for said extension be forwarded to the Finance Committee for supplemental funding.

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

2. The Human Resources and Information Services committee recommends the approval of Ms. Cynthia Robertson's request to be reinstated on the Bibb County Government Healthcare Plan effective July 1, 2006.

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – No Report.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Robins Air Force Base to use Sandy Beach Park on Friday, April 27, 2007 for summer safety and DUI - prevention training, and that all fees be waived.

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 be allowed to serve beer to the participants at the conclusion of the Half-Ironman Triathlon on June 3, 2007.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the American Cancer Society to use Sandy Beach on May 4 and 5, 2007 for their annual "Relay for Life" fundraiser event.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board