

MINUTES

BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Charles W. Bishop, Vice Chairman Bert Bivins, III, Commissioner Joe O. Allen, Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr. and Commissioner Lonzy Edwards.

Staff present: Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer; Christy Iuliucci, Assistant Finance Director; Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant, Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer; Bel Wall, Human Resources.

News Media present: Keich Whicker, The Telegraph.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Reverend Arlan Gibson, Pastor of Congregation Beth Yeshua, rendered the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the regular meeting Minutes of April 1, 2008 were approved.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Hazel Giddens	Johnny Mae Dawkins
Donald Richardson	Skip Langley
Nettie Thomas	

REFERRALS:

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

1. Correspondence from Darryl & Paula Huff and Lynda Grissom requesting that the County quitclaim to them the property between their lots at 2770 and 2771 South Estates Road.
2. Correspondence from Van Etheridge, Program Manager, Macon-Bibb County Road Improvement Program, recommending that the Roads Program quitclaim back to Mr. Billy Wilson their interest in the acquired right-of-way respecting Project No. 61G, located at 3611 Brookdale Avenue.

The following item was referred to **License and Tax:**

1. Correspondence from Ms. Lillian Davis, 3143 Clairmont Avenue, requesting a refund of the late charges assessed for the late payment of her business license fee.

RECORD AND INFORMATION: None.

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution declaring the week of April 7 through April 11, 2008 as "National Public Health Week" in Bibb County.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – No Report.

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

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents to add Barrington Hall Drive to the permit for use of speed detection devices by the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

The Committee further recommends that the request of the Sheriff's Office to increase the speed limit on Barrington Hall Drive from 25 mph to 35 mph be deferred until a later time.

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

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

1. The Committee recommends respectively denies the request of Mr. Mark Howard regarding refunding the interest collected for the delayed payment of taxes.

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the application for the Mental Health Court Grant.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the application for the H.E.A.T. grant.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of a change order for shelving for the South Bibb Branch Library in the amount of \$5,854.42.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the transfer of \$4 million from the Group Insurance Fund to the OPEB Trust Fund and \$1,459,040 designated in the 2007 fund balance in the General Fund to the Group Insurance Fund.

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

5. The Committee recommends awarding requisition #56534 for Computer Equipment to Dell Marketing in the amount of \$25,161.00.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the contract with **On Time Medical Transport** for body pickups for the Coroner's Office.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee authorizes the sale of a pickup truck from surplus to the Town of Payne City for \$1.00.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – No Report.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of an amendment to Section 13-35 (b)(7)d of the Bibb County Code in order to provide that the Tax Commissioner can issue an execution against property owners delinquent in paying annual permit fees.

Commissioner Edwards read the ordinance by the following caption:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO AMEND SECTION 13-35 OF THE CODE OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, ENTITLED *ANNUAL PERMIT; WHEN AVAILABLE; PRIVILEGES OBTAINED*; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

On motion of Commissioner Edwards and carried, the before mentioned ordinance was adopted.

2. The Committee recommends approval of the request from GA Multisports Productions to be allowed to serve beer to the participants at the conclusion of the Rock N' Roll Triathlon on May 31, 2008. This approval is subject to GA Multisports Productions providing an insurance policy naming Bibb County as additionally insured.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the Region 5 EMS for Children Advisory Council to use Sandy Beach on May 21, 2008 as part of National EMS for Children Week. The Committee further recommends that all fees be waived for this event.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of the 1st Annual Macon Spring Fling Disc Golf Doubles Tournament to be held at Claystone Park on May 3, 2008.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the RDC to use the Claystone Pavilion on October 9, 2008 for their annual meeting and ask that all fees be waived.

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

7. The Committee recommends approval of the request for the Chairman to sign an Assignment of Lessee's Interest in Lease Agreement with Central Georgia Marina, Inc. and Colonial Bank.

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

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

1. The Committee recommends approving the proposed revisions to the Sanitary Code for Macon-Bibb County.

Commissioner Allen read the ordinance by the following caption:

“An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.5 of the Code of Bibb County, Georgia, entitled “Health & Sanitation”; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried, the before mentioned ordinance was adopted.

2. The Committee recommends the County Attorney draft a letter to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission for the Bibb County Commissioners to consider which expresses their concerns about the environmental impact of locating a Green Cemetery in Bibb County.

Commissioner Allen noted that the County Attorney had drafted the letter and placed a copy at each commissioner's seat.

Mr. Adams asked the commissioners if they had had an opportunity to read the letter. A majority of them answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Richardson offered a motion that the Board Chairman be authorized to sign the letter and remit it to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board