

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Charles W. Bishop, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, and Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson Jr.

Commissioner Joe O. Allen was absent.

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; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Director of Buildings & Properties; Ms. Kari Johnston, Grant Resources Administrator; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media: None.

Before hearing from the guest pastor at tonight meeting, Chairman Bishop asked that everyone pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of the students and faculty who were killed in the mass shooting incident at Virginia Tech located in Blacksburg, Virginia.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Reverend Marshall Stenson, St. Luke Baptist Church, for the prayer for the day.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that the Board of Commissioners will be attending the ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia on April 20-24, 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 3, 2007 and Special Called Meeting of April 11, 2007 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop presented Mr. Phil Martin with a National Volunteer Service Award. Chairman Bishop read the following statement with regard to this award:

“Mr. Martin is one of our most active coaches certified in athletics, track & field, tennis, ice skating, sailing, equestrian, and golf. He was forced to retire from his job as Director of Adaptive Recreation of Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation in 2003 because of Multiple Sclerosis. Phil continued to stay involved by volunteering and made the decision to limit the sports that he coached to sailing. He was chosen by Special Olympics, Inc. to go to Ireland as the Chief Safety Officer for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin. The sailing program in Macon is the first in the state and he recruited athletes from Fayetteville, McDonough and other cities to train with him on Lake Tobesofkee. Phil now serves as Local Coordinator for the Sailing Program of Macon. For these and many other activities, Phil Martin has been chosen as a National Daily Points of Light Award Winner.”

On behalf the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Bishop congratulated Mr. Martin on his efforts.

Mr. Martin commented that his programs could not exist without the support of Bibb County and he personally thanked Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee, for all that he and his staff do to assist him since he started the program at the Lake in 1994.

Next, Chairman Bishop presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to Mrs. Gigi Rolfes, Executive Director, Volunteer Macon, in recognition of “National Volunteer Week” April 15 – 21, 2007.

Next, Chairman Bishop presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to Mrs. Melissa Grossman of Lifelink in recognition of “Donate Life Month” April 2007.

Mrs. Grossman stated that she is an organ donor recipient, having received a liver transplant. She expressed appreciation to the Board for designating April 2007 as donor month. And she stated that she wanted to especially thank the Board on behalf of the people who have had a transplant, those waiting on a transplant and the donor families for this recognition. Mrs. Grossman presented Chairman Bishop with a “donate life” pin.

Chairman Bishop stated that he has a cousin that has had a liver transplant and a good friend that’s currently waiting on a transplant.

Mrs. Grossman encouraged the members of the audience to become organ donors.

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Nettie Thomas	Glenn Grossman
Johnnie Mae Dawkins	Mary Goellner
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: None

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution presented to Ms. Gloria Carter in recognition of her retirement from Bibb County Custodial Services effective March 1, 2007.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Finance Committee recommends the approval of the purchase of the Jordan Property with the revision of the acreage from 375.53 acres to 367.17 acres.

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

2. The Finance Committee recommends the approval of the lease renewal for the Georgia Department of Veteran's Services for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the current rate.

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

3. The Finance Committee recommends extending the following Term Contracts to cover the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the same unit prices:

Radio Maintenance	Macon Communications
Pest Control Services	Allgood Pest Control
Typewriter Maintenance	Wilkins Office Machines
Tires and Tire Service	Raffield Tire Masters
Work Uniforms	Command Uniforms
Film and Audio / Video Tape	Coke's Camera
Dishwashing Compounds	Henderson Chemical
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	Southern Safety Supply

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign whatever documents are necessary regarding a land swap of property at the Museum of Arts & Sciences on Forsyth Road and property at the I-16/I-75 Interchange, providing that it is a parcel-for-parcel swap.

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Commissioner Bivins stated that he attended a meeting the other day and that they are in pretty dire straits and when they come for their budget hearing the Board will find out why. He stated that they have had about as much cutting of staff by attrition as you can do and just about at the breaking point. He stated that if there was some type of catastrophe, they will really have a hard time. He further stated that the State is less and less considerate of the Board of Health and that it's possible that at the rate the State's going, Bibb County could not have a health department if it doesn't get supported locally.

MACON-BIBB COUNTY LAND BANK – No Report.

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

1. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee accepts the recommendation of the Building/Properties Director to change the existing vacant position of Electrician (L24) to Heat/Air Technician (T25).

This would be a savings in contractual services for the County.

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 authorizes the CAO to notify individuals who are interested in purchasing surplus property. The CAO is also authorized to contact auction companies to secure pricing for the surplus auction which will be held in July or August 2007.

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

2. The Properties Committee authorizes purchasing to secure an RFP for a turn key operation to retrofit the lighting fixtures in the Courthouse, Annex and The Grand buildings.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – In the absence of Committee Chairman Allen, Commissioner Richardson reported the following:

1. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends that the plans for the Claystone Bathhouse Renovations be approved and that the project move forward with the bid process.

Commissioner Richardson noted that this was subject to minor changes in the restroom configuration.

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

2. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends placing a Request for Qualifications for a planning firm to assist with a Master Plan for the Tobesofkee Recreation Area.

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

3. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request from the Bibb Sheriff's Office to use Sandy Beach Park on Saturday, May 12, 2007 for the 6th Annual "Fun in the Sun Safety Fest" and that all fees be waived.

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

4. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of a contract with Pyrotecnico to provide fireworks for the Annual July 4th holiday celebration and authorizes the Chairman to sign the contract.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Bivins stated that he had intended to ask for a Called Board meeting on Friday after the commissioners returned from Savannah. He stated that there were some items he wanted the Board to deal with at that time. He stated that the Chairman had expressed his intention to have a called meeting on Wednesday and that it didn't matter with him which day it was. He then asked the Chairman if he wanted him to outline what the items are.

Chairman Bishop asked if it was appropriate at this time.

County Attorney Adams stated that Commissioner Bivins could list the items now or give them to the Chairman at some point before the meeting is called.

Commissioner Bivins stated that he would put them in writing and give them to the Chairman but that he would like to know by Friday whether he wants to put them on the agenda or not.

Chairman Bishop stated that would be fine.

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