

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 5, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom at the Bibb County Courthouse.

Board Members present were Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., Commissioner Lonzy Edwards, Commissioner Joe O. Allen and Commissioner Bert Bivins, III.

Staff in attendance was Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer; Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Sam Kitchens, Director of Buildings and Properties; Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Marilu Cowan, Director of Human Resources; Barry Smallwood, Purchasing Agent; William Simpson, IT Department; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer and Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant – BOC, and Deborah Booker, Bel Wall, Gloria Guy and others from Human Resources.

News media in attendance was Jennifer Burk of The Telegraph.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Pastor Michael W. Johnson, Fulton Baptist Church, rendered the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hart recognized Miss Tarshekia Owens for completing a successful internship in the Human Resources Department. During her time as an intern, she performed a valuable service for Bibb County through her research and development of policies and procedures for Bonds and Oaths. Chairman Hart presented her with a certificate of appreciation and print of the Courthouse for her good work. Miss Owens is currently a student at Wesleyan College where she has served as Class President her first three years and she serves as a volunteer in many capacities in local activities.

Chairman Hart read a resolution in recognition of “National County Government Week” and presented it to Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Layson invited members of the “Go Green” Committee who were present to join him. Mr. Layson talked about some of things the Committee had accomplished and the associated savings to the County.

Chairman Hart read and presented a resolution in recognition of “National Tourism Week” to Terry Smith. Ms. Janice Marshall, President and CEO of the Macon-Bibb County Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with members of her staff and supporters of the travel industry.

Mr. Smith commented that he represents the travel industry in Macon as Chairman of the Macon-Bibb County CVB. He stated that the travel industry is critical to the local economy and they are proud to be a part of that. And on behalf of the travel industry, he presented the Board of Commissioners with a ceremonial check in the amount of \$8.04 million in local sales taxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the regular monthly meeting on April 21, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Ms. Faye Groover, 1487 Allen Road, who addressed the Board, again, about the problem of people speeding on Allen Road.

At this time, Chairman Hart stated that in conjunction with County Government Week, Bibb County received a Health and Wellness grant from ACCG. He stated this is the second year for Bibb County to receive this grant and the amount increased to \$4,000.00. He stated that Deborah Booker of Human Resources submitted the grant and has already planned the 2009 activities for County employees. Some of which include: Heart Health event, National Public Health Day Screenings, a Physical Activity Challenge, a Health Fair and a "How's your Eyesight?" fair. He congratulated Deborah for her good work to "keep us all healthy!"

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **Properties Committee:**

1. Correspondence from Mr. Clinton Brantley, Chief of Police, Wesleyan College, petitioning the County to donate one or two patrol vehicles and equipment that have been removed from the active fleet of vehicles in the Bibb County Sheriff's Office which would enable campus police officers to better perform their duties.

The following items were referred to the **License and Tax Committee:**

1. Correspondence from Mr. Gary Thistlewood, 1391 Beaver Oaks Drive, requesting relief of interest and penalties on several properties totaling \$1,769.19.
2. Correspondence from Ms. Robin Jarriel requesting on behalf of her father, Mr. Robert McCallum, Jr., that the County give some consideration to dropping or lowering the interest charges related to the paving of McCallum Place.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Correspondence from Cox Communications announcing a rate change that will take effect on June 1, 2009. They say: "the challenging economic climate and the increasing cost of doing business have made it necessary for Cox to increase prices on select services."

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - declaring April 25, 2009 as “**A. Philip Randolph Institute Day**” in Bibb County;
 - designating April 25, 2009 as “**Corine Walker Day**” (*Posthumously*) in Bibb County;
 - declaring the month of April as “**National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**” in Bibb County;
 - declaring the week of April 26 – May 2, 2009 as “**National Crime Victims’ Rights Week**” in Bibb County;
 - designating Sunday, May 3, 2009 as “**Inter-Faith Community Choir Day**” in Bibb County;
 - declaring May 3, 2009 as “**Workers Memorial Day**” in Bibb County. and
 - designating May 1, 2009 as “**Law 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 adoption of the ordinance of the Board to amend Article II, Chapter 20 of the Bibb County Code by adopting the provisions of the Georgia Abandoned Cemeteries Act, O.C.G.A. § 36-72-1, et seq.

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

2. The Committee recommends adoption of the ordinance of the Board to amend section 15-32 of the Bibb County Code to allow provisions for private gated communities to decline solid waste services from the County.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. The Committee approves the recommendation of the Information and Technology Services Director, Mr. Tony Rousey, to deploy the Stolen Item Registration System (SIRS).

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

2. The Committee approves the recommendation of the Information and Technology Services Director, Mr. Tony Rousey, to deploy the Bibb Emergency Notification System (BENS) and to share this technology with other agencies.

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

3. The Committee approves the concept for the following policies pending input from the County Attorney:
 - o Attendance
 - o Computer Internet and E-Mail Use
 - o Customer Service
 - o Dress Code

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

4. The Committee approves the increase of the starting salary for the Life Guards at Lake Tobesofkee to \$9.64 per hour subject to funds availability.

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 – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following.

1. The Committee recommends approving the \$2 million proposal submitted by Chris Sheridan and Company and if any additional monies need to be expended, those change orders or unusual problems will be brought back to the Board for approval.

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

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 approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign a contract between Bibb County and the Macon-Bibb County Health Department to provide Tuberculosis Testing and Treatment Services to the Bibb County Drug Court Program.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the lease between Bibb County and the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center for 10,000 square feet of space at 175-C Emery Highway at a rate of \$100,000 per year for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the lease between Bibb County and River Edge Behavioral Health Center for 57,991 square feet of space at the Macon-Bibb County Health Plaza at a rate of \$434,932.50 per year for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the lease between Bibb County and the Houston County Board of Health for 1,420 square feet of space in the Bibb County DFACS Building for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a rate of \$21,215 per year.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the lease between Bibb County and the Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council for 4,940 square feet of space at 653 Second Street at a rate of \$49,400 per year for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

6. The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Uniforms Unlimited covering Battle Dress Uniforms for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the revised unit prices.

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

7. The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Command Uniforms covering Law Enforcement Uniforms (Clothing and Leather) for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the revised unit prices.

The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Uniforms Unlimited covering Law Enforcement Uniforms (Shoes and Accessories) for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the revised unit prices.

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

8. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2009 Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$42,000 for the Job Administration Phase of the Courthouse Architectural Services.

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

9. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign a contract between Bibb County and three individuals to perform the duties of urinalysis technician for the Bibb County Drug Court. Each of the following three individuals will have a separate contract with Bibb County: Shanta Gilmore, Selentria Kendrick and Trellis Gibson.

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

10. The Committee recommends adoption of the following Purchasing Policy: Pencils and Pens ordered through the Bibb County Purchasing Department and/or paid for with Bibb County Funds will not exceed the following prices: Pencils \$2.70 each and Pens \$1.00 each. This policy becomes effective for all purchase orders issued after May 5, 2009.

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

11. The Committee recommends approving change order #1 in the amount of \$2,125.95 from Renfroe Construction for pressure washing and sealing the exterior of the buildings regarding the contract for Renovation of Bath Houses at Arrowhead Park.

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

12. The Committee recommends approving change order #3 in the amount of \$1,630.09 from Renfroe Construction for caulking of exterior joints on both buildings regarding the contract for Renovation of Bath Houses at Arrowhead Park.

Based on information discovered in the contract and comments by Commission Richardson, the matter was disapproved.

13. The Committee recommends denying change order #5 in the amount of \$483.79 from Renfroe Construction for replacing washing machine hoses regarding the contract for Renovation of Bath Houses at Arrowhead Park.

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

14. The Committee recommends approving change order #1 in the amount of \$14,111.04 from Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors, Inc. for providing water service to 41 campsites and increasing the size of water service to the bath house regarding the contract for a Water and Sewer System at Arrowhead Park.

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

15. The Committee recommends approving the quote from WatchGuard Video in the amount of \$53,130.00 for Mobile Video Cameras for the Sheriff's Office.

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

16. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Paving at Arrowhead Park to Womack Paving in the amount of \$217,535.88.

The Committee further recommends approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$217,535.88.

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

17. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection to Southland Waste at the unit prices bid for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2009.

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 that the request from Mr. Rick Hill requesting that the County give him some consideration on the late charges and penalties on 48 lots of Oakview, Inc. and Flint River Mortgage Investments be respectfully denied.

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

2. The Committee recommends approving New 2009 alcoholic beverage license applications for:
 - o Macon Hotels II LLC d/b/a Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel located at 200 North Macon Street
 - o Georgia CVS Pharmacy located at 4585 Hartley Bridge Road

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending the reappointment of Starr Purdue to the Development Authority of Bibb County. Ms. Purdue's term will be April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2013.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried the above action was ratified.

2. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending the endorsement of the following nominees to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission:
 - o David Hunnicutt, Mid-Georgia Tractor Service, Inc.
 - o Ashley Griffin – Newtown Macon
 - o Mindy Attaway – Realtor, Coldwell Banker

Their terms will be May 5, 2009 through May 4, 2012.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried the above action was ratified by a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.

3. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending approval of the HEAT Grant for the Sheriff's Department and authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary documents.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried the above action was ratified.

4. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending approval of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Macon-Bibb County Fire Department.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried the above action was ratified.

5. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending approval of the Governor's Office of Children and Families – Juvenile Court Grant and authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary documents.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried the above action was ratified.

6. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending approval of the Federal Department of Transportation Earmark Request and authorizing the Chairman to issue letters of support for each project submitted.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried the above action was ratified.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board