

**MINUTES**  
**BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 10, 2005**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff present: Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Tony Rousey, ITS Director; Ms. Christy Iuliucci, Assistant Finance Director; Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Property; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Buildings & Property Director, Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Bel Wall, Human Resources; Ms. Charlene Maynard, Human Resources; and Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

Others present: Sheriff Jerry Modena and Captain David Davis, Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

News Media: Mr. Travis Fain, The Telegraph and Mr. Chace Ambrose, FOX 24.

Chairman Bishop recognized Reverend James H. Crafter, Associate Pastor, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, and asked everyone to stand for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Bishop asked everyone to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – NONE.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2005 were approved as written.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Mr. Otis Neil Godbee, retired, Bibb County Sheriff's Office, who was present to receive his retirement resolution and watch. At the request of Chairman Bishop, Vice Chairman Hart read the resolution and made the watch presentation.

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Mr. Pat Topping, Macon Economic Development Commission (MEDC), for presentation of the Ad Boards from the March edition of Georgia Trend Magazine.

Mr. Topping stated that for the last couple of years, the County has partnered with MEDC to help produce an ad to go into the Georgia Trend Magazine. He stated that this magazine is read by more than 45,000 business, education, political leaders, elected officials and economic developers in this state and there are people that need to see what's going on in Macon and Bibb County. Mr. Topping then presented each member of the Board a copy of the ad that ran in the March edition as well as a copy of the magazine. Mr. Topping added that Georgia Trend was the leading business publication in Georgia.

Mr. Topping introduced Mr. Chip Cherry, President, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cherry stated that they had a kickoff last week for "Macon NOW!" which is an initiative to enhance their economic development efforts which they funded, largely through private sector contributions and investments, over a five-year period \$2.5 million. He stated that they were off to a great start and had a campaign document drawn up that laid out the case for support for the plan. Mr. Cherry then presented each member of the Board a copy of same. In closing, Mr. Cherry thanked the Board for the great partnership they've enjoyed and stated that they wouldn't be able to do what they do without the Board's support.

Commissioner Richardson mentioned that the current issue of Georgia Trend has a great article about a Macon family business, Bearings and Drives, which he stated was a tremendous company that grew up right here. He added that this was the Nations family. Mr. Topping concurred and added that they were being honored in the next two weeks in Atlanta as the large family business of the year in Georgia. He further added that there was another great thing to happen here in Bibb County.

Chairman Bishop also recognized and welcomed Mr. Donald Richardson, Jr., of College Street; Miss Jasmine Thomas, Ms. Nettie Thomas, Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Ms. Gabrielle Russell and Mr. Roger Taylor of the Kings Park Community; and Mr. Russell Boston, local attorney.

### **REFERRALS:**

The following items were referred to **ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS:**

1. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Highland Plantations, as Street Light District 5061.
2. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Providence Huntcliffe Subdivision Phase II, as Street Light District 5053.
3. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Providence Callicot Subdivision, as Street Light District 5056.
4. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Providence Whistler Subdivision, as Street Light District 5055.

5. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Providence Arden Subdivision, as Street Light District 5054.
6. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Poplar Pointe Subdivision, as Street Light District 5068.
7. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting The Terrace @ Barrington Hall Subdivision, as Street Light District 5069.
8. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Wheeler's Landing Subdivision, as Street Light District 5063.
9. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Griffin Crossing Subdivision, as Street Light District 5065.
10. An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners establishing and constituting Northridge Subdivision, as Street Light District 5048
11. Correspondence from Randall P. Harrison, Attorney, requesting that the streets surrounding The House of God, Inc., Finneydale Drive, be closed and abandoned by the County. **(Engineering/Public Works)**

The following item was referred to **FINANCE:**

Correspondence from Mrs. Elizabeth Puckett, Chair, Macon/Bibb County Library Board of Trustees, recommending that the Rocky Creek Branch Library be relocated before the facility's lease expires on December 31, 2006.

The following items were referred to **PROPERTIES:**

1. Correspondence from Dr. Mark D. Durden, III, requesting to extend the lease agreement on the Harbor Pointe Restaurant, Inc. for an additional twenty years.
2. Correspondence from Mr. Paul Washington, Smyrna, Georgia, requesting to purchase property located at 1362 Duncan Avenue.

**RECORD & INFORMATION:**

Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record:  
Tobesofkee Recreation Area, Clerk of State Court.

**ACTION:**

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:

- Honoring William C. Vaughn, II, for distinguished public service as Finance Director of Bibb County and as Bibb County's first Chief Administrative Officer – presented April 27, 2005;

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.***

- Designating May 1, 2005 as “Inter-Faith Community Choir Day” in Bibb County;

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.***

- Recognizing Mr. Lamar Taylor, member of the World War II Generation and former Macon Hospital Administrator, upon his 90th birthday;

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

- Honoring Ms. Jo Slade Wilbanks for thirty-six years of distinguished service with the Georgia Power Company;

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.***

- Designating May 6 – 8, 2005 as “Marine Corps League Days” in Bibb County;

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.***

1. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, Georgia, in support of Unification of the City and County Engineering Departments including the Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department and the Bureau of Inspection and Fees;

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was approved.***

2. Approval of the Board of Commissioners to accept Quit-Claim Deed from the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for construction of Bass Pro Boulevard.

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned item was approved.***

Chairman Bishop stated that he would like to get a waiver on reading his activities since the last meeting.

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, said waiver was approved.***

***REPORT OF CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES (April 13 – May 9, 2005)***

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| April | 13 <sup>th</sup> | -Meeting with Mr. Waymond Henry & DMV<br>Representatives @ Central City Park<br>-Meeting with Barbara Woods, Public Relations   |
|       | 14 <sup>th</sup> | -Meeting with Nicole Katsikides of Georgia Dept. of<br>Community Affairs Re: Programs<br>-Luncheon with Middle Georgia Association of Realtors<br>-Meeting with Alex Habersham<br>-Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours<br>-RDC Board Meeting |
|       | 18 <sup>th</sup> | - Industrial Authority Called Meeting<br>-Funeral of Al Lucas   |
|       | 19 <sup>th</sup> | -Meeting Re: Five-Year Plan<br>-Chamber of Commerce Tour de Georgia   |
|       | 20 <sup>th</sup> | -Meeting with Tommy Brown Re: CAO Applicants & Lake<br>Tobesofkee Issues<br>-Community Health Works Board Meeting @ River Edge  |
|       | 21 <sup>st</sup> | -Conference Call with Ed McDonald, Bill Vaughn &<br>Deborah Martin<br>-BOC Special Called Meeting   |
|       | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | -Earth Day Event  |
|       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | -ACCG Conference (Savannah, Georgia)  |
|       | 24 <sup>th</sup> | -ACCG Conference (Savannah, Georgia)  |
|       | 25 <sup>th</sup> | -ACCG Conference (Savannah, Georgia)  |
|       | 26 <sup>th</sup> | -ACCG Conference (Savannah, Georgia)  |
|       | 27 <sup>th</sup> | -Meeting with Commissioner Hart and Bill Vaughn<br>-Chamber Executive Board Meeting<br>-Meeting with Judge Matthews & Kari Johnston   |

- Meeting with Sue Lorance (Risk Management)
  - Meeting with Commissioner Hart, Henry Fickling and Anita Ponder Re: (SPLOST)
  - Retirement Reception for Jo Wilbanks
- 28<sup>th</sup>
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership Meeting
  - Meeting with Tommy Brown Re: Health Care Cost
  - Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting
  - Project MJ – McClure-Johnston
  - Macon Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
- 29<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch with Juanita Jordan & Beverly Blank of the Knight Foundation
  - Grand Opening of Deputy Place
- 30<sup>th</sup>
- Renaissance Gala
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Meeting with Gardner of SCIU
  - Luncheon with the Founder & President of YKK, Mr. Yoshida
  - MEDC Board Meeting
  - Bass Pro Shop Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Meeting with Lawrence Williford and Commissioner Hart
  - Meeting with Tommy Brown Re: H.R. Agenda
  - Macon West Exchange Club – Speaker
  - Meeting with Kari Johnston Re: Grants for the County
- 4<sup>th</sup>
- Macon Now Campaign Kick Off Breakfast
  - Lunch with Representative Allen Freeman
  - Meeting with Attorney Brown Dennis Re: Pension Update
- 5<sup>th</sup>
- National Day of Prayer Event
  - Meeting with Commissioner Hart & Deborah Martin
  - Meeting with Mike Ford & Ms. Mullis of NewTown Macon
  - Chairman Bishop’s Staff Meeting
  - Leadership Macon – Speaker
- 6<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with Attorney Virgil Adams, Mike Burnes and Kari Johnston Re: Justice Department Grant
- 7<sup>th</sup>
- Presentation of a Resolution to The Local Commendant, Tom Hisel, of the Department of Georgia Marine Corp League State Convention

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. The Committee recommends that the property referred to in the correspondence from Mr. Lewis Smith not be purchased by Bibb County.

***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 2005 Tobesofkee Recreation Area Fund in the amount of \$3,370.00 for architectural services regarding the pavilion enclosure at Sandy Beach.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2005 General Fund budget in the amount of \$6,200.00 to cover the cost for the exhumation of Mr. Frank Bienert in connection with an investigation being conducted by the Bibb County District Attorney's Office.

***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 2005 General fund budget in the amount of \$72,000.00 to cover increased fuel cost for the Public Works Shop Department.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2005 General Fund budget in the amount of \$11,787.00 to cover the cost of a billing from the City of Macon for the period February 2004 that was received by the County March 2005.

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

6. The Committee recommends that requisition #41097 covering engineering services be awarded to Richard Funk and Associates in the amount of \$7,100.00.

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

7. The Committee recommends the proposal for a new mailing machine be awarded to Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$1,160.00 per month for a 60-month lease.

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

8. The Committee recommends the quote received covering Wireless Data Transfer Equipment be awarded to Paragon Total Solutions in the amount of \$18,170.00.

The Committee further recommends the quote received covering a Live Scan Fingerprint System be awarded to Paragon Total Solutions in the amount of \$19,635.00.

The Committee also recommends the quote received covering Installation of Wireless Data Transfer Equipment be awarded to Mega Byte Services in the amount of \$4,950.00.

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

9. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign revised Intergovernmental Contract between Bibb County and the City of Macon for the distribution and use of the proceeds from the upcoming SPLOST, if approved.

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

10. The Committee recommends approval of adoption of an amended resolution by the Bibb County Board of Commissioners calling for a SPLOST vote on June 21, 2005.

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

11. The Committee recommends approval of adoption of a resolution by the Bibb County Board of Commissioners to convey the Bibb County Law Enforcement Center to the Urban Development Authority so that Bibb County can therefore lease the Law Enforcement Center back from the Urban Development Authority in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Series 2005 Tax Exempt Adjustable Mode Revenue Bonds to be issued by the Authority.



Commissioner Hart read the above noted resolution by the following caption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY THE BIBB COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER TO THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SO THAT BIBB COUNTY CAN THEREAFTER LEASE SAID LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER BACK FROM THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SERIES 2005 TAX EXEMPT ADJUSTABLE MODE REVENUE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY SAID AUTHORITY.**

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Hart reported the following:

The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to back pay of Lt. Fred Williams.

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

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of a resolution stating that the Board of Commissioners supports the development of an anti-idling ordinance for the unincorporated area.

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

2. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** - The Committee acknowledges receipt of correspondence from Mr. Todd Barker, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., providing an update on the status of the Eisenhower Parkway Extension project and requesting the opportunity to provide input as they conduct upcoming analyses.
3. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** - With regards to the request of Ms. Katherine Johns, 5435 Houston Road, that a street light be placed at the intersection of Houston Road and Tinker Drive, the Committee reports that the Bibb County Engineering Department has written the appropriate power company to arrange for the installation.

4. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** - With regards to the request of Mr. Christopher Rein, Sardis Plantation Homeowners' Association that large font street signs be installed in his neighborhood, the Committee reports that the County is not installing the larger street markers at interior subdivision intersections at this time, but that the matter will be addressed in the future.
5. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** - With regards to the letter from Ms. Edna Galloway requesting that a traffic study be performed at the intersection of Houston Road and Sardis Church/Walden Roads, the Committee reports that the study has been completed indicating that a traffic signal is warranted and the County is in the process of formulating a cost estimate.
6. The Committee recommends that the request of Mr. Stephens P. Oglesby, Houston Engineering, Inc. of approval of three variances for the proposed Lochwolde Subdivision be approved subject to the right-of-way remaining at 55 foot back to the first intersection off of Price Road and Thomaston Road.

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

7. The Committee reports that bids were received on March 29, 2005, for the fourth Phase of Repairs to Intown Sidewalks, Project RIP # 65-4.

The Committee further reports that the low responsive bidder was Ginarc Construction, Inc., with a total bid of \$473,017.45.

The Committee recommends that award be made to Ginarc Construction, Inc., at the unit prices bid and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract as soon as satisfactory bonds have been furnished.

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

**LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE** – No Report.

**MACON WATER AUTHORITY** – No Report.

**LAND BANK AUTHORITY** – No Report.

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

The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney for payment of temporary Bailiff services rendered in Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

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

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

The Committee recommends approval for the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority to work with interested developers in developing the properties that the County has an interest in pursuant to Sheriff’s Deed as noted on the attached Exhibits “A” and “B”.

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

**TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE** - Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

The Committee recommends approval for Dave Berger, representing “Gone Riding”, to use Arrowhead Park on June 18, 2005 for an Off-Road Triathlon and on June 19, 2005 for a Mountain Bike Race.

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

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** - Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

The Committee recommends adoption of ordinance respecting the use of firearms by the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office. The caption of said ordinance reads as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2, OF THE CODE OF BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS** - NONE.

There being no further business, and on motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Shelia Thurmond  
Clerk of the Board