

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 13, 2003
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, May 13, 2003. The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Mr. Virgil L. Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Ken Sheets, Interim County Engineer; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Bill Vaughn, Director of Support Services; Mr. Don Hoch, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

News Media present: Mr. Travis Fain and Mrs. Heather Duncan of The Macon Telegraph

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Associate Pastor Cecil Hazen of Riverside United Methodist Church for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Olmstead asked everyone to stand for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Chairman Olmstead announced that the Board's Pre-Budget Meeting would be held on May 15, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room.

Chairman Olmstead announced that the Public Works Breakfast would be held on Monday, May 19, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at 4520 Knight Road to kick off Public Works Week in Bibb County.

Chairman Olmstead announced that Budget Hearings will be held on May 19 - 22, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will continue on May 28, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Olmstead announced that a meeting will be held with the Board of Education on May 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room and on May 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room.

Chairman Olmstead announced that Mrs. Rosalynn Carter came to Macon recently to help kick off a pilot program registering children by age two for school. He stated that he received a nice letter

from Mrs. Carter to thank the Commissioners for all of their support of this program. She wrote that she could not think of anything that could be done that would be better to help children get off to a good start in life —and it has already been successful. Mrs. Carter’s letter continued that fifteen children have been found to have developmental problems and more than 30 did not have their immunizations up to date.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Olmstead recognized the following visitors who did not desire to address the Board: Mr. Willie Dumas of 3766 East Greenbriar Road; Mrs. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Ms. Fernella Cabey and Ms. Yvette Cabey of Kings Park and Mr. Tom Scholl of 4900 Oxford Road.

Next, Chairman Olmstead recognized Dr. Lindsay Holliday who desired to speak. Dr. Holliday stated that there was some confusion that the Technical Advisory Committee of the Road Improvement Program, he understood, was contractually supposed to originally be chaired by the County Engineer. He then asked if the County had changed that because right now it is not being chaired by the County Engineer.

Chairman Olmstead thanked Dr. Holliday for that information and stated that he would check into it. Dr. Holliday then asked that any rule changes be faxed to him. Chairman Olmstead indicated that he would see that it’s done. Dr. Holliday thanked him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2003 were approved as written.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **HUMAN RESOURCES & INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

Correspondence from Mr. Frank Fields, Executive Director, River Edge Behavioral Health Center, advising that the term of Mr. Marion McCarthy on the River Edge Community Service Board will expire June 30, 2003.

The following item was referred to the **ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Correspondence from Mr. David Edwards, Development Director, Sivica Communities, Inc., requesting a Right of Way reduction from 55 feet to 50 feet in the new development, Highland Plantation.

RECORD & INFORMATION:

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

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ACTION:

Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board:

- Congratulating Bishop Frank C. Cummings and the ministers and delegates of the 120th Session of the Macon Georgia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church;
- Designating May 8, 2003 as “Senior Day” in Bibb County;
- Designating the week of April 20 through April 26, 2003 as “Administrative Professionals Week” in Bibb County;
- Welcoming Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, former First Lady of Georgia and of the United States and Co-Chair of The Carter Center, to Bibb County and recognizing her commitment to addressing the issues affecting young children as well as her challenge to local communities to address the needs of children entering school;
- Congratulating the Honorable Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner, on his retirement after 32 years of outstanding leadership as Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Director of TRIO Programs at Mercer University; and
- Designating May 12 through May 16, 2003 as “National Women’s Health Week” in Bibb County and commending the Macon-Bibb County Health Department on its effort to effectively educate women on ways to improve their health.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned Resolutions were ratified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Olmstead reported on his activities since the last meeting. They were as follows:

- 21st Century Partnership Meeting with Mr. Al Cornella on April 23;
- Commissioner Sam Hart’s Retirement Ceremony on April 23 where he presented the Resolution from the Board;
- Tour De Georgia Send-Off on April 24;
- Citizens Oversight Committee on April 24;
- Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors Meeting on April 24;
- Meeting with Mr. Ward Edwards on April 25;
- Meeting with Dr. Lewis Anderson, Jon Wollenzein and Bill Vaughn on April 28 to

- discuss community health care;
- DFCS Kick-off for Early School Registration with Mrs. Rosalynn Carter on April 29;
- AGL Reception & Dinner on April 29;
- Meeting with David Lucas, Bill Vaughn and Deborah Martin on April 30;
- Meeting at the Centreplex regarding the proposed hotel on April 30;
- MEDC Meeting on May 5;
- Meeting with Tom Coleman at D.O.T. on May 6;
- Reception for Dr. Russell Reid Handson, Jr., new member of the Peyton Anderson Foundation on May 6;
- Meeting regarding the Fall Line Air Quality Study with Dr. Chang on May 7;

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$17,317.00 to the FY 2003 Commissary Fund budget to cover cost of paving at the Sheriff's Department firing range.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of a change order in the amount of \$2,293.45 issued by Mid-South Roof System covering Replacement of Skylights on the Maintenance Shop as part of the Roof Repair contract for the County Operations Complex.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$48,183.00 to the FY 2003 Road Enhancement Trust Fund budget covering cost of sign and landscaping on Emery Highway.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$376,000.00 to the FY 2003 General Fund budget covering legal fees and litigation cost for remainder of current fiscal year.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of a change order in the amount of \$11,321.00 issued

by Pittman-Waller Roofing Company covering Rehabilitation, Repair and Replacement to the metal decking as part of the Roof Replacement contract for the William Randall Building.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - No Report.

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Bishop reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the Resolution of the Board authorizing the Chairman and Clerk of the Board to execute the contract for right-of-way acquisition between the Department of Transportation and Bibb County on Project No. STP-3201 (10), Bloomfield Road/Log Cabin Drive, from Rocky Creek to SR22 (RIP#13).

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

2. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with the Department of Transportation for Forest Hill Road, from Wimbish Road to Northside Drive, Project #STP3213(3), PI#351130, representing only that portion outside the City Limits of Macon.

The Committee reports that Mowing and Maintenance Agreement #STP-3213(1) PI#350520 covering Forest Hill Road, from Forsyth Road to Wimbish Road, has been forwarded to the City of Macon for execution.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE - No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - No Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends the following in individuals for nomination to the Macon-Bibb County Library Board of Trustees:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Puckett
2. Dr. D.T. Walton
3. Mr. Burt Wilkerson

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

2. The Committee recommends Disability retirement for Mr. Michael Willis (Bibb County Sheriff's Office), for the effective date May 1, 2003.

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

3. The Committee recommends that two (2) positions of Senior Lieutenant be dissolved and replaced by two (2) Captain positions. Commissioner Bivins added that these positions were at the Sheriff's Department.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE - Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the request of Ms. Betsy Bennett of 2780 Northwoods Drive North for a property tax refund for tax years 2001 and 2002 be approved based on the recommendation of the Chief Appraiser that a value revision from \$170,300 to \$126,500 is warranted due to a factual error.

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Bishop called for a motion to discuss recommendations for approval for a comprehensive program for the aerosol spraying of Bibb County for the effective control of mosquitoes. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion.

Chairman Olmstead then asked Commissioner Bishop to make his motion.

Commissioner Bishop motioned that the Board of Commissioners ask the Board of Health to come

up with a comprehensive, effective method for mosquito control to include monitoring, education, larvicide program and aerosol spraying with the recommendation for the most effective and safe method in chemical to be used and plans to notify the public of the dates and times of spraying, and that he would like for this to be brought back for action at the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee for implementation because he feels timing is of the essence and the people have spoken. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion.

Chairman Olmstead asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Bivins stated that it had not been that long ago since the Board made a vote to stop spraying which he was against at the time because he thought that they should continue spraying and give the education program time to catch up. He stated that the fact of the matter is the Board made a decision and he was concerned that the Board should make a decision based on the facts and make a decision that they can stick by. He continued that the decision is made with the recommendation of the Health Department and he would like to see the Board stick to the decision that was made, though he was against, he still feels that the Board should stick by that decision.

Chairman Olmstead then called for the vote. The vote was four to one (4 to1) with Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Clerk of the Board