The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 6:00 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. Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; 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 of The Macon Telegraph.

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Reverend James L. Bumpus of Tremont Temple Baptist Church for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Olmstead asked everyone to stand for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Charles Bishop.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Olmstead announced that the Board of Commissioners has added the Board of Education to its Budget Hearings on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Olmstead announced that a Special Called MATS Meeting will be held in the Mayor’s Conference Room on Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Olmstead announced that the Board of Commissioners will be meeting again with the Board of Education on Friday, May 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2003 and public hearing on May 13, 2003 Re: Mosquito Spraying were approved as written.
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Mr. H. Lee Perdue of Youth Leadership Bibb County. Mr. Perdue addressed the board by stating that he was President and Founder of Youth Leadership Bibb County. He stated that it was the County’s only group that crosses the perceived barriers of race and ethnicity and gender in public schools and private schools. He stated that they were in their ninth year and at this point, they’re considered the premier program of this type in the southeast. He continued that they do have students in the 2003 Class from every public school and every private school. However, he stated that only half of the class was present and that the other half of the class attended meetings of Macon City Council last week. Mr. Perdue concluded that one of his students would like to make some remarks.

Miss Whitney Kessler, student at First Presbyterian Day School, stated that she was in the 2003 Class of Youth Leadership Bibb County and that it has been a very good program to learn more about the community and to be able to have more of a say in what goes on.

Mr. Perdue asked each of the students to give their name and the school they attend. The students acted accordingly, but because they did not speak into the microphone, some of the names were unclear and therefore, omitted from the Minutes.

Chairman Olmstead thanked Mr. Perdue and the students for coming and stated that the Board was happy to have them attend the meeting. He advised the students that the County and City were two very distinct methods of government, and that both have their good and bad points. He joked that the County doesn’t recognize the latter.

Next, Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed guests from the City of Macon including Mr. Melvin Waldrop, Chief Administrative Officer and Ms. Gigi Cabell as well as the following persons: Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Rex and Dot Elder (County Retiree) and Mr. Blair McNamara of Airplanners, LLC.

At this time, Mr. Melvin Waldrop addressed the Board by stating that on behalf of the Mayor, he would like to thank the Commissioners for making them a part of the agenda this evening. Mr. Waldrop stated that one of their major focus areas for the past three years has been to upgrade the Middle Georgia Regional Airport. He stated that in that regard, they believe that an improved airport facility and airport service is important in growing the Middle Georgia region economy and helping to support their business here. He continued that if anyone has not had an opportunity to see it, they are renovating the airport terminal and that it will be completed around October of this year. Mr. Waldrop stated further that they, however, need to improve the air service to the airport so that they may have air service to points other than Atlanta. He stated, therefore, some months ago, they engaged Airplanners of Avon, Colorado, to assist them in recruiting another air carrier to the Macon Airport. Mr. Waldrop stated that they were here this evening to update the County on that process and to ask for support in that effort. He then stated that the Board had a Resolution before them supporting a grant application that they are making in order to get funding from the air service
development pilot grant program to assist in this effort. Mr. Waldrop stated that the other thing they ask the County’s support on is the concept of a travel bank which will be extremely important in being able to attract another airline to the Macon Regional Airport. At this time, he turned it over to Mr. Blair McNamara of Airplanners for an update on where they are with trying to recruit another airliner to the Macon Airport.

Mr. McNamara stated that Mr. Rex Elder was currently handing out the Resolution that was approved by the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center Board of Directors as well as a letter from Ron Smith of the 21st Century Partnership as it relates to issues involving BRAC and the issues of transportation specifically in that area.

Mr. McNamara stated that his goal this evening was to inform the Commissioners of the progress they’ve made as it relates to new airline service into Middle Georgia Regional Airport. He also stated that he wanted to get support of the Georgia Department of Transportation grant that is due June 30 and to acquaint the Board with a concept of a travel bank. Mr. McNamara’s presentation was approximately ten minutes in length. In summary, Mr. McNamara stated that their action plan is to develop a travel bank in the next 30 days, assist with development of the pilot program grant, support of that grant at all government levels via the form of a written Resolution endorsing and supporting the City of Macon’s efforts to obtain grant funds. Afterwards, Mr. McNamara entertained questions from the Board.

Chairman Olmstead stated that the Board needed a motion to authorize the Chairman to draft, sign and forward a Resolution of support from the Bibb County Board of Commissioners in support of the concept as presented by Mr. McNamara of Airplanners, LLC.

On motion of Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, said Resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

**ACTION:**

Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board:

- Designating the week of May 13 through May 24 as “Public Works Week” in Bibb County;

- Honoring Mrs. Dorothy McMullins upon her retirement after more than 33 years of dedicated service with the Macon-Bibb County Health Department;

- In observance of the Seventh Annual Memorial Day Mass sponsored by Snow’s Memorial Chapel in honor of all veterans. *Note:* A garden will be dedicated in memory of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives in the liberation of the people of Iraq.
On motion of Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and carried, the before mentioned Resolutions were ratified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- NewTown Macon Executive /Advisory Board Meeting on May 14
- Lunch with Ms. Juanita Jordan on May 15
- Pre-Budget Meeting with Commissioners, Bill Vaughn, Deborah Martin & Tommy Brown on May 15
- Meeting with Bob Fountain and Ken Sheets on May 16
- Budget Hearings on May 19 - 22
- Meeting with Commissioners and Board of Education Board Members on May 23
- Seventh Annual Memorial Day Mass @ Snow’s Memorial Chapel on May 26

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

1. The Committee recommends that the proposal from Michael Clark & Associates in the amount of $6,000.00 covering Consultant Services for the Roof Repair/Replacement on the Rivers Edge Detoxification Center at 3575 Fulton Mill Road be deferred.

   The Committee further recommends that the Roof Repair/Replacement be incorporated into the plans for future expansion of the facility.

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

2. The Committee recommends award of bid to Ajibade Services, Inc. in the amount of $30,000.00 covering the Sale of Surplus Real Estate, known as 2776 New Clinton Road.

   Finance Committee further recommends that County Attorney, Mr. Virgil Adams, be granted authority to prepare all documents and proceed with the sale of this property.

   The Committee further recommends that Chairman Tommy Olmstead be authorized to execute the contract.

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

3. The Committee recommends award of proposal from Michael Clark & Associates, in the amount of $11,800.00 covering Consultant Services for the Roof Repair/Replacement for the
Peacock Building located on Emery Highway.

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

4. The Committee recommends award of contract to Shepherd Construction in the amount of $156,355.08 covering Assessment Paving (SP-2003).

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

5. The Committee recommends that the existing contract between Bibb County and Prison Health Services (PHS) covering medical services for prisoners at the Bibb County Law Enforcement Center be extended to September 30, 2003, under the same terms and conditions. The Committee further recommends that Board Chairman be given authority to sign the contract amendment.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of $4,350.00 to the FY 2003 General Fund budget covering replacement of warning siren pole located at Fire Station #104.

*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:

6. The Committee recommends that the request of Ms. Darlene A. Rozier, 4611 Jones Road, for permission to install a sanitary sewer lateral along the right-of-way of Jones Road be respectfully denied.

The Committee further recommends that the County Engineer advise Ms. Rozier of the proper person to contact at the Macon Water Authority.

*On motion of Commissioner Bishop and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.*
7. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Certificate of Ownership and Agreement between Bibb County and GDOT covering:

- Project LAR00-S005-00 (455), providing for the resurfacing of Goodall Mill Road, Johnson Road and Upper River Road; and
- Project LAR00-S005-00 (456), providing for the resurfacing of Estes Road and Riverside Parkway.

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

8. The Committee recommends approval of the renewal application from Swift Creek Environmental for the permit to operate waste landfill on Davis Road.

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

9. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign Contract Amendment No. 3 to contract with Southland Waste Systems of Georgia, as soon as satisfactory bonds have been furnished.

The Committee reports that this contract amendment provides for the collection and disposal of solid waste in mobile home parks through the use of a 30 cu. yd. self-contained compactor. It is further reported that the compactor must be acquired by the property owner and that the agreed upon rate of $953.00 per month is based on 175 mobile homes and three hauls per month with any service in excess begin charged directly to the owner by Southland Waste Systems.

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

\textbf{TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE} - Committee Chairman Bishop reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval for River Edge Behavioral Health Center to conduct their annual residential services outing at the Claystone Park Pavilion on June 5, 2003 and that all fees be waived.

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

2. The Committee would like to thank and recognize the 19th Air Refueling Group for their service with the overseas events and would like them to be the Board’s guest at Sandy Beach
Park on June 9, 2003 while they conduct their annual summer safety fair.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval for Clear Channel Radio Station Q106 to conduct a Family “Summer Event” at Sandy Beach Park on June 28, 2003.

The Committee also authorizes the Chairman to sign the contract regarding this event.

Commissioner Bivins asked if this was the same radio station that put on this event in the past. Commissioner Bishop responded in the affirmative.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** - No Report.

**MACON WATER AUTHORITY** - Commissioner Bishop stated that since he has been on the water authority, they’ve asked that the Executive Director have classes for the appointed and elected members of the authority. He stated that during a recent meeting, which was lengthy, it was explained how they derive at basin specific fees, the relining of the sewer program that they’ve got going on in addition to several other things. Commissioner Bishop stated that these classes are going to be really good for not only the elected members but the appointed members so that they will be able to make intelligent decisions when it comes to awarding contracts for sewerage expansions and those type things. He stated that the information was well explained and he got a lot out of the class.

Chairman Olmstead commented that he hopes it works.

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

1. The Committee nominated Ms. Willa Cochran to the MHDDAD Board (formerly known as the Region 8 MHMRSA Board)

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

2. The Committee approved initiating recruitment efforts to fill the following positions.

   1. Director of Finance/Support Services
   2. County Engineer
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 accepting the recommendation of the Chief Appraiser to grant a refund of taxes paid on the property of Mr. Win Roshell located at 115 Brookefield Drive on the value difference of $79,400 for tax year 2002 and $35,600 for tax year 2001.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of alcoholic beverage license for Mini Food #84 located at 260 Tom Hill Sr Blvd.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of Sunday Sales Affidavit for Margaritas Mexican Grill #3 located at 6012 Zebulon Road and The Greens at Barrington Restaurant, Barrington Hall Golf Club, located at 104 Stoney Creek Road.

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Commissioner Bishop offered a motion to discuss action taken earlier by the Public Safety Committee, acting as a Committee of the Whole, with regard to mosquito spraying in Bibb County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart for discussion.

Commissioner Bishop stated that since they had met as a Committee of the Whole, he thought the Board should emphasize what the decision was with regard to mosquito spraying and have it come across the Board table this evening as a matter of information.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bishop continued that all he wanted to do was make it an official action of the Board during a regular meeting so that they could move on with the recommendation that Ken Sheets, Interim County Engineer, start up and develop a program and also look for people to run the program.
Chairman Olmstead stated that he thought Mr. Sheets had already begun work toward this end.

Chairman Olmstead reiterated the motion that was passed by the Public Safety Committee, acting as a Committee of the Whole, earlier today, that the County begin spraying for mosquitoes as soon as possible and not use Malathion.

Commissioner Bishop then noted that this action should serve as the report from the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Olmstead concurred.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board
