

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom at the Bibb County Courthouse.

Board Members present were Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Vice Chairman Joe O. Allen, Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., Commissioner Lonzy Edwards 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; Tony Rousey, IT Department; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer and Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant – BOC.

News media in attendance: Jennifer Burk of The Telegraph.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Reverend Solomon Greddick, Assistant Pastor, New Home Baptist Church rendered the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hart announced that the Board will be interviewing architectural firms tomorrow beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom as it relates to renovations to the Courthouse and building a new Judicial Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the regular monthly meeting on May 19, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Mr. Ken Redick, 4698 Sprucewood Drive. Mr. Redick addressed the Board regarding the subject of community gardens. He shared some material entitled "Sharing the Harvest" that gives information on how community gardens bring people together. He also stated that in this economy, these type gardens were a good way for people to save money by growing many varieties of food. According to the material, there are about 18,000 community gardens across the nation. He thinks this would be a good thing to start in Macon and Bibb County.

Commissioner Bivins noted that something similar to this is going on in the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood and that that particular garden has water running to it.

Chairman Hart stated that this was an idea the Board should probably explore further.

Chairman Hart are recognized and welcomed Ms. Lillian Glover, 4400 Reese Drive. Ms. Glover addressed the Board regarding the paving of Reese Drive. She stated that she had a petition she wanted to present for the Board's consideration. She passed around some pictures of her road for the Board's review. She stated that the road was nothing but sand and rocks and when it rains, the road is difficult to travel because of all of the mud. Ms. Glover provided a signed petition to County Engineer Ken Sheets. Chairman Hart advised her that the matter would be considered by the Board in the near future.

REFERRALS: None.

RECORD AND INFORMATION: None.

Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Coroner.

ACTION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No Report.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. The Committee recommends approving that Bibb County Department Heads participate each year, a minimum of eight (8) hours of approved community services.

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

2. The Committee approves the concept for the Compressed Work Week policy.

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

3. The Committee approved the payment of case #0510574104.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following:

1. The Committee accepts the recommendation that the County Attorney made on May 27, 2009 as it relates to a liability claim.

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

2. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to a workers compensation claim.

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

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – No Report.

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 Resolution requesting that the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority issue its Revenue Bonds in the maximum amount of \$11,500,000 to provide funds for (1) The refunding of all Bass Pro Shops Project Bonds and (2) Land and Improvements at Sofkee Industrial Park.

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 two contracts between Bibb County and the Georgia Department of Corrections for inmate details for the Engineering/Public Works Department.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund Budget to cover the cost of the surveyor for the Bibb/Monroe County line.

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

4. The Committee recommends awarding the quote from Ted Hamlin Plumbing, LLC for plumbing pipe replacement at Sandy Beach Park not to exceed \$12,500.00.

The Committee further recommends approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

5. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Copy Machine Rental for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 to IKON Office Solutions at the unit prices bid.

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

6. The Committee recommends approving the quote from Warner Robins Supply in the amount of \$20,600.00 for lumber for Arrowhead Park at Lake Tobesofkee.

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 approving a New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application for Hartley Bridge Exxon Inc. d/b/a Market Place #15 located at 4515 Hartley Bridge Road.

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

2. The Committee recommends approving a New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application for New China Buffet #8 located at 5012 Harrison Road.

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

3. The Committee recommends approving a New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application for Publix Super Market located at 5451 Bowman Road.

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

4. The Committee recommends approving a New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application for Scoley LLC d/b/a Texas Cattle Company located at 5797 Houston Road.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – No Report

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board