

**MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 5, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff present: Mr. Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Director, Buildings & Properties; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; Mrs. Christy Iulucci, Assistant Finance Director; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant, and Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer.

News Media:
None.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Reverend James L. Bumpus, Pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church, rendered the prayer for the day.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that a public hearing for the FY2008 budget will be held on Friday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. and a meeting for the purpose of adopting the FY 2008 budget will be held on Friday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2007 and the special called meeting of May 29, 2007 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Ms. Glenda Davis of the American Cancer Society and Ms. Beth Lang, Chairman, Relay for Life Walk, for a presentation. Ms. Davis stated that they would like to present the Board of Commissioners with a certificate of appreciation for allowing them to use Lake Tobesofkee for their Relay for Life event. She stated that, this year, they raised \$400,000.00. In addition to individual certificates, the Commissioners were all given a Relay for Life T-Shirt for their support. Also, they presented

Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee the same expression of appreciation for his help with the event.

Chairman Bishop stated that he really appreciated the fact that they (American Cancer Society) used the park and that the County was glad to make it available. He stated that sometime back when it used to be in East Macon, they came to the County Commission and asked to use Lake Tobesofkee for the fundraiser. He stated that they were glad to do it as well as play a small part in helping with the fight against cancer, particularly breast cancer. Chairman Bishop thanked Ms. Davis and Ms. Lang for coming and for their efforts.

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Visitors:

Ayesha Thornton	Mike Lang
Darryl Muhammad	Colleen Giffin
Donald Richardson, Jr.	Phillip Gilstrap
Hazel Giddens	Johnnie Mae Dawkins
Bobby & Cindy Stocks	Nettie Thomas
	Yvette Cabey

Ms. Yvette Cabey addressed the Board with specific questions with regard to the practices of the Tax Commissioner/Tax Assessors' Offices. *A copy of said questions will be attached to the official minutes of this meeting.*

Ms. Cabey also noted that a protest will take place tomorrow in front of the Tax Assessors' Office.

Chairman Bishop stated that he was referring the questions to Human Resources for the purpose of answering any questions the County can respond to as far as the EEOC is concerned.

Chairman Bishop called on the Clerk of the Board for the reading of the Board Agenda.

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to the **Engineering/Public Works Committee:**

1. Petition from M. H. Sousa for the registration of Windmill Plantation as a public road of Bibb County.
2. Correspondence from Van Etheridge, Macon-Bibb County Road Improvement Program, recommending that two tracts of right-of-way, Project No. 5240-5B, Lower Poplar Street, be made surplus and be disposed.

3. Correspondence from Mr. Bill Causey, Interim Director, City of Macon Public Works Department, requesting that the County help fund half of the final cost of a Stormwater Management Program “Amnesty Day” for the proper disposal of hazardous wastes and other leftover toxic chemicals the average homeowner has stored around the house.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - Designating May 18th as “Retired and Senior Volunteer Day” in Bibb County;
 - Designating May 22nd as “Joni Woolf Day” in Bibb County;
 - Designating May 20 – 26th as “Public Works Week” in Bibb County;
 - Honoring Dr. Michele V. Ronnick on May 30th for her generosity in sharing her expertise with young men and women of The Mentors Project of Bibb County;
 - Recognizing the Macon Alumni Chapter of Fort Valley State University on June 1st for its dedication to providing scholarship funds to needy students and Dr. Larry E. Rivers for his commitment and dedicated service as President of the University; and
 - Honoring Reverend and Mrs. M. Garry Willis on June 3rd upon their 25th Anniversary at the Calvary Baptist Church.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign IRS Form 8283 acknowledging donation of an easement to Bibb County by Charlie N. McGlamry for the Houston Road library site.

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

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The License and Tax Committee recommends approval of a New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2007 for Wine Star One LLC, dba WineStyles located at 6255 Zebulon Road.

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report.

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

1. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the approval for the Director of Building and Properties to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Privatization of three (3) vacant positions in Custodial Services for the following buildings: Randall Building, DHR, RDC, Traffic Center, Farmer's Market Tag Office, Board of Elections and the County Extension Office.

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

2. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee accepts the recommendation of Superior Court Judge Tilman E. Self to reestablish a full-time position of Court Reporter at a pay grade C20, Step II effective July 1, 2007.

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

3. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the approval of a temporary employee for the Finance Department until the vacant position is filled. *Note: Recruiting for Accountant is currently in process.*

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

4. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the approval for a Temporary Position for the Clerk of Superior Court for a two (2) week period beginning June 11, 2007.

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

5. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the following modification to the County's Nepotism Policy (under the section **Employees Who Become Related Subsequent To Employment**) to read as: the restrictions on hiring of relatives specified in this policy also applies to the continued employment of persons who become relatives (as defined) subsequent to employment, ***unless otherwise approved by the Board of Commissioners.***

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Properties Committee respectfully denies the request of Jimmie Samuel, Executive Director of the Macon – Bibb County EOC, to reimburse the EOC for half of the renovation costs for their office located at 653 Second Street.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson to approve and with dissenting votes from Commissioners Allen and Bivins, the matter resulted in a tie (2-2) vote with Chairman Bishop voting in the affirmative.

The County Attorney stated that with the tie vote, the matter is just back where it started. No Action.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request from Mr. James Wagner to add a second boat lift to his dock located at 8267 Lower Thomaston Road, subject to review by the County Attorney.

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

2. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request from the Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation Department to be allowed to use the Parks for field trips on selected dates during the summer season and that all fees be waived.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends approval to amend Section 15-29 of the Article II of the code of Bibb County, Georgia entitled "Levy and Lien" 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.

2. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends approval of a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County, Georgia notifying the Superintendent of Elections in the Macon Bibb County Board of Elections of a vacancy in the office of Bibb County Commissioner for District One and to call for an election on September 18, 2007 to fill the unexpired term of such office.

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

3. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends approval of the Service Delivery Strategy. *Chairman Bishop added that County approval is contingent upon the city of Macon signing the document.*

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

4. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends approval a resolution of requesting that the Bibb County local delegation to the General Assembly seek funding for the location and support of a long term substance abuse and mental health treatment facility in the city of Macon. *Commissioner noted that this resolution mirrors the one approved by the city of Macon.*

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

5. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends approval of a resolution for the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority adding Crawford County to its membership.

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

FINANCE, TAX AND REVENUE COMMITTEE – Committee Member Allen reported the following:

1. The Finance Committee recommends extending the Term Contract with SCANA Energy marketing, Inc. covering Natural Gas Service for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the current unit prices.

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

2. Finance Committee recommends extending the current Term Contract with Mitchell's Automotive covering Vehicle Maintenance and Repair for July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 at the current unit prices. Finance Committee further recommends that the Purchasing Department rebid the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair contract for implementation on or around October 1, 2007.

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

3. Finance Committee recommends awarding the bid for Rabon Insecticide to Chick Supplies in the amount of \$27,525.00.

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

4. The Finance Committee recommends approval of payment to Kevin and Amy Hughes in the amount of \$350.00 for debris removal.

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

5. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for space occupied by the Department of Juvenile Justice on the 5th floor of the Courthouse.

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

6. The Finance Committee recommends authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign a H.E.A.T. Grant application for the Bibb County Sheriff's Office which requires a County match of \$27,100.00.

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

7. The Finance Committee recommends awarding the Term Contract for Food Preparation Services to Trinity for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the unit prices proposed.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS – No Report.

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

The meeting was reconvened to consider the request of Sam Kitchens and Kari Johnston that they be exempted from the continued employment section of the County's Nepotism Policy.

Upon motion of Commissioner Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the Board approved the request.

The reconvened meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board