

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2006
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Charles W. Bishop, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., 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. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Asst. Director, Buildings & Properties; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Tony Rousey, Information & Technology Services; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; and Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners.

News Media: None.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Chairman Bishop called on Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Properties, to render the Prayer for the Day and asked everyone to stand. Everyone remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Bishop thanked Mr. Johnston for rendering the prayer in the absence of a guest pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Bishop reported that during one of the committee meetings earlier this afternoon, he announced that Bibb County would be hosting an Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Lake Tobesofkee. He stated that upon checking with Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee, he learned there was a conflict with the date previously announced and, therefore, the new date is July 9th at Sandy Beach. He encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for that date and go out and express their personal appreciation to the Armed Forces' veterans and their families. Chairman Bishop added that this was not only for the people currently serving in the Armed Forces but for people in World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. Chairman Bishop added that anyone who has served that has a Veterans driver's license, their families can enter the park free of charge that day and also they can bring their boats along. He further stated that it was sort of an open house and a show of appreciation from Bibb County to all the veterans for their services in the Armed Forces. He added, too, that event though the event is designated at Sandy Beach, they are free to go in any of the parks that day if they show a Military ID or Veterans Driver's License.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 16, 2006 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Lane Sheridan Christopher Jordan Jo Ann Wetzel, Todd DeWeese, Reverend James A. T. Mann, Alexandra Klingelhofer, Michael Appling, John Fox, Donald H. Richardson, Jr., Willie Lindsey, Tim DeLoache, Willie Mae Jordan, Loretta Jordan, Theresa Hugley, Nettie L. Thomas, Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Hazel Giddens, and Reverend Timothy French. Others in attendance, but not formally recognized were the following: Yvette Cabey, Terrill Hill, Jim Greenhouse, and Mary Lee Irby.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Bishop presented a Resolution to Mrs. Alexandra Klingelhofer, Museum of Arts & Sciences, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Museum.

Mrs. Klingelhofer stated that on behalf of the staff, board members, volunteers, and citizens of the Macon and Bibb County, they have all treasured their service years here and have memories of the Museum. She stated that it has been a wonderful community to serve and they appreciate the Resolution very much.

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Pat Topping of MEDC for a presentation on Economic Development. Mr. Topping introduced members of MEDC in attendance and then gave his presentation which included the following points: Mission of MEDC, an introduction of MEDC Staff, Funding Partners, 2006 Board of Directors, Industrial Authority Staff and 2006 Board of Directors, Primary Target Industries, Prospect Activity, Project Source, New Industries including Sara Lee and Bass Pro Shops (including some detail on the "Bass Effect") Available Buildings, 2004 and 2005 Results, Macon Works for Industry, 2006 Results through the month of May, 2006 Programs & Activities, 2006 Existing Industry Activities, 2006 Business Recruitment Activities, 2006 Programs & Activities, and MEDC's Goal.

Mr. Topping added there is a company looking to locate here, that they've got facilities in Fort Valley and Macon, and they're looking to expand. He stated that the Industrial Authority agreed to help them with some tax abatements on their new expansion. He stated that the owner of the company commented that he sees great things for Macon and Middle Georgia and his operation.

The Board thanked Mr. Topping for the work he does for this community. Mr. Topping, in turn, thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support of their efforts.

Commissioner Allen asked Mr. Topping to relay to the 21st Century Partnership, for the benefit of all of the military personnel at Robins AFB, the information about the County's upcoming Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Lake Tobesofkee on July 9th. Mr. Topping said he would relay the information.

REFERRALS:

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

1. Petitions from Mr. Earl Raymond, Jonesboro, Georgia, for the registration of Goodall Woods Drive, Redhill Boulevard, Mill Meadow Road, Cameron Way and Cody Drive as public roads of Bibb County.
2. Correspondence from Mr. Oney Hudson, Walden Road Developers, LLC, requesting permission to place a forced sewer line in the right-of-way of Lanford Drive to be connected to the sewer line that services the new library in South Bibb County.

RECORD AND INFORMATION: - None

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution designating the week of May 22 – 27, 2006 as “Public Works Week” in Bibb County.
2. Ratification of Resolution honoring Mr. Alphonso B. Varner as a “Living Legend” in the field of sports and education at the Fort Valley State University, Macon Alumni Chapter’s 2006 Banquet.
3. Ratification of Resolution honoring Mr. L. Stan Lomax as a “Living Legend” in the field of sports and education at the Fort Valley State University, Macon Alumni Chapter’s 2006 Banquet.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign a maintenance agreement for regular maintenance schedule for existing shrubs, perennials, and seasonal color beds at the Bibb County Courthouse and Annex.

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

2. The Finance Committee recommends that effective July 1, 2006, Purchasing Cards will not be authorized for purchases made by Bibb County employees and that all cards currently held by Bibb County employees will be turned in to the Bibb County Purchasing Department by 12:00 noon on that day. This will not

include the Purchasing Cards issued to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office to be used strictly for prisoner transport.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved on a three-to-two (3-2) vote. Commissioners Bivins and Allen cast the dissenting votes.

3. The Finance Committee recommends awarding the bid for Security Doors to WILLO in the amount of \$60,632.00.

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

4. The Finance Committee recommends that the Term Contract with Allgood Pest Solutions for Pest Control Services be renewed at the same unit prices for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

5. The Finance Committee recommends that the Term Contract with Macon Communications for Radio Maintenance and Repair be renewed at the same unit prices for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

6. The Finance Committee recommends that the Term Contract with J.T.M. Grassing Company for Grassing (of rights of way) be renewed at the same unit prices for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

7. The Finance Committee recommends that the Term Contract with Unisource for Computer Paper be renewed based upon the new unit prices for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

On motion of Commissioner Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved on a four-to-one (4-1) vote. Commissioner Bivins cast the dissenting vote.

8. The Finance Committee recommends that the Term Contract with Raffield Tire Masters for Tires and Tire Service be renewed at the same unit prices for labor and State of Georgia Contract prices for tires for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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

9. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign contract with Cox Communications to increase the bandwidth for County Internet Service.

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

10. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the lease between Bibb County and the Baldwin County Board of Health for space at the DFACS Building.

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

11. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2006 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$28,000 to cover the cost for food and cleaning and sanitation supplies.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. The License and Tax Committee recommends approval of a new 2006 alcoholic beverage license for Hi Macon LLC d/b/a Baymount Inn & Suites located at 3590 Riverside Drive.

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

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

1. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends acceptance of FISERV (Wausau Benefits) as Bibb County's Third Party Administrator (TPA) and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract to be effective July 1, 2006.

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

2. The Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends the approval for County Extension Services to move supplemental funds from a vacant position into an existing employee's salary.

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 Committee approved the purchase of approximately two acres at Bass and New Forsyth Road from Bass at Riverside, LLC at a price of \$400,000 for the construction of a new fire station and that the Chairman be authorized to sign all the necessary documents to complete the purchase, subject to receipt of an appropriate appraisal. The purchase price will be offset by the sale from Bibb County to Bass at Riverside, LLC of approximately 3.15 acres of right-of-way in the amount of \$171,517. and the sale of a right-of-way containing .35 acres to Atlanta Southern Bank in the amount of \$19,057. The Committee further recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign all documents necessary to complete these two sales. This item will close after June 30th of this year.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that July 9, 2006 be designated as "Bibb County Military Appreciation Day" and that all current military personnel and military veterans be allowed admission into Lake Tobesofkee on that date at no cost.

Committee Chairman Allen added that boats would be included.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation Department to use the parks on selected dates as part of their Community Center's Summer Program for kids age 6-15 and ask that all fees be waived.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the camping fees at Claystone Park be set at \$18.00 per night for tent camping and \$20.00 per night for trailer and RV camping. The Committee further recommends that this increase take effect immediately.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Bivins stated that he has been getting some complaints about people not keeping up their property and he would like to get some information on this so that he will be able to let the people know where the County stands on it and what can be done.

County Attorney responded that the County's ordinance on this subject had been revised and that he would provide the same to Commissioner Bivins.

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

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board