

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 16, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 16, 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., and Commissioner Lonzy Edwards.

Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, was attending the American Water Works Association Annual Conference in San Diego.

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 and Risk Management; Tony Rousey, Director of Information Technology; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer; Janice Ross, BOC Administrative Assistant, Jenny Burdeshaw and Deborah Booker from HR/Risk Management.

News media in attendance: Jennifer Burk of The Telegraph.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Pastor Arlan Gibson, Beth Yeshua Church, rendered the invocation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Hart presented Deborah Martin, Finance Director, with a Certificate of Appreciation and Pin representing ten (10) years of service with Bibb County.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the regular monthly meeting on June 2, 2009 and Budget Work Session on June 8, 2009 were approved as written.***

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Mr. Terry Scarborough, land surveyor for the Bibb-Monroe County Line. Mr. Scarborough addressed the Board stating that he attended the April 7, 2009 meeting of the Board requesting to be paid for his services under executive order to survey, mark out, define and plat the boundary line in dispute between Bibb and Monroe Counties. He stated that he is present this evening to demand that the County pay his fee of \$173,090.00 at once. He stated, too, that while he is under no legal obligation to provide any further service to Bibb or Monroe County, the Commission is required by O.C.G.A. § 36-3-27 to pay his fee which was negotiated prior to commencement of his duty under the executive order. He stated that he has been unduly harmed by

Bibb County's refusal to pay his fee. And he stated that if Bibb County continues to refuse payment, he will ask for intervention by the Attorney General.

Next, Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Mr. Tim Thornton, resident of Bibb County and local business owner. Mr. Thornton stated that he was present on behalf of the Middle Association of Realtors and as a board member of Macon-Middle Georgia. Mr. Thornton stated that his business has been hit particularly hard due to the downturn in the economy. He stated insurance and taxes combined constitute well over 50% of his expenses. He asked the County to hold the line when it comes to the Tax Digest.

### **REFERRALS:**

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

1. Petition from John Dukes to register Bowman Park as a public road of Bibb County.
2. Petition for the paving of Reese Drive.
3. Project Framework Agreement from the Department of Transportation detailing preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction commitments for County Project consisting of Transportation Facility Improvements on SR 74 at Lamar Road Roundabout.
4. Joint Funding Agreement from the U.S. Department of the Interior respecting Project entitled "the continued operation and routine maintenance of continuous stream flow gaging station #02213500 on Tobesofkee Creek near Macon, Georgia".

### **RECORD AND INFORMATION:**

Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Cooperative Extension Service.

### **ACTION:**

1. Ratification of Resolution designating June 11, 2009 as "Retired and Senior Volunteer Program" day in Bibb County.
2. A Resolution of Bibb County submitting the Bibb County Five-Year Short-Term Work Program to the Middle Georgia RDC for compliance review.

**On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before noted resolutions were ratified/approved respectively.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. The Committee recommends that the petition to register Lake Ridge Drive be approved and that said road be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

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

2. The Committee recommends that the County Engineer install “No Parking” signs along Mosely Dixon Road and Rainey Road in the vicinity of the Fish & Pig Restaurant warning that violators are subject to being towed.

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

**TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the changes to the camping rules and camping rates at Claystone and Arrowhead Park. The committee further recommends that these rule and rate changes become effective when both parks are opened for camping.

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

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

1. The Committee accepts the recommendation of Ms. Andrea Crutchfield, Chief Tax Appraiser, to replace the vacant position of Appraiser II, Grade T14 Step1.

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

2. The Committee accepts the recommendation of Tony Rousey, ITS Director, to replace the vacant position of Programmer Analyst I Grade T20 Step1.

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

3. The Committee approves the Sexual Harassment Policy with changes indicated by the County Attorney.

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

4. The Committee accepts the recommendation of Ken Sheets, County Engineer, to replace the following vacant positions in Public Works:
  - a. (1)Truck Driver II
  - b. (1)Laborer
  - c. (1)Equipment Operator I

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – No Report.

**ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE** – No Report.

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** –.Committee Member Commissioner Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approving an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for windows repairs at the River Edge Crisis Center Building located on Fulton Mill Road.

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

**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 a change in the fee charged to owners of property in street lighting districts to reflect changes in the utility charges applicable to such districts.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the ratification of the Chairman's signature on the agreement between Bibb County and Standard & Poor's for a Liquidity Assessment from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

**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 Worker's Compensation Fund budget in the amount of \$50,000 to cover a worker's compensation claim.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to the FY 2009 General Fund budget to cover cost of the settlement of two Risk Management cases.

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

5. The Committee recommends extending the Inmate Medical Service term contract with Correct Health for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

6. The Committee recommends that all bids received for Hybrid Vehicles be rejected, revise the specifications and solicit new bids.

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

7. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Rabon Insecticide to Chick Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$22,830.00.

**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. Ratification of action of the License and Tax acting as a Committee of the Whole approving New 2009 alcoholic beverage license application and Sunday Sales application for Right Here LLC d/b/a Mellow Mushroom.

**On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was ratified.**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of the Committee of the Whole approving the application for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Round II – ARRA Funding in the amount of \$5 M for 100 properties in need of rehabilitation, demolition or new construction.

**On motion of Chairman Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was ratified.**

2. Ratification of the Committee of the Whole approving application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2009 and authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary documents.

**On motion of Chairman Hart and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was ratified.**

3. Ratification of the Committee of the Whole approving application for the Federal Emergency Management Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorizing the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center and the Bibb County Board of Commissioners.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC  
Clerk of the Board