

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 7, 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 Bert Bivins, III and Commissioner Lonzy Edwards.

Staff in attendance was 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; Barry Smallwood, Purchasing Agent; 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.

Dr. Luther Strickland, Day Star Church of God, rendered the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on June 16, 2009, Public Hearing on June 18, 2009 and Budget Adoption on June 29, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Ms. Peggy Thompson and Ms. Kirsten West of the Macon Music Alliance. Ms. West stated that the Macon Music Alliance is a group of Macon citizens who have come together with the idea of branding Macon as a Music Mecca and creating economic development in the community through bringing in developers as well as outside and inside interests to create businesses downtown in the city center. She stated that they have taken on as a challenge to keep the Georgia Music Hall of Fame open and in our community. She stated that without some support from this community, we are dire straits of losing the Hall of Fame to another community in Georgia. She stated that the Hall of Fame Authority is meeting on June 16th (next week) and they are going there and presenting to them some ideas about how they will be supported through this economic development plan, this entertainment district they're proposing for downtown. She further stated that they would like to go with something in hand that indicates to them that the people of Macon care that this institution remains in Macon and that they're willing to put some money behind supporting it. She continued that Macon Music Alliance have gone about finding pledges for the Hall of Fame. Ms. West added that The

Knight Foundation has pledged \$20,000.00, and that the Music Hall of Fame's budget is \$200,000.00 short. She also stated that it has been printed in the newspaper that the Music Hall of Fame will be closing its doors on Sundays and Mondays in order to reduce expenditures, and some of its staff will be furloughed. She stated, too, that Bragg Jam has indicated that they will give some of their proceeds this year to the Music Hall of Fame. She also stated that she met with the Macon Arts Alliance last week and they are going to do a "Save the Hall of Fame Campaign." She also stated that Macon Music Alliance will be doing a massive emailing to all of their subscribers asking them to donate a minimum of \$10.00. She added a small amount like that, from a grassroots approach, they think will be very, very helpful. Furthermore, she stated that she was present to basically ask the Board of Commissioners if there is any money available they can pledge to keep the Hall of Fame open. She continued that they want to go to the Hall of Fame Authority next week with some pledges and some action that is being taken by the citizens of Macon so that they understand Macon cares.

Commissioner Edwards responded that he appreciates the sense of urgency brought by Ms. West and added that the Board shared that concern earlier in the year when it asked the Bibb Legislative Delegation to consider increasing the hotel/motel tax for purposes of splitting those proceeds between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Edwards then offered a motion that the Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to that request even though it won't bring money, realistically, until next year, if it happens. He stated it would, at least, be some indication of the kind of support Ms. West talked about. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion.

Ms. West also stated that she had drafted a letter of support for Chairman Hart's perusal. She stated that she also received a letter from Mayor Reichert, who has pledged his support and will try and have some monies in next year's budget for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **Risk Management/Public Safety Committee:**

Worker's Compensation Update and Review.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Extension Service, Coroner and Clerk of State Court.
2. Correspondence from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs advising that it has reviewed the recent update of the Service Delivery Strategy for Bibb County and its cities and has determined that it meets all applicable requirements. DCA also advised that our Service Delivery Strategy has been extended through October 31, 2010 (*the closest possible review deadline to the date requested*)

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions:
 - a. Declaring the week of June 12 – 19, 2009 as "Juneteenth Freedom Festival Week" in Bibb County

- b. Recognizing Elizabeth B. Richardson upon her 95th birthday celebration on June 14, 2009
- c. Recognizing Dr. Steve L. Rumford for his leadership and dedication to improving the lives of children as they are served by The Methodist Home for Children and Youth

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Joint Funding Agreement from the U.S. Department of the Interior for operation and maintenance of the streamflow gaging station on Tobesofkee Creek #02213500.

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

2. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Right-of-Way and Maintenance Agreement for Sardis Church Road Interchange @I-75, Project No. NH-75-1 (246).

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

3. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Right-of-Way and Maintenance Agreement for Ocmulgee East Blvd., Project No. STP-066-1(36).

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 request from Skipper Zimmerman and John McCord to expand the parking area at the Fish N' Pig restaurant, subject to review by the CAO and County Engineer.

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 approves the Tobacco Free Environment Policy with changes indicated by the County Attorney.

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

2. The Committee approves the Dress Code Policy with changes indicated by the County Attorney.

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 Chairman Commissioner Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee authorizes Finance to pay the expenses submitted by Kevin Brown for legal work required to auction the counties surplus property. The Committee further recommends that the CAO be authorized to sign the deeds of said properties that are sold on August 22, 2009.

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – Commissioner Bivins encouraged everyone to go home and drink water out of their tap since Bibb County has the best tasting water in North America.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – Commissioner Bivins reported that the Land Bank Authority has moved its office to another location with about three times as much space and are a lot better off.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

On the subject of Senior Citizens, Commissioner Bivins stated that he has had a chance recently to visit a couple of nursing homes, the last of which was Goodwill on Houston Avenue. He stated that he had a good time and they even let him hit a note or two.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2009 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$560 to cover vehicle set-up for a van.

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 the letter of agreement between Bibb County and the Board of Education for Henderson Stadium and the Ed DeFore Sports Complex.

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 expenditures for the DFACS Building paid from the Maintenance Account.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the ratification of window repairs at the River Edge Crisis Center on Fulton Mill Road and further recommends that the cost be covered from the rent proceeds received by Bibb County for the building.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval for the Custodial Department to hire a replacement for the utility worker vacancy in their department.

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

6. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2009 Commissary Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,480 to cover inmate legal services.

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

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

7. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the extension of the lease between Bibb County and The Planning & Zoning Commission for Computer Equipment for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

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

8. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign contracts between Bibb County and the following agencies and individuals for services provided to the Bibb County Drug Court by:

- Creative Solutions For Change
- Coliseum Psychiatric Center
- Samuel Dixon, Jr.
- Jennifer Walker
- Charlie Price, Jr.
- Emory Pitts
- Andrew Johnson
- Julian W. Gallemore, Sr.
- Dealmond E. Denerson
- Trellis Gibson
- Selentria Kendrick
- Shanta Gilmore
- Andrienne Frankie Towles
- Bernice McMillian
- Robert A. Schwartz

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

9. The Committee recommends awarding the proposal for an Employee Benefit Plan Consultant to The Benefit Advocate, Inc. in the amount of \$28,500.00 with ½ due upon implementation of the contract and the remaining ½ at risk and withheld according to the proposal's Performance Guarantee. The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$28,500.00.

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

10. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Laundry Chemicals to Henderson Chemical at the prices bid 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.

11. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Dentifrice to Bob Barker Company at the unit prices bid 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.

12. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Computer Paper to Unisource at the prices bid 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.

13. The Committee recommends renewing the term contract with STAT Medical of Georgia, Inc. covering Records Management for the term of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 at the same unit prices.

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

14. The Committee recommends renewing the term contract with Raffield Tire Masters covering Tires and Service for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the same unit prices.

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

15. The Committee recommends awarding the quote for Property Insurance to The Travelers Companies for the term of July 1, 2009 through July 1, 2010 with a premium of \$105,093.00 and a \$10,000 deductible.

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

16. The Committee recommends ratification of a change order to Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors in the amount of \$2,140.00 covering additional plumbing work at Arrowhead Park. The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,140.00.

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

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to sign the Proposal for Limited Architectural Services for the Bibb County Courthouse pending review by the County Attorney and the Commissioners.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned action was ratified.

2. Ratification of the decision of the Pension Board authorizing the Chairman to sign the Merrill Lynch Personal Client Advisor Agreement with the changes recommended by the County Attorney in conjunction with the approval of the Attorney for Merrill Lynch.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned action was ratified.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board