

MINUTES

BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 19, 2008

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff present: Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer; Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Deborah Martin, Finance Director, Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Sam Kitchens, Director of Buildings & Properties; Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant and Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer and Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

News Media present was Jennifer Burk, The Telegraph

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Pastor Clint Jett, Victory Christian Center of The Assemblies of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 5, 2008 (Business Occupational Tax Rate Increase) and Regular meeting on August 5, 2008 were approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed Mr. Alveno Ross. Mr. Ross was presented with a retirement resolution and watch in recognition of his retirement from the Bibb County Tax Assessors Office after rendering 25 years and 11 months of dedicated service. Mr. Ross' retirement date was effective February 29, 2008.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Bea Ross
Charlotte Ross
Jack Lasseter

Nettie Thomas
Craig Ross
Ronnie Clements

Hazel Giddens
Nathaniel, Carlos & Judy Blount
Donald Richardson, Jr.

At this time, Chairman Bishop recognized Mrs. Judy Blount for comments. Mrs. Blount stated that she wanted to address the issue of a property tax increase as a result of Bibb County Board of Education's decision to increase the school system's millage rate.

Chairman Bishop asked Mrs. Blount if she had been down to the Board of Education to talk with their board members. He added that the Board of Commissioners no longer has control of the Board of Education's taxes and that their millage rate is set by them.

County Attorney Virgil Adams interjected that a public hearing was going on right now at the Board of Education. With that comment, Chairman Bishop advised Mrs. Blount that he thought she was at the wrong place and directed her to the Board of Education office if she wanted to catch their hearing in progress.

Mrs. Blount apologized for her mistake and added that she going to head down to the Board of Education. Her final comment as she left the room was, "thank you for shopping Kroger" which generated laughter from most everyone in attendance.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **Ordinance and Resolution Committee:**

1. Consideration of a County ordinance respecting an increase in the rates for taxicab fares to offset the rising cost of fuel.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution presented to Mrs. Pamela Waldrop in recognition of her retirement from Bibb County Public Works on June 30, 2008 after rendering 17 years of dedicated service.
2. Ratification of Resolution presented to Mrs. Irene Woodard in recognition of her retirement from Bibb County Public Works on April 30, 2008 after rendering 29 years and nine months of dedicated service.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the above 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 the right-of-way deed and other closing documents to convey property known as Parcel 73, 2444-2446 Avondale Mill Road to the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the construction of the Sardis Church Road Extension.

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

2. The Committee recommends acceptance of the report concerning mediation on the Forest Hill Road project.

For Information: The parties engaged in mediation in a good faith effort to resolve the matter were not able to reach an agreement.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Payne City for Bibb County to provide assistance in meeting their Phase II Stormwater requirements.

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

4. The Committee recommends that the County Engineer be authorized to arrange for the collection of storm debris by County forces at several identified locations in Lake Wildwood on a one-time emergency basis due to a health and safety issue that could jeopardize other properties.

NOTE: This recommendation is subject to the signing of a hold harmless agreement by the appropriate agent of Lake Wildwood.

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

5. The Committee recommends that the attached list of 47 County roads consisting of 24.88 miles be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation as Bibb County's request for resurfacing under the FY2010 LARP.

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

6. The Committee recommends that the request for the County to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Bass Road and Bowman Road be approved and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for funding.

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

7. The Committee recommends that the petition to register Richard Ivey Parkway as a public road be approved and that said road be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

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 Committee recommends approving the request from Coy Lineberger, Lineberger Family Escrow, LLC, requesting that the County relieve him of the late charges from his mobile homes ad valorem taxes.

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

2. The Committee recommends approving the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2008 for Joe's Ravioli, LLC located at 3975 Arkwright Road, Suite #5.

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

3. The Committee recommends approving the New Alcoholic Beverage License for 2008 for BRG Beverages II, LLC d/b/a Chili's Grill & Bar located at 5080 Riverside Dr. Ste 1600.

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

4. The Committee recommends approving the New Sunday Sales Affidavit for 2008 for Porter – Moore Inc. d/b/a Wild Wing Café located at 5080 Riverside Dr. Suite #100.

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

5. The Committee recommends approving the New Sunday Sales Affidavit for 2008 for BRG Beverages II, LLC d/b/a Chili's Grill & Bar located at 5080 Riverside Dr. Ste #1600.

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

6. The Committee recommends approving the request from Valerie Sams, 5087 Log Cabin Drive, for a refund of property taxes paid for the past three years on property that does not exist.

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.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund budget in the amount of \$39,888.00 for salaries for the Tax Assessor's Office.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$131,420.00 to increase the appropriation to the Library.

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 1992 Debt Service Fund not to exceed \$10,000.00 for repairs at the Health Complex. The Finance Committee further recommends the approval of an emergency purchase order for the repair.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,354,566.00 and to the FY 2009 Commissary Fund Budget in the amount of \$25,230.00 to roll budgeted items from FY 2008 to FY 2009.

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

5. The Committee recommends authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the contracts with the Georgia Department of Corrections for prisoner work details for Public Works.

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

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

1. The Committee approves the request of Mr. Ken Sheets, Engineering Director, to reimburse the individual county employees for the cost of their musical equipment that was stolen during the burglary at the Engineering Annex on or about December 25, 2007. *Note: The recommendation is based on the security alarm not working at the time of the incident.*

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

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of an awning to cover the Annex break area in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.

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

2. The Properties Committee recommends approval of the emergency repairs to the Ed DeFore Sports Complex.

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 recommends approval of the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program and authorizes the Chairman to sign the contract.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – No Report:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Bishop stated that the Board should have received another letter from the City regarding the One Stop Shop. He stated that one letter was sent the first part of the year asking that the One Stop Shop move ahead. He added that although the letter was sent in private, there was an article in the newspaper which stated that he (Chairman Bishop) was pushing for it. He stated that all he was doing was trying to reiterate and make sure that all of City Council knew about it because some of them had inquired about it. He stated, therefore, that he re-sent the letter and later learned from the newspaper that it was a “work in progress.” He added that it has been in progress about 20 years and maybe it’ll get done.

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