

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 1, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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 Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer; Virgil Adams, County Attorney; 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; Deborah Martin, Director of Finance; Sherrie Sawyer, Engineering; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant – BOC.

News media in attendance: Mike Stucka of The Telegraph.

Pastor Rob Robinson, Thomaston Road Church of Christ, rendered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hart announced that the grand reopening of Arrowhead Park at Lake Tobesofkee will be Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a short ceremony at 11:30 a.m. followed by a barbeque lunch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on August 18, 2009.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to the **ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

1. Correspondence from J. Wayne Crowley of Bush, Crowley, Leverett & Leggett requesting that the County quitclaim the right-of-way of Old Lamar Road to his client, Dr. Mahayni.

2. Correspondence from the Georgia Department of Transportation respecting a Lighting Agreement for section of I-75.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution congratulating Southwest High School on the dedication of its new facility on Sunday, August 30, 2009.

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

2. New 2009 Sunday Sales Affidavit for Southeastern Pizza Group LLC d/b/a Pizza Hut located at 5594 Houston Road.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No Report.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

Commissioner Allen reported that Mr. Frank Patterson, who worked at Lake Tobesofkee for a number of years before he retired and was one around when the County opened up Arrowhead Park, has had emergency surgery and is in the Coliseum Hospital and, therefore, will not be able to attend the reopening ceremony on Thursday. He asked everyone to keep Mr. Patterson in their prayers.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – No Report.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No Report.

Commissioner Edwards stated that he would like to acknowledge Mr. Mike Stucka, reporter with The Telegraph who has replaced Ms. Jennifer Burk and will be covering County government.

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE - No Report.

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Commissioner Bivins reported that Mr. Ecleamus Ricks, Administrator of the Macon-Bibb County Health Department, is retiring soon and they are in the process of searching for a replacement.

Commissioner Bivins also announced that they've had another exercise on the Pandemic Flu from the district office. He stated what they will be looking at pretty soon is a way that they can do a follow-up on information for all County employees. He stated in another six to eight weeks they will probably start to see it pick up again.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Sheriff's Office Corrections Division to replace the vacant position of Clerk Typist.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Tax Assessor's Office to replace the vacant positions of Residential Appraiser III and Residential Appraiser I in their office.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved by a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Bivins cast the dissenting vote.

3. The Committee recommends approval of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$77,980 to the FY 2010 General Fund budget to rollover the remaining funds on the contract with CLT.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved by a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Bivins cast the dissenting vote.

4. The Committee recommends approving the change order request from Chris R. Sheridan & Company for painting the lower boxing above the marquee on the Grand Opera House building in an amount not to exceed \$6,292.00.

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

5. The Committee recommends requesting that the Sheriff provide inmate labor to clean up intersections and that he coordinate this with the Bibb County Engineering Department and the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission.

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

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report.

PENSION BOARD – No Report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

- Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole appointing Mr. Andy Galloway to the River Edge Community Service Board. His term is effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen 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 6:15 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board