

MINUTES

BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, September 16, 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; Tom Cherry, Risk Management, Deborah Booker, Human Resources, Bell Wall, Human Resources, Gloria Guy, Human Resources, Brenda Arnett, Human Resources, Barbara Wood, Public Relations Officer and Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

News Media: Jennifer Burk, The Telegraph.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dr. Luther Strickland, Jr., Pastor of Day Star Church of God, rendered the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting on September 2, 2008 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Hazel Giddens	Johnnie Mae Dawkins	Tuwanna Maynard
Kelly Potts	Donald Richardson, Jr.	Najee Brown
Preston Thomas, Jr.	Carol Lystlund	Janice Maynard
April Young	Alice Boyd	Doug Richardson
Kristina Wimberly	Bryson Young	Mike Johstono
Troy Akers	Michael Kent	Travis Veronee
Greg Walker	Regina Wagoner	Brance Young
Andy Thompson	Keith Hardy	

Chairman Bishop read and presented Ms. Charlene Maynard with a retirement resolution and watch. Her retirement was effective September 1, 2008.

Ms. Maynard stated that she enjoyed her employment with the Bibb County Human Resources Department and that she will miss all of her coworkers as well as other employees of the County. She also stated that the Human Resources staff will need the Board's support as they move forward.

Chairman Bishop recognized Private Matthew Couey and Private Daniel Wimberly of the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department for a resolution from the Board of Commissioners. He called Commissioner Joe Allen to read the resolution. The resolution honored the firefighters for their heroism in attempting to rescue two young boys from their burning home. It was noted that the boys did not survive. Chairman Bishop expressed his appreciation to the two honorees and as well as their comrades for the job they do.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **Engineering and Public Works Committee:**

1. Correspondence from Attorney W. Carl Reynolds requesting that the County grant a variance for the sign erected in front of his office at 6320 Peake Road and that there be no fee for said variance.

The following item was referred to the **License and Tax Committee:**

1. Correspondence from Cy Pizam, Neilson Financial Services, Inc, requesting that the County reconsider the assessment of interest and penalties due to the late payment of property taxes for Rosewood Nursing Center, Inc.

RECORD AND INFORMATION: None.

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - presented to Mrs. Charlie Mae Ussery on the occasion of her 95th birthday celebrated on August 28, 2008;
 - presented to Mr. Hamp Swain in recognition of his induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the above mentioned resolutions were ratified.

2. Moved and properly seconded that Marilu Cowan be offered the position of Human Resources Director at a pay grade of A08 Step 5. However, her pay will be temporarily based on A08 Step 1, until such time as she fulfills her obligation with regard to a teaching position she currently has which will end no later than December 1, 2008. After such time, her pay will be based upon the starting salary of A08 Step 5.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report.

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No Report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report.

Commissioner Bivins stated that staff was able to put together a resolution for Mr. Hamp Swain and he was able to attend the event in his honor. He added that it was a really nice event.

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

1. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 Tobesofkee Recreation Area Fund in the amount of \$31,000.00.

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

2. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund budget in the amount of \$7,400.00 for a traffic signal at the intersection of Columbus Road, Harrison Road and Interstate Drive.

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

3. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 General Fund budget in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the District Attorney's Office to be offset with revenue.

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

4. The Finance Committee recommends approval of implementing positive pay on certain Bibb County checking accounts.

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

5. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2009 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$9,651.00 to upgrade digital video recorders.

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

6. The Finance Committee recommends reducing the performance bond requirement to 25% of the contract amount on the condition that the County receives credit for the difference in cost of the bond.

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

7. The Finance Committee recommends approving Change Order #7 for \$2,785.00 to Alpha Construction Company regarding the Tobesofkee Creek Dam Spillway Gate Modification contract.

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

8. The Finance Committee recommends awarding the contract for a Construction Manager at Risk for the Courthouse Restoration Project to Chris R. Sheridan & Company in the amount of 4% of the construction cost plus \$3,500.00 for pre-construction services.

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

9. The Finance Committee recommends awarding the contract for Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance to United Healthcare at an annual premium of \$121,107.00 which includes HIV and AIDS coverage.

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 Risk Management and Public Safety Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to the subrogation request of State Farm Insurance Companies.

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

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends adoption of Ordinance respecting vacant/overgrown lots. The caption reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA ENTITLED "LITTER CONTROL", TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

2. The Ordinance and Resolution Committee recommends adoption of Ordinance respecting taxicab fares. The caption reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF SECTION 6-122 OF THE CODE OF BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA ENTITLED "RATES FOR TAXICAB FARES", TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Properties Committee recommends approval of an Emergency Purchase Order for repairs at River Edge Behavioral Health Center on Fulton Mill Road not to exceed \$52,000.

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 Human Resources and Information Services Committee recommends approval to extend the service of a temporary employee in the Custodial Services Department until the position is filled. Funding is from existing salaries.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following:

1. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request to lower the lake level from December 6, 2008 to January 30, 2009.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board