

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 19, 2006
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chairman Charles W. Bishop, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson Jr., and Commissioner Joe O. Allen.

Staff present: Mr. Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Virgil Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Mr. Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Ms. Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Mr. Tony Rousey, Information & Technology Services; Mr. Tommy Brown, Human Resources Director; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Director of Buildings & Property; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Ms. Kari Johnston, Grant Resources Administrator.

News Media: None.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The pastor scheduled for tonight's meeting was unable to attend.

Chairman Bishop asked everyone to stand for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the South Bibb County Library which will be named the Dr. Charles A. Lanford Library on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. on Houston Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chairman Bishop announced that the Board of Commissioners will be attending the ACCG Fall Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on September 24-27, 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 5, 2006 and Special Called meeting of August 23, 2006 (Special Tax Districts) were approved as written.

Chairman Bishop announced that there were a couple of resolutions to be presented tonight and he called on Vice Chairman Sam Hart, Sr. to do the honors as he was having some problems with his voice.

The first Resolution was presented in recognition of "CONSTITUTION WEEK" in Bibb County (September 17-23, 2006) to Ms. Sandra Adams, who was representing The Nathaniel Macon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The second Resolution was presented in recognition of "RED RIBBON MONTH" in Bibb County (October 2006) to Ms. Laura Dunwody, Coordinator, Macon-Bibb County Drug Free Coalition; Ms. Gigi Rolfes, Volunteer Macon, and Ms. Kari Johnston, Grant Resources Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Bishop noted that Ms. Johnston wrote the grant to fund the Drug Free Coalition and just received notification of third year funding.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Ms. Nettie Thomas, Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Mr. Clifford Johnson, Jr., Ms. Colleen Giffin, Mr. Donald Richardson, Jr., Ms. Hazel Giddens, Ms. Laura Dunwody, Ms. Gigi Rolfes and Ms. Sandra Adams.

REFERRALS:

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

1. Supplemental Agreement #1 between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Bibb County for Bloomfield Road/Log Cabin Drive from Rocky Creek Road to SR 22/Eisenhower Parkway.

The following item was referred to the **Properties Committee:**

1. Correspondence from Mr. Mark Patterson, NewTown Macon, requesting that the County transfer ownership of property located at 239 Clinton Street to the Urban Development Authority so that it may be used to enhance the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution designating September 16, 2006 as "KIDS AMERICA DAY" in Bibb County; resolving that education in proper health, safety and environmental habits at an early age will produce adults who are responsible citizens.

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

Commissioner Allen stated that he was able to present this resolution this past Saturday on behalf of the Chairman. He stated that there was a good crowd of people in attendance at Dr. Ugolik's Office, many of which were kids, along with representatives from the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department, Macon Police Department and Emergency Medical Services. He added that this might be something that will be continued in the future.

Chairman Bishop responded that he was sorry he was unable to attend but he had a prior engagement at family reunion out of town.

2. Approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 General Fund budget in the amount of \$122,890.00 for the payment of additional State Tax plus interest resulting from the Department of Revenue's review of the 2005 Bibb County Tax Digest.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Cooling Tower Replacement at the Courthouse to Y-Delta, Inc in the amount of \$143,500.00.

The Committee further recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$86,600.00.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the bond documents for the bank qualified loan in the amount of \$4,995.000.

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

3. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for All Terrain Vehicles to Irish Motorsports in the amount of \$49,523.40.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2007 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$61,214.00 and the General Fund budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – No Report.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of the County Attorney's recommendation regarding the Busbee case.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the recommendation passed by a four-to-one (4-1) vote. Chairman Bishop cast the dissenting vote.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the request from Rock-A-Billy's for permission to open on Sunday, December 24, 2006 (Christmas Eve) and Sunday, December 31, 2006 (New Year's Eve) as the establishment does not have a Sunday alcohol sales license be respectfully denied as it would conflict with State law.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the New 2006 alcoholic beverage license for Marathon Food Mart #24 located at 6199 Thomaston Road and Mable's Place located at 3850 Ray Road.

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

3. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign any documents approving a 24-hour temporary permit for Bibb Distributing Company's 50th Birthday Party to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

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

4. The Committee recommends that the following points be submitted to the Macon Water Authority for their review regarding the proposed Special Tax District for sewer services:
 - that the petitions must be approved by 65% of property owners in the area of question
 - if there is not 100% approval, a public hearing must be held
 - the fee will be an assessment instead of a tax
 - Water Authority will provide the necessary funds and be responsible for repayment
 - County will institute liens and foreclosures when necessary
 - The Bibb County Board of Commissioners will have the right to disapprove any proposal even if all requirements are met

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Bishop asked the County Attorney if the before mentioned terminology was to go the Macon Water Authority and come back to the Board of Commissioners for a full vote.

Mr. Adams responded that nothing was final until it comes across the Board. He added that this is just for those points to go back to the MWA to be considered and was not a vote to approve the establishment of a special tax district. He further explained that whatever the MWA's final proposal is, it will come back before the Board for a vote.

Chairman Bishop then called for the question of sending the information to the Macon Water Authority. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bishop stated that there would be some information available on the Pandemic Flu and the best way, he felt, to get it out and keep it on the County's website was to put it under the "Chairman's Message". He stated by it being put on the website, it will stay posted for some time for benefit of anyone interested.

Commissioner Bivins added that unless something happens, there will be a meeting in this regard on September 29th to come up with a final decision on a mail out date, etc.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Agreement with Chris R. Sheridan & Company and Brittain Thompson Bray Brown in regards to the Regional Transportation Center at Martin Luther King Boulevard.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman .Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of a Resolution supporting the use of alternative fuels.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board