

MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 17, 2006
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, October 17, 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. Christy Iulucci, Assistant Finance Director; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director, Information & Technology Services; Mr. Tommy Brown, Human Resources Director; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Director of Buildings & Properties; Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Janice Ross, Board of Commissioners; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs; Ms. Kari Johnston, Grant Resources Administrator; Mrs. Bel Wall, Human Resources and Mr. Barry Smallwood, Purchasing Agent.

News Media: None.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Chairman Bishop recognized Reverend Charles Jared Hammet, Jr., Northminister Presbyterian Church, for the Prayer for the Day.

Chairman Bishop asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bishop announced that Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, will be honored on Saturday at the Annual NAACP Banquet and that he will receive the NAACP's highest honor, the Earl T. Shinhoster Freedom Fund Award. And on behalf of the Board, he congratulated Commissioner Bivins.

Chairman Bishop also announced that Bibb County employees will be building a play space at Lake Tobesofkee's Claystone Park Friday, October 27, 2006. He stated that a ribbon cutting will be held in the afternoon, around 3:00 p.m., and everyone was invited to be a part of this volunteer effort. He also stated that anyone desiring more information should contact Ms. Kari Johnston, Bibb County's Grant Resources Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 3, 2006 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Bishop recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Ms. Hazel Giddens, Mr. Donald Richardson, Jr., Ms. Johnnie Mae Dawkins, Ms. Nettie Thomas, Ms. Barbara Rhodes, Ms. Mattie Dawson, Ms. Colleen Giffin.

Others visitors included Ms. Yvette Cabey and Mr. Clifford Johnson.

Next, Chairman Bishop called on the Clerk of the Board for the reading of the Board Agenda.

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to the Engineering and Public Works Committee:

1. Correspondence from Dr. Ronald Conners, MAD Development Associates, LLC, requesting that the single road and cul-de-sac through The Arboretum at Lake Tobesofkee be designated as a private road and that it be a gated community.
2. Correspondence from Mr. Jon Martin, Southern Pine Plantations, LLC respecting the Barrington Hall Drive Extension to Estes Road.

The following item was referred to the Human Resources and Information Services Committee:

1. Correspondence from Mr. Allen Golson, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer, Coliseum Health System, respecting the recent award of Bibb County's Health Plan.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

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

ACTION:

1. Ratification of Resolution presented to Sr. Lieutenant Troy McNair upon his retirement effective September 1, 2006 after more than 25 years of service to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried was ratified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Charles Bishop reported the following items for ratification:

1. The Committee of the Whole recommends adopting the Service Delivery Strategy Resolution.

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

2. The Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of two temporary employees for the Human Resources Department.

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

3. The Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of a temporary employee for the Tax Assessor's Office for up to six months.

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

4. The Committee of the Whole recommends accepting the Hospital Authority's recommendation that Mr. Steve Kruger, Mr. Jim Adams and Dr. Columbus Watkins be the nominees to fill Mr. Jackson's position on the Authority and Dr. Emory Johnson, Dr. Alan Kirsh along with Dr. Orr be nominated to fill Dr. Orr's position.

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

5. The Committee of the Whole recommends the salary for the Chief Tax Appraiser be set at \$97,500.00 without any new benefits. The position will accrue sick and annual leave all which must be taken, or at the end of the tenure it will be lost. The salary is authorized as of October 23, 2006.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned item was ratified by a three-to-two (3-2) vote. Commissioners Bivins and Hart cast the dissenting votes.

6. The Committee of the Whole recommends that Leigh Ann Junod be reimbursed for expenses at a rate of \$105 a day for 17 days.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned item was ratified by a four-to-one (4-1) vote. Commissioner Bivins cast the dissenting vote.

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

1. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Bishop to sign the contract for the monitoring device for sex offenders judicially designated as predators.

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

2. The Committee recommends authorizing Chairman Bishop to sign the resolution to authorize the investment of the 2006 Projects Loan Proceeds with the Georgia Government Investment Pool.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of authorization of a Change Order in the amount of \$17,136.00 for the DFACS Building Expansion and Renovation.

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

4. The Committee recommends awarding the quote for a Security System for the County Extension Office to BTV Systems in the amount of \$4,890.00.

The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,890.00.

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

5. The Committee recommends awarding the proposal for a Needs Assessment and Space Utilization Study of the Courthouse Complex to The Facility Group in Association with Dunwoody/Beeland Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$69,050.00.

The Committee further recommends approval of appropriating \$69,050.00 from the 2006 Projects Loan Proceeds.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to Mr. David Price.

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

2. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the County Attorney as it pertains to Valerie Williams vs. Bibb County.

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

3. The Committee accept the recommendation of the County Attorney as it pertains to Mary and Harold Rooney vs. Bibb County

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

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

1. The Committee recommends the license for Royal Highness Inc. d/b/a Raceway located at 5127 Mercer University Drive be approved.

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

2. The Committee recommends that the request from David Wilson, President, DLW Developments, LLC, to waive all penalties and interest on his property located at 111 Buckingham Place be approved.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Bishop and Commissioner Bivins expressed some concern as to the committee's approval of the request as neither of them was present during the discussion/vote.

Commissioner Richardson stated that Mr. Wilson claimed during the committee meeting that he had called the Tax Commissioner's Office a number of times and asked them to send him a copy of the tax notice in mid year and that he said that the Tax Commissioner stated that he could not do that.

Commissioner Richardson further stated that this guy invests in a lot of different properties and knows what should be done as far as paying his taxes. He stated that this was a transaction that took place mid year and the previous owner received tax bill and it was not forwarded to him. He also stated that Mr. Wilson had the responsibility to pay the taxes and should have known what to do.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins and carried, the before mentioned item was approved as presented by a three-to-two (3-2) vote. Commissioner Richardson cast a dissenting vote and Chairman Bishop abstained.

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

1. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement #1 between Bibb County and Waters & Sons, for road improvements on Ivey Drive, Project RIP #66-2.

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

2. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement #1 between Bibb County and the Department of Transportation for road improvements on Bloomfield Drive/Log Cabin Drive from Rocky Creek Road to SR22 / Eisenhower Parkway, Project STP-3201(10).

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

The Committee recommends approval of the ordinance to fix the maximum speed limit at 45 miles per hour on Northside Drive, from Tom Hill, Sr. Blvd. to Rivoli Drive.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the Resolution to adopt the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Bibb County, City of Macon and Payne City.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends elevating the part-time Assistant District Attorney position to full time. The Committee recommends establishing the position of Investigator for Mortgage Fraud in the District Attorney’s Office (*without any benefits*) which will ultimately be paid through recovered mortgage funds. The Chairman and Human Resources Director will meet with the District Attorney to establish salaries for both positions. Both items will be referred to the Finance Committee for appropriate funding.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of the following dates for 2007 holidays observations:

MLK Birthday	January 15, 2007	Monday
Memorial Day	May 28, 2007	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2007	Wednesday
Labor Day	September 3, 2007	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2007	Monday
Thanksgiving day	November 22, 2007	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 23, 2007	Friday
Christmas Day	December 25, 2007	Tuesday
New Years Day	January 1, 2008	Tuesday

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

3. The Committee accepts the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners' Chairman to appoint Mr. Sam Kitchens as the new Building/Properties Director.

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

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Properties Committee recommends the transfer of Rotary Park and Gateway Park property to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority.

Committee Richardson added that this was in conjunction with the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board