

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 20, 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; Robert Belew, Custodial Services; Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Marilu Cowan, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Tony Rousey, Director of Information Technology; Christy Iuliucci, Assistant Director of Finance; Ken Sheets, Director of Engineering; Deborah Booker, Human Resources; Jenny Burdeshaw, HR/Risk Management; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant-Board of Commissioners.

News media in attendance: Mike Stucka of The Telegraph.

Reverend Curtis L. Russell, Holsey Temple CME Church, rendered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on October 6, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to the **Ordinances & Resolutions Committee**:

1. Consideration of Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Bibb County to amend the Code of Bibb County creating a new Chapter 20 entitled "Nuisances" and for other purposes.
2. Consideration of proposed new ordinance to restrict signs on the right-of-way, including political signs.

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

1. Correspondence from Mr. Frank Amerson, Jr., President, Amerson Company, including a Warranty Deed/Deed of Gift for property located at 5333 Northside Drive.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Correspondence from Thomas Jones, Director, Middle Georgia Regional Library, announcing that the Library Board of Trustees selected the following nominees to fill the vacant positions and they have accepted: *Mike Fuller, Rozalin Jordan and Angela Manson*.
2. Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Clerk of State Court.

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - *honoring* Mr. Ecleamus Ricks on the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of service in the public health profession and specifically, 12 years of service as Administrator of the Macon-Bibb County Health Department;

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

- *honoring* Mr. Ben Porter for his visionary leadership and his determination to provide a community asset (*the Ocmulgee Heritage Greenway*) to be enjoyed by the citizens of our community; and

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

- *designating* the week of October 4 through 10, 2009 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Bibb County.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Commissioner Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the Outdoor Lighting Agreement with Georgia Power Company for the installation of a street light pole on Sardis Church Road at Chandler Downs/Sardis Estates Subdivision, at a cost of \$329.92.

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

2. In accordance with an amendment to County Code Section 15-32 dated May 5, 2009, providing for exemptions from solid waste service for gated communities, the Committee recommends that the contract between Clearwater Plantation Subdivision and their private hauler, Clean-Rite Sanitation LLC, be accepted and that property owners in Clearwater Plantation Subdivision be granted an exemption from Bibb County solid waste collection services.

NOTE: This recommendation comes out of Committee on a vote of 2-1 with Commissioner Allen voting against.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Commissioner Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of the request from the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Organization to use Sandy Beach Park on May 22, 2010 for a Dragon Boat Festival.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – No Report.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following.

1. The Committee respectfully denies the claim of Mr. Craig Donahue.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – No Report.

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – 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 2010 General Fund budget in the amount of \$72,585 for new Case Management Software and E-Commerce Software.

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 2010 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,500 for funding to the Urban Development Authority for the City of Macon Christmas lights.

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

3. The Committee recommends renewing the term contract with Kone, Inc. covering Elevator Maintenance for the term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 at the same unit prices.

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

4. The Committee recommends renewing the term contract with Sizemore, Inc. covering Security Guard Service for the term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 at the same unit prices.

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

5. The Committee recommends approving the change order request in the amount of \$13,450 regarding the new Bathhouse at Sandy Beach.

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

6. The Committee recommends rescinding the award of the bid for Hybrid Vehicles.

The Committee further recommends revising the specifications and re-bidding the Hybrid Vehicles.

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

7. The Committee recommends approving the concept of soliciting bids for Diesel Exhaust Retrofits for the City of Macon vehicles.

Note: The contract will require review with respect to the maintenance clause.

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

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

1. The Committee recommends respectfully denying the request of Mr. Daba Fall for a refund of money he paid on taxes on property located at 2092 Felton Avenue.

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

PENSION BOARD – No Report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole supporting the efforts of the Knight Foundation to secure grant funding for the Washington Library.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Edwards 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