

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 1, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 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; Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Tony Rousey, Director of Information Technology; Grant Faulkner, Assistant Director of Information Technology; Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Christy Iuliucci, Assistant Finance Director; Kim Roberts; Internal Auditor; Pamela Lawson – Finance Office; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Marilu Cowan, Human Resources & Risk Management Director; Robbie Belew, Supervisor of Custodial Services; Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board, Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant - BOC; and Barbara Wood, Public Affairs Officer.

News media in attendance: Mike Stucka of The Telegraph.

Pastor Lewis Releford, Jr., Greater St. James Church of God in Christ, 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 November 17, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed the Warner Robins Girls' Championship Softball Team and he, accompanied by the entire Board, presented each of them with a Resolution and gift (softball charm). They also presented a Resolution to the coaches and team manager.

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Mrs. Jan Baggaly, Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, and presented her with a Certificate of Service and Pin representing 15 years of service to Bibb County.

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Ms. Deborah Martin, members of her staff and former Finance Director Mr. Bill Vaughn. He presented the Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. He stated it was significant this year because it's the 25th year the Bibb County Finance Office has received this award. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hart congratulated the current Finance staff as well as Bill Vaughn for getting the awards started.

Chairman Hart recognized and welcomed Mrs. Karla Redding-Andrews and Mrs. Zelma Redding (daughter and widow respectively of the late Otis Redding). Karla stated that they were honored to have the County, City of Macon and Convention and Visitors Bureau to support them in their fundraiser for the Big O Youth Foundation in honor of the legendary Otis Redding. She stated that since the award was not presented in Atlanta recently at the "An Evening of Respect" event, she was doing so tonight. The entire Board joined Chairman Hart for the presentation of the *Award of Respect* and photo with the Redding Family which included Zelma Redding, Karla Redding-Andrews and Dexter Redding.

REFERRALS:

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

1. Resolution supporting the County's commitment to a "Going Green" by a) conducting energy audit on all County buildings by 2011 and b) requesting preference to "clean construction" in the bid award process.

RECORD AND INFORMATION:

1. Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record: Court and County Extension Service.
2. Correspondence from SFC L. O. Major #636, Post 44 Commander, Georgia Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol, expressing appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for the purchase and donation of the radar units.
3. Correspondence from Mark A. Stevens, Chairman, and Karen Jordan Lambert, Executive Director, KMBBC, advising that they were encouraged to read in *The Telegraph* Bibb County's efforts to draft additional ordinances to rid our county of the large amounts of litter and unnecessary clutter that mar the beauty of our community.

ACTION:

1. Ratification of the following Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners:
 - in support of the Community Trail Project at Lake Tobesofkee;

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

- congratulating The Salvation Army of Central Georgia on the occasion of its 110th Anniversary of service to Macon and Bibb County;

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

- recognizing the dedicated service provided by the late Martha W. Hooper, who served faithfully as a member of the Bibb County DFCS Board for 20 years. Mrs. Hooper passed away recently and in addition to her role as a Board member, she served in a Senior Advisory capacity to the DFCS Director and Deputy Director as a mentor and positive role model.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. The Committee recommends that the petition to register Bowman Park as a public road be approved and that said road be placed on the Official Road Register for maintenance by County forces.

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

2. The Committee recommends acceptance of the Warranty Deed/Deed of Gift from The Amerson Company to convey property at 5333 Northside Drive to Bibb County.

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

3. With regards to the request of Hawaiian Village Drive residents to have street lights installed along the roadway, the Committee recommends that the County Engineer send a letter to the owners of property fronting on the road with information regarding the County's Residential Street Lighting Program.

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

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE – No Report.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – No Report.

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 – No Report.

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending that Mr. Walter Wilson be reappointed to the Macon Bibb County Health Department. His term will begin on January 1, 2010 and expire on December 31, 2016.

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

2. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole accepting the recommendation of the County Attorney as it relates to the claim of Levi Grimes.

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

3. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to write a letter to Bibb County's Congressional members urging them to oppose H.R. 413 and S.R. 1611 which would place the federal government in charge of establishing the rules and procedures governing the terms and conditions of public safety employment at the local level..

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

PENSION BOARD – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of the action of the Pension Board authorizing Merrill Lynch to make the following changes:
 - Transfer \$800,000 to State of Georgia Investment Pool for monthly payments to Retirees
 - Move asset allocation toward policy allocation as follows:
 - 55% Equity now
 - 60% Equity in January
 - Move to 55% allocation as follows:
 - NFJ Dividend Value – 15%
 - Marsico Growth – 7%
 - Janus Growth – 10%
 - Atlanta Capital – 4%
 - Earnest Partners – 4%
 - NFJ International Value -15%

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson 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 6:25 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC, Clerk of the Board