

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 15, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 15, 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; Deborah Martin, Finance Director; Ken Sheets, County Engineer; Marilu Cowan, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management; 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.

Reverend Rhett D. Baird, High Street Church, rendered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hart wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Chairman Hart entertained a motion of the Board to cancel the January 5, 2010 meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the January 5, 2010 meeting was canceled. The first regular meeting of New Year will be January 19, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on December 1, 2009 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

REFERRALS:

The following items were referred to: **Risk Management & Public Safety Committee:**

1. City/County Drug Task Force.

RECORD AND INFORMATION: None

ACTION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – No Report.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approving the renewal of the Annual Permit Contract with Harbour Club Apartments at the current rate. The Committee further directs staff to review the fee structure at Tobesofkee and report back to the Committee with recommendations.

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

2. The Committee recommends replacing the septic system at the maintenance building at Sandy Beach contingent on Public Works being able to do the majority of the work.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of the request from Georgia Multisports Productions to use Sandy Beach Park, June 4-6, 2010, for the Seventh Annual Half-Ironman Triathlon.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of the request from Mrs. Ellie Connors to extend a walkway along the shoreline adjacent to her property located at 240 Mary Anne Drive.

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 Committee recommends extending the Compressed Workweek Program for six (6) additional months, at which time it will be back to Committee for review.

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

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 – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Sheriff's Office to replace the vacant position of an Administrative Assistant II in the Patrol Division.

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

2. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the District Attorney's Office to replace the vacant position of a legal secretary.

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

3. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Information & Technology Department to replace three vacant positions: (1) Programmer/Analyst, (1) Data Entry Supervisor and (1) Director-Info and Tech Service Dept.

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

4. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the State Court Judges' Office to replace the vacant position of a part-time Deputy Clerk.

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

5. The Committee recommends approval of authorization for the Clerk of Superior Court's Office to replace two vacant positions: (1) Real Estate Microfilm Clerk and (1) Court Management Clerk.

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

6. The Committee recommends a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2010 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the fiber optic and telephone communications for 634 Oglethorpe Street (Old Pharmacy Bldg) and 1019 2nd Street (GBI Bldg).

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

7. The Committee recommends awarding requisition #64793 for Carpet to Vasile and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$85,762.00.

The Committee further recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

8. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for renovations at the Washington Memorial Library to Sprouse Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$72,650.00.

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

9. The Committee recommends awarding the bid for Hybrid Vehicles to Riverside Ford in the amount of \$134,725.05.

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

10. The Committee recommends awarding the proposal for the Lake Tobesofkee Recreation Area Master Plan to Wood Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$97,600.00.

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

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 the Chairman be authorized to sign Memorandums of Understanding between Bibb County and the various agencies awarded the JAG Grant. These MOUs will be subject to counsel approval before the Chairman will sign.

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 recommending that the County exercise its option on property up to \$600,000.00.

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

3. Ratification of action of the Committee of the Whole recommending that Commissioner Bert Bivins and Mrs. Shelia Thurmond be nominated for the vacant seat on the Macon-Bibb County EOC Board. The candidate chosen will begin their term on January 1, 2010 and will serve until December 31, 2012.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Edwards 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 the following Retirements:
 - Thomas K. Alston, Jr., Sheriff, Civil Court with 21 yrs, 2 mos.
 - Susan A. Cook, Legal Secretary, District Attorney, with 20 yrs, 2 mos.
 - Lynn H. Davis, Programmer/ Analyst IV, Information Technology with 20 yrs, 11 mo
 - Diane Easley, Probation Officer, Juvenile Court with 30 yrs, 6 mos.
 - Daisy Mae Howell, Help Desk Coordinator, Information Technology, with 31 yrs 10 mo.
 - Jennie Jackson, Utility Clerk, Public Works with 30 yrs, 9 mo
 - James Lloyd Murphy III, Real Estate Microfilm Clerk, Sup. Court Clerk with 45 yrs, 5 mos.
 - Anthony D. Rousey, Director Information Technology with 32 yrs, 6 mos.
 - Barbara G. Swords, Court Management clerk, Superior Court Clerk with 26 yrs, 9 mos.
 - Shirley A. Williams, Adm. Asst, Sheriff – Patrol with 31 yrs, 1 mo.

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

NEW BUSINESS – None.

At this time, everyone joined Commissioner Bivins in the singing of Jingle Bells.

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