MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in the Commissioners’ Boardroom at the Bibb County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr.  Vice-Chairman Joe O. Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III  Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Lonzy Edwards

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer  Virgil Adams, County Attorney
Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee  Dale Dougherty, Director of Parks/Recreation
Sam Kitchens, Dir., Buildings & Properties  Dave Fortson, County Engineer
Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board  Sarah Tenon, Director of Animal Welfare
Tom Buttram, Dir., Inspection & Fees  Kevin Barrere, Public Affairs Officer
Grant Faulkner, Director, Information Technology  Bel Wall, Interim Human Resources Director
Janice S. Ross, Executive Assistant to BOC  Charles Coney, Special Assistant to CAO

News Media:

Phillip Ramati, The Telegraph  Amber Jones, WGXA FOX 24

INVOCATION – The invocation was rendered by Pastor John H. Herring – Glorious Hope Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman Hart announced that Commissioner Lonzy Edwards was recognized with ACCG Training Committee as Leadership Development Advocates of the Year at the recent annual conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Chairman Hart announced that County Attorney Virgil Adams was named president-elect for the ACCG County Attorneys’ Section at the recent annual conference in Savannah, Georgia. This appointment means that he will serve as president in 2014-2015.

Vice Chairman Joe Allen announced that Chairman Sam Hart received the 2013 Emory Greene Leadership Award, the highest honor a commissioner can receive from his peers, at the recent
annual conference in Savannah, Georgia. Chairman Hart was also sworn in to serve as the ACCG Second Vice President for the coming year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting on April 16, 2013 were approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Chairman Hart recognized the following visitors:

- Ms. Pam Carswell, Executive Director, Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful, gave a presentation in regards to litter, recycling and beautification efforts in Bibb County.
- Chairman Hart presented a Resolution to Stratford Academy students, Hemanth Sanjeev and Andrew Jones in recognition of their ranking as the Number One Debate Team in the Nation.
- Chairman Hart presented a retirement resolution and watch to Sr. Lieutenant Glenn Brickle, Bibb Sheriff’s Office, who retired effective May 1, 2013 with 34 years and 11 months of service.
- Donna Segelkan and Regenia Brabham read from a prepared statement regarding Animal Control. She stated that she created and runs the Facebook Page, “On Borrowed Time.”
- Mallory Jones addressed the Board regarding animal welfare and thanked Commissioner Edwards for the time he took to meet with him and Ms. Ann Brenneman to discuss the Animal Welfare Center.
- Mrs. Roberta Jones addressed the Board regarding the efforts of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and stated that the Macon Alumnae Chapter celebrated their 100th Anniversary on January 13, 2013.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the Engineering Committee:

1. Joint Funding Agreement between the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior and Bibb County with respect to the streamflow gaging station (#02213500) on Tobesofkee Creek near Macon, Georgia. This agreement covers the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

RECORD & INFORMATION:

1. Notice from Ralph Nix, Middle Georgia Regional Commission that the Council of the MGRC unanimously approved the joint request of Bibb County and the City of Macon, on behalf of the Transition Task Force for the Consolidation of Macon-Bibb County that personnel from the MGRC serve as the Chief Technology Officer to assist with technology integration. Further, A Memorandum of Agreement between the County, City and Regional Commission will be drafted for execution.
2. Correspondence from Mayor Robert Reichert advising Bibb County and the Board of Education that the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue, Mr. Douglas J. MacGinnitie, has certified the tax increment base for each parcel in the district defined as “2012 City of Macon Tax Allocation District Number Two-Expanded Second Street Corridor.”

**ACTION ITEMS:**


   On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried unanimously, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

2. Ratification of Resolution congratulating Dr. Steve L. Rumford on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service as President/CEO of The Methodist Home for Children & Youth.

   On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

3. Ratification of Resolution recognizing the International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Inc., and Order of Eastern Star for their contributions to this community and for organizing their 2nd Quarter Georgia Grand Joint Council meeting in Macon, Georgia.

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

4. Ratification of Resolution recognizing the Tubman African American Museum for its contributions to the community and for organizing the 17th Annual Pan African Festival in Macon, Georgia on April 18 – 20, 2013.

   On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

1. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization to fill the vacant position of a Tax Office Clerk I in the Tax Commissioner’s Office.

   On motion of Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.
2. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization to fill the vacant position of a Permit Specialist II in the Department of Inspection and Fees.

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

3. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2013 General Fund budget in the amount of $31,672 to account for cost associated with Weapons Carry Permits.

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

4. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization to utilize proceeds from the sale of the Fulton Mill Road property for partial funding of the purchase of 800 MHz radios for the Sheriff's Office and Lake Tobesofkee.

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

5. The Finance Committee recommends approval of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2013 Recreation Fund and SPLOST Fund in the amount of $68,030 and $116,390 respectively to cover the cost of scoreboards.

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

6. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization for Chairman Hart to sign the lease between Bibb County and River Edge Behavioral Health Center for the lease of 57,991 sq. feet of space in the Macon-Bibb County Health Plaza at a rate of $7.50 per sq. foot for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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

7. The Finance Committee recommends approval of authorization to fill the vacant position of a legal secretary in the District Attorney's Office.

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

8. The Finance Committee recommends extending the term contract with Office Services for Printing Services for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at the same unit pricing.

   **On motion of Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.**
9. The Finance Committee recommends extending the term contract with Mitchell’s Automotive for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at the same unit pricing.

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

10. The Finance Committee recommends extending the term contract with Raffield Tire for Tire Service for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at the same unit pricing.

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

11. The Finance Committee recommends extending the term contract with Macon Communications Radio and Emergency Siren Maintenance for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at the same unit pricing.

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

**RISK MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY** – No Report

**ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE** – No Report

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** – No Report

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** – No Report

**MACON WATER AUTHORITY** – No Report

**LAND BANK AUTHORITY** – No Report

**BOARD OF HEALTH** – No Report

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – Committee Chairman Bechtel reported the following:

   1. The Human Resources Committee authorizes the Chairman to recognize the changes and revisions to the ACCG Defined Contribution Program Plans and authorizes the Chairman to sign the resolutions to this action. The purpose of updating these documents is to keep the plans in compliance with federal law changes.

   **On motion of Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.**
2. The Human Resources committee authorizes the Chairman to sign the application for the 2013 ACCG Health Promotions & Wellness Grant.

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

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

1. The License and Tax Committee recommends approving the new 2013 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for:

   - Mike Food Mart located at 6398 Zebulon Road
   - Vindulge located at 6316 Peake Road
   - Cheap Liquor located at 6620 Columbus Road

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

2. The License and Tax Committee recommends that the Tax Commissioner be authorized to separate the tax bill for the property located at 7438 Thomaston Road (11.45 acres) and that the 5.51 acres purchased by Ms. Bridgett Teasley be billed separately.

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

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE – No Report

INSPECTION & FEES COMMITTEE – No Report

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request from Georgia Multisports Productions to be allowed to provide a maximum of two cups of beer to the participants at the conclusion of the coliseum Rock N’ Rollman Triathlon on June 1, 2013. The Committee recommends approval provided the sponsor agrees to serve the beer in a fenced in area with staff members monitoring each participant to make sure they are limited to two (2) cups of beer and the general public and spectators are restricted from accessing the area.

On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried, the before mentioned recommendation was approved on a 3-2 vote. Commissioner Bivins and Edwards cast the dissenting votes.

2. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends placing a plaque at the public fishing area off Moseley Dixon Road in memory of the firefighter Michael Dewayne Jones, who lost his life...
while rescuing three children from the lake on May 21, 2011. The committee also recommends that the placement of the plaque be done in conjunction with other improvements to the area.

On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented with the understanding that this action will not take place until after the upcoming election.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to place a moratorium on naming or memorializing individuals until after the November election.

3. The Tobesofkee Committee recommends approval of the request from the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce to donate passes to 100 military families at Robins Air Force Base to allow access to Lake Tobesofkee during the summer months (June-August). The committee further recommends that families with services members deployed will have first priority for passes issued.

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE – No Report

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing Len Hindsman, SPLOST Project Coordinator, to separate the site work for the Animal Welfare Center from the building construction contract and to proceed immediately with the site work.

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

2. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to sign the Photo Science contract for digital imagery for Bibb County contingent on the County Attorney’s approval.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the before mentioned action was ratified.

3. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to sign both the Consultant Agreement with BB&T and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Macon concerning payment for the BB&T Consultant Agreement in regards to consolidation work.

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and following discussion, there was unanimous opposition to the above action. This matter will be reconsidered at a later date after further investigation.

PENSION BOARD – No Report
MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chairman announced that he is considering a Work Session for one day next week, possibly Thursday, May 16, 2013 for discussion of property acquisition which will be done in executive session. The staff will be in touch with the Commissioners to schedule the meeting time.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board