MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in the Commissioners’ Boardroom at the Bibb County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr. 
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III
Vice Chairman Elmo A. Richardson, Jr. 
Commissioner Lonzy Edwards 
Commissioner Joe O. Allen

Staff Present:

Steve Layson, Chief Administrative Officer 
Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board 
Doug Furney, Director of Lake Tobesofkee 
Grant Faulkner, Asst. Director, IT 
Janice Ross, Administrative Assistant

Virgil Adams, County Attorney 
Tom Buttram, Director, Inspection & Fees 
Ken Sheets, County Engineer 
Kevin Barrere, Public Affairs Officer 
Sam Kitchens, Director of Buildings & Properties

Alex Morris, CAO’s Intern

News Media:

Phillip Ramati, The Telegraph 
Chace Ambroce, FOX 24

INVOCATION – In the absence of a guest minister, Commissioner Lonzy Edwards rendered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 15, 2012 we approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:
Chairman Hart presented Ted Darley with his retirement Resolution and Watch. Mr. Darley retired from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office on May 1, 2012 after rendering 11 years and eight months of dedicated service.

Chairman Hart presented Sgt. William T. (Trey) Sheffield with a framed picture of the Courthouse in acknowledgement of his service to our country. Sgt. Sheffield was deployed to Herat City, Afghanistan (also known as Camp Stone) on February 10, 2011. He was deployed as a member of the 377th Quartermaster Company and was promoted into the 361st Combat Engineering Company of the U.S. Army Reserves. Sgt. Sheffield returned to work with Bibb County on May 15, 2012.

- Chairman Hart recognized Johnny James from the Georgia Sports Alliance, who thanked the Commissioners for their support of the high school football tournament known as the GSA All Star Senior Football Game held at the Bibb County Sports Complex. He stated that many of the athletes have been recruited to play football at various colleges.

- Chairman Hart recognized Cherry Horton who read a prepared statement regarding roadside signs in Bibb County. She is the organizer of a new group called De-sign Macon.

- Chairman Hart recognized Lee Martin who is concerned regarding the fact that no woman has ever served on the Board of Commissioners.

- Chairman Hart recognized Carol Lystlund, who discussed signs in the community and the impression it leaves with visitors. She is also addressed the problem with litter in the community and especially on Forest Hill Road.

**REFERRALS:** None

**RECORD AND INFORMATION:**

1. Certificate from Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, proclaiming Coach Billy Henderson as an "Outstanding Georgia Citizen." The certificate further states: “May this Outstanding Citizen be afforded every courtesy as a Goodwill Ambassador from Georgia in his travels to other states, to nations beyond the borders of the United States of America, or wherever he may hereafter travel or reside. Thank you for your service to our State.”

   Commissioner Allen stated that he would personally deliver the framed certificate to Coach Billy Henderson.

2. Monthly departmental reports and agency activities received for record; Clerk, State Court.

**ACTION:**
1. Ratification of Resolution designating Friday, May 18, 2012 as “James Brown Day” in Bibb County and expressing appreciation to the Douglas Theatre for organizing a celebration in honoring of his life including a carved sidewalk portrait on the Douglas Walk of Fame.

   On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried by Commissioner Richardson with Commissioners Edwards, Bivins and Chairman Hart voting in favor, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

2. Ratification of Resolution congratulating The Inter-Faith Community Choir on its 30th year hosting “Gospelfest.”

   On motion of Commissioner Edwards and carried by Commissioner Richardson with Commissioners Allen, Bivins and Chairman Hart voting in favor, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

3. Ratification of Resolution honoring the life and memory of Patrolman Donald J. Mander, and dedicating the underpass at State Route 19/Forsyth Road and Napier Avenue in the City of Macon as the “Patrolman Donald J. Mander Memorial Underpass.”

   On motion of Commissioner Edwards and carried by Commissioner Richardson with Commissioners Allen, Bivins and Chairman Hart voting in favor, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Allen reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends extending the Gallagher Benefits Consultant Agreement through August 30, 2012 and authorized the Human Resources Department to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Health Plan Consultant services.

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

2. The Committee recommends leaving the Health Plan and employee premium contribution as is and continuing to offer the PPO and the POS Health Plan to all employees hired prior to June 1, 2012 for Fiscal Year 2013.

   On motion of Commissioner Allen and carried four to one with Commissioner Edwards casting the dissenting vote, the before mentioned recommendation was approved as presented.

TOBESOFKEE COMMITTEE – No Report

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following:
1. The Committee recommends the County Engineer notify the City of Macon that Bibb County has no objection to changing Oak Street, from Third Street to MLK Blvd, to Hemlock Street, and to suggest they put a plan in motion to get the last block of Oak Street, from MLK Blvd to Fifth Street, changed to Hemlock Street.

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

2. The Committee recommends the County Engineer send written notification to the Public Service Telephone Company of Reynolds, GA, advising them Bibb County has no title to any property that the request easement will affect.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Edwards reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends the Chairman select members to make up the Animal Welfare Committee and for the Committee to help with the site location process.

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

2. The Committee recommends that the CAO be authorized to hire an Interim Animal Welfare Director to work up to 60 days. If additional time is needed, he will come back to the Board for approval for an extension.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Bivins reported the following:

1. The Committee recommends proceeding with the installation of fans for the Ventilation System at the Animal Welfare Center

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

MACON WATER AUTHORITY – No Report

LAND BANK AUTHORITY – No Report
BOARD OF HEALTH - 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 2012 Commissary Fund budget in the amount of $6,294 for the purchase of inmate shackles, infirmary equipment, a hot water circulation pump and the replacement of a CPU.

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

2. The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Trading Post Moving and Storage for the Records Center Operator for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 with a salary increase of $0.75 per hour.

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

3. The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Macon Communications for Radio and Emergency Warning Siren Maintenance for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at the same unit prices.

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

4. The Committee recommends extending the term contract with Red Wing Shoes for Safety Shoes and Boots for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at the same unit prices.

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

5. The Committee recommends assuming the term contract with Chris D. Grice, DVM for Veterinary Services for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at the cost of $3,400.00 per month, contingent upon review of the contract document by the County Attorney.

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

LICENSE & TAX COMMITTEE – No Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman Richardson reported the following:
1. The Committee approves the request to hire an additional intern for the Engineering section of ITS.

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

2. The Committee authorizes the Chairman to send a letter to Newton County expressing our interest in participating in the cooperative purchase of aerial imagery. Letter to be approved by Virgil Adams.

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** – Chairman Hart reported the following:

1. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to sign the Macon Pension and Retirement Systems, Division A, Adoption Agreement and the First Amendment to the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 as they relate to the City Employees moving to the County.

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

2. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to sign the following:
   - Lease Contract for Engineering Building
   - Lease Contract for Inspection and Fees
   - Lease Agreement for the Eastview Police Precinct
   - Lease Agreement for the Animal Control Facility.

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

3. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to contact the Mayor to begin LOST negotiations.

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

4. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Chairman to proceed with negotiations on the contract with Holland and Knight.

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

5. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole allowing the employees transferring from the City to the County to continue to be members of the City Employees Credit Union. The Committee further recommends that Bibb County employees also be offered the opportunity to be members of the City Employees Credit Union.
On motion of Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried four to one with Commissioner Richardson casting the dissenting vote, the before mentioned item was ratified.


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

7. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole authorizing the Grant Resources Administrator to apply for the VOCA Formula Grant Department of Justice for funding for the Victim Advocate Coordinator’s Salary in the State Solicitor’s Office and the Victim Witness Assistance Program in the District Attorney’s Office.

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

8. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole reappointing Mr. Raymond Baker to the Bibb County Civil Service Board. Mr. Baker’s appointment is effective June 5, 2012 and will expire on June 4, 2018.

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

9. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole reappointing Mr. Andy Galloway to the River Edge Community Service Board. Mr. Galloway’s appointment is effective June 30, 2012 and will expire on June 29, 2015.

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

10. Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole recommending that the Agreement between Bibb County, Macon Bibb County Industrial Authority and Department of Community Affairs be approved and that the Chairman be authorized to sign said agreement.

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

PENSION BOARD – No Report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None.
There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board