

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
May 5, 2020
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held May 5, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Video Conference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

Commission Members On Video-conference:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Staff Present

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill – Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett – County Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore - Public Affairs
Michelle Harris – Assistant County Attorney

Guests Present

Mike Kaplan, McGriff Insurance
Mark Johnson, Creative Benefit Solutions
Karen Hix, Macon Arts Alliance

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order. He read the following statement regarding the Pre-Commission and Commission meeting:

Pursuant to instructions from the president of the united states, the Honorable Donald j. Trump, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian Kemp and the Mayor of Macon-Bibb County, the Honorable Robert A. B. Reichert, the Macon-Bibb County Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by conference call only for the 5:00 p.m. pre-commission meeting and 6:00 p.m. commission meeting.

The commission chambers will be closed to the public and press, as we follow the recommendation from the white house to limit public gatherings for the next 15 days, in order to slow the spread of Covid-19. therefore, the public and press may only access the meeting simultaneously online at www.maconbibb.us or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

2. Announcements

The meeting tonight was being held as a Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Reichert stated that that he would like to add to a couple of items to the agenda:

- For information – Macon-Bibb County has received a request from the Macon Water Authority regarding Sanitary Sewage
- Change Order for fLake Tobesofkee

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Jons and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

- Follow up discussion of the Insurance discussion from the last meeting.

3. Review of Governor Kemp's Executive Order 04.30.20.01

Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney, reviewed Governor Kemp's Executive Order from April 30, 2020.

4. Review of the Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting

Mayor Reichert reviewed the old business items on the Regular agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration of Alcohol Licenses for Dirt Road Ent, LLC

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, the consideration of the Alcohol Licenses for Dirt Road Entertainment, LLC was tabled.

B. New alcohol business license for Jay Ambe 17 Inc. D.B.A. HP Liquors located at 6374 Zebulon Rd. Macon, GA 31220

C. New alcohol business license for Opes Capital Partners, LLC located at 4320 Mercer University Drive Macon, GA 31204

D. New alcohol business license for SR4415 Inc. D.B.A. Spring Express located at 15 Spring St. Macon, GA 31201

E. New alcohol business license for Per Diem Market, LLC located at 455 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the licenses for HP Liquors, Opes Capital Partners, Spring Express and Per Diem Marketer were approved and added to tonight's agenda.

6. New Business

A. Lake Tobesofkee Change Order

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Allen gave the history of improvements scheduled for Lake Tobesofkee. A portion of these funds are from the 2012 SPLOST Commissioner Allen stated. Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney, stated that this would be a change order. Clay Murphey, SPLOST Project Manager, stated that the original contract was part of the Master Plan. They put the Master Plan out to bid and

received five bids with Warren and Associates winning the bid. Mr. Murphey continued that Mr. Bracewell had requested that the scope be expanded to include eight bathrooms instead of two; instead of one pavilion but two pavilions, putting new lifeguard stands in and more picnic tables. It would be about an additional \$1.3 M. There is \$400,000 from the 2012 SPLOST and there is an additional \$2.8 in the SPLOST with over \$1.3 remaining. Mr. Groover stated that a resolution should be drafted for a change order. Mr. Groover stated he would have a resolution ready for the Committee meeting next week.

B. Officer of Record regarding insurance

DISCUSSION

Mr. Mike Kaplan stated that he got a notice from their insurance company stating the Macon-Bibb County had terminated the contract with his company. He was surprised to learn that the new agent was located in Mississippi and that he had not personally been notified. Mr. Mark Johnson reviewed the extensive review that they did of the Macon-Bibb County and they believed that there were some exposures which they believed needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Wynn stated that she understood that Mr. Johnson was going to look at finding better prices for our products. She did not vote for him to be agent of records that was a mistake because she did not mean to make him agent of record.

Commissioner Tillman stated that Macon-Bibb was self insured and that they had paid \$1.5 million in workman's comp. He continued that he was interested in the savings aspect and that several companies would like the opportunity to bid. He continued that there was no resolution that stated the Commission was getting rid of one company and moving to another.

Commissioner Jones stated that there was an issue that he was not understand that when the Mayor asked for a change of agent of record. Not being an insurance agent, he felt that there was no disclosure that he would be sending out letters canceling McGriff Insurance and hiring Creative Benefits Solutions. He continued that he had no intention to fire McGriff. He continued that he thought there would be an RFP or RFQ sent out and companies would bid. That did not happen this time.

Mayor Reichert stated that there was a five days to rescind the action of the last meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was asked to look at all the programs after their success with the health insurance.

Commissioner Schlesinger stated that he had a very bad feeling regarding this. He had consulted a couple of insurance people who stated that to do a comprehensive review you did not have to be the broker of records.

Commissioner Schlesinger moved to rescind the action from the last meeting and send letters to the people he sent letters to last week rescinding the action of changing the broker of record. Commissioner Wynn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Watkins stated that he wanted to be clear that the broker of records is the insurance agent. He asked if the coverage had been cancelled. Mayor Reichert responded coverage had not been cancelled.

Commissioner Wynn called for the question.

Mayor Reichert called for the roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll and the vote was as followed:

*Commissioner Tillman voted no
Commissioner Bivins voted no
Commissioner Allen voted yes
Commissioner Lucas voted no
Commissioner Schlesinger voted yes
Commissioner Jones voted yes
Commissioner Watkins voted no
Commissioner Wynn voted yes*

The vote was tied, Mayor Reichert broke the tie by voting yes. He stated that he would punt it down to the new administration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission