

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 14, 2020

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor read the following statement:

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 Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by conference call only for the 9:00 a.m. committee of the whole 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.

The following individuals were on the tele-conference.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Michelle Harris, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Spencer Hawkins, Director, EMA
Jack Cote', State Court

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Bert Bivins

VISITORS PRESENT:

Stephen Adams, Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority
Robbie Fountain, Chairman, Macon-Bibb Co Industrial Authority
Dwight Jones, Macon-Bibb Co. Industrial Authority
Kevin Brown, Macon-Bibb Co. Industrial Authority Attorney

Commissioner Larry Schlesinger rendered the invocation.

- Spencer Hawkins gave an update on the weather on the evening of Sunday, April 12, 2020 and Monday, April 13, 2020. He stated that the Zebulon Road area was hit with a small tornado which included Walmart and Walgreens. The tornado then moved into a neighborhood in back of Walmart and did some damage.
- Mayor Reichert reviewed an e-mail from Keith Moffett, County Manager, sent to employees thanking them for their continued work during these difficult times. Rob Ryals also reviewed the e-mail from Rob Ryals concerning the repairs made as a result of the tornado. Mayor Reichert stated that he is proud of everyone who continues to pitch in and do their best during this difficult time.
- Mr. Hawkins stated that the Health Department releases the numbers every day at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. As of 7:00 p.m. Monday the number of cases 13,620 cases, 481 deaths; in Bibb County 73 cases with one death. Macon-Bibb County continues to work closely with the Health Department. He continued that Macon would be the location for a temporary hospital but he is working closely with Navicent Health and with the Health Department if this is needed. Commissioner Schlesinger asked if Navicent cases were being reported. Mr. Hawkins stated that

patients where counted as to where they live not where they were being treated. He continued that it was required that the numbers be reported. Commissioner Allen asked if the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office were being tested. Mayor Reichert stated that he would look into testing the public safety employees.

- Christy Iuliucci, Director of Finance, reported on the financials for the month of February. A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

1. Approval of minutes from the March 24, 2020 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the March 24, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. New Business

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with the Southern Center for Choice Theory, LLC, to provide counseling sessions to participants on swift certain and fair domestic violence probation who have been evaluated for placement in the Family Violence Intervention Program, with funds from the Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with Southern Center of Choice Theory was approved.

- B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Lori M. Dodson, Attorney at Law, LLC, to provide criminal legal representation to participants on Swift Certain & Fair Domestic Violence Probation, with funds from The Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant, not to exceed a total amount of \$5,000.00 (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously the Resolution to execute an agreement with Lori M. Dodson was approved.

- C. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Law Office of Amanda R. Richardson, LLC, to provide Criminal Legal Representation to participants on Swift Certain & Fair Domestic Violence Probation, with funds from The Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant, not to exceed a total amount of \$5,000.00 (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with Amanda R. Richardson was approved.

- D. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with The Southern Center for Choice Theory, LLC, to provide individual counseling services to participants of Swift Certain & Fair Domestic Violence Probation, with funds from the Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with the Southern Center for Choice Theory was approved.

- E. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with The Step After - Evidence Based Programming, LLC, to provide counseling sessions to participants on Swift Certain & Fair Domestic Violence Probation who have been evaluated for placement in Moral Reconciliation Therapy, with funds from the Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with The Step After Evidence Based Programming was approved.

- F. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with S&K Professionals Limited Liability Company to provide individual counseling services to participants on Swift Certain & Fair Domestic Violence Probation, with funds from The Swift Certain & Fair Supervision Grant (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the agreement with S&K Professional Limited Liability Company was approved.

- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of constructing an airfield beacon at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport, to be funded in the amount of \$123,493.36 in federal funds, \$2,695.57 in State Funds and \$3,804.08 plus any project overfunds, to be paid as a local match from the airport budget-interfund local match line item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion from Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution to enter a contract with Georgia Department of Transportation for the airfield beacon was approved.

- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the sale of real property consisting of 0.000622 acres located at 1023 - 1055 Riverside Drive to Causey Riverside Properties LLC for the fair market value of \$300.00 (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion from Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing a quitclaim deed for sale of real property at 1023 – 1055 Riverside Drive to Causey Riverside Properties was approved.

- I. A Resolution to authorize the placement of a plaque or monument in Pinnacle Park, in appreciation of and honoring Lamar Geddis, Jr. for his outstanding contributions to Macon-Bibb County and the Middle Georgia Area (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.)

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution was amended to add “at a cost not to exceed \$500.00”.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved as amended.

- J. An Ordinance to approve a supplemental appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$377,300 to the Board of Elections - Ballot Printing; Operating Supplies - Toner Cartridges; and small equipment line items, to provide for the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary for conducting the 2020 elections (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Ordinance for a supplemental appropriation for the Board of Elections was approved.

- K. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept State Funding assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of improving and rehabilitating the 14/32 Runway at Middle Georgia Regional Airport with a local match in the amount of \$1,000,000 plus payment of design costs in the amount of \$220,802.76 to be paid from the Airport Funds held in trust by the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution was amended to add "the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority intends to fund this project by lending money from other sources to the airport trust fund, which lent money will include funds borrowed from other sources to be repaid with interest."

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved as amended.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission