

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
February 17, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on February 17, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Senior Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission

News Media Present

Phillip Ramati – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Brittany Childs – Industrial Authority
Dr. Kimathi Blackwood
Bud Fletcher

The Pre-Commission Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

The Mayor stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole for the primary purpose of reviewing tonight's Regular Commission Meeting's Agenda and to take action on new items under the Consent Agenda for two alcoholic beverage licenses.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Keith McIntosh of Swift Creek Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAP Students, Staci Fluellen (Southwest High School) and Christopher Thompson (Central High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on February 3, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on February 3, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Kimathi Blackwood – Medicaid Expansion

Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of "Spin Day"

Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of Westside High School DECA Week

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Reichert reminded Committee Chairs to give their Committee reports.

- A. Operations and Finance Committee
- B. Economic and Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution appointing Jean S. Howard as the Clerk of Commission for Macon-Bibb County

- B. Resolution to support “Banning the Box” on Macon-Bibb County employment applications by requiring the removal of inquiries about criminal history, charges, and convictions from the initial job applications submitted by County applicants
- C. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Triple Point Engineering, Inc. for twelve thousand dollars and NO/100 (\$12,000.00) for engineering and architectural services at East Macon Recreational Park in Macon, Bibb County
- D. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Sizemore Group, LLC for eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars and NO/100 (\$18,900.00) for engineering and architectural services at the Bloomfield Senior Center (SPLOST)
- E. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with BBTB, Inc for eighty one thousand five hundred dollars and NO/100 for engineering and architectural services at the Donnan Road Fire Station to be paid from 2013 Urban Development Authority Bond Funds
- F. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Triple Triangle Master Plan Paving of the Basketball Court in Daisy Park Grant in the amount of \$14,835.39 awarded from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to the Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation Department
- G. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Wal-Mart Grant in the amount of \$1,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Office
- H. Resolution reappointing Bert Bivins, III, Chuck O'Neal, Lonnie Miley, and Matt Rogers to the Macon-Bibb County Council for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission)
- I. Resolution to work with the Local Legislative Delegation to address public concerns regarding Senate Bill 440 (also known as “The “Seven Deadly Sins Act”) and Senate Bill 441 (Also known as (“The Two Strikes Act”);
- J. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Sec. 5-26 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County to reflect the Probate Court is the proper Court of Appeal; to provide and adoption and effective date
- K. Resolution authorizing the closure of a portion of Third Street Lane to vehicular traffic only near the W. A. Bootle Federal Courthouse for safety purposes

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution recognizing the month of March as 2015 as “Women’s History Month”

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert reviewed the license applications and stated they met all requirements for approval.

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Sunoco Food Mart located at 1681 Rocky Creek Road, Macon, Georgia 31206
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for The Dream Bar and Lounge located at 840 MLK Jr., Macon, Georgia 31201

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses were approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reichert announced he had tickets for the ticketed event of a "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" featuring Anna Deavere Smith, and the McDuffie Center for Strings program to be held at Beulahland Bible Church on Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Kimathi Blackwood spoke on Medicaid Expansion and the importance and need for the State of Georgia to review its stand on not accepting the program in the State of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 50 P.M.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission