MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
February 4, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on February 4, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the large conference at Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Stuart Morelli – Asst. County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Charles Coney – Asst. Co. Mgr. (Operations)
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. - Public Affairs
Julie Moore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. - Strategic Planning & Budget
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Sam Henderson – Executive Asst. to the Commission

Guests/Visitors

Attorney Tom Richardson
Attorney Duke Groover

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Katelyn Heck – 13 WMAZ

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M., and stated that all items under New Business would be referred to a committee.

AGENDA ITEMS:

PRAYER – Reverend David Stanley - Union Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on January 21, 2014
B. Regular Commission Meeting on January 21, 2014
C. Special Called Meeting on January 28, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

Reverend David Stanley – Union Baptist Church
Mayor Reichert wanted to publicly recognize the Emergency Management Agency and its Partners for their hard work and for making Macon-Bibb County look good during the recent snowstorm on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28th & 29th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

NA

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

The Mayor asked Committee Chairs to give a brief report or statement for the record on action taken during their committee meeting on January 28th to include who was elected Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, any action taken and other matters considered during the meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Resolution (Item D) recognizing February 2014 as Black History Month was moved to the Consent Agenda for presentation at tonight's Regular Commission meeting. The Resolution was read by Mayor Reichert in its entirety. The Mayor also requested that Commission Clerk, Shelia Thurmond, read the Resolution in its entirety at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NA

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution for Pension Changes for new Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan.
   To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

B. A Resolution calling for a Social Security Referendum.
   To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

C. A Resolution recognizing Ingleside Baptist Church for honoring the Commissioners during the first of the year.
   To Be Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

D. A Resolution recognizing February 2014 as Black History Month.

The Resolution was moved to the Consent Agenda for action at tonight's Commission meeting at the request of Commissioner Lucas. Commissioner Lucas stated that she, as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, along with Commissioner Schlesinger, and possibly others present, could accept the Resolution at tonight's meeting. There was unanimous consent to move this item to the Consent Agenda at tonight's Commission meeting.

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

Commissioner DeFore was not present.

It was further noted that a proclamation designating February 2014 as Black History Month had been prepared for presentation.

E. A Resolution for the Tax Commissioner to be delegated authority to waive certain penalties and interest.
To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

F. A Resolution to rename Freedom Park Gym.
To Be Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

G. A Resolution to increase jury pay per request of the Grand Jury.
To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

H. A Resolution requesting that the local Legislative Delegation creates the Eisenhower Community Improvement District (CID).
To Be Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

I. A Resolution to adopt a policy for renaming parks, facilities, and streets owned by Macon-Bibb County.
To Be Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

J. A Resolution to request that Macon-Bibb County issue a Request for Qualifications for consulting services to analyze existing procurement practices to determine if a Disparity Study may be necessary.
To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that County Attorney, Judd Drake, requested the attorneys representing the Consolidated Government meet with Commissioners in executive session to discuss pending litigation.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

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

Commissioner DeFore arrived.

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened at 5:45 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion by Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, the meeting was adjourned.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission