

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
December 1, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on December 1, 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 Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore

Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney

Janice S. Ross, Interim County Clerk
Marvin Land, Interim Director, Public Works
Spencer Hawkins, Interim Director, EMA
Rob Ryals, Interim Director, Facilities Management
Sonja Adams, Interim Director, Animal Welfare
Donnie Self, Interim Director, E-911
Reggie Moore, Interim Director, Recreation

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Mayor Dorothy Hubbard, Mayor, City of Albany
Former Mayor Jack Ellis

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

Mayor Reichert stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on ten New Business item to be added to the Agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Deacon Arthur Villarreal, Christ Episcopal Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Janel Moore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

- A. Ross King, Executive Director, Association of County Commissioners and Mara Register, Leadership Development Program Manager, Carl Vinson Institute of Government - Presentation to Commissioner Al Tillman
- B. The Honorable Dorothy Hubbard, Mayor, City of Albany, Georgia, State Wide Chair of the Georgia Municipal Association's Mayors' Motorcade
- C. Presentation of Proclamation observing December 1, 2015 as World AIDS Day
- D. Presentation of watches to former City of Macon employees with more than 20 years of service
- E. Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel

Economic and Community Development Committee – Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger

Public Safety Committee – No Report

Facilities and Engineering Committee – No Report

CONSENT AGENDA

No items for the Consent Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution approving an agreement with Volunteer Macon, Inc for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$56,518 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds

- B. A Resolution approving an agreement with Resolute Environmental & Water Resources Consulting, LLC to conduct a brownfields wide area assessment for \$345,150 to be paid from Environmental Protection Agency Grant Funds
- C. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority for the acquisition of property related to the Macon-Bibb County Neighborhood Revitalization and Blight Remediation Project
- D. A Resolution to enter into an agreement between the Bibb County Tax Commissioner and Intellectual Technology, Inc. to provide Self-Service Terminals for the collection of Motor Vehicle Tax
- E. An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan (formerly known as the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968) so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter; to include the Plan as Appendix I to the Charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan
- F. An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pensions and Retirement System so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter; to include the plan as Appendix II to the Charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan
- G. An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of the Macon Fire and Police Department Employees' Retirement System so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a Determination Letter; to include the Plan as Appendix III to the charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan
- H. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance Grant Performance Partnership Award in the amount of \$55,752 from the United States Department of Homeland Security awarded to the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency
- I. A Resolution reappointing Christopher C. Tsavatewa to serve as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health
- J. A Resolution reappointing Carey Pickard to serve as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority
- K. A Resolution appointing Dr. Michael A. Burnett to serve as a member of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission for a three year term to run from November 18, 2015 until November 17, 2018
- L. A Resolution recognizing and commending the contributions of Sam Macfie, Maryel Battin, Walter Worthen, Sr. and various other community groups that are responsible for having Bowden Golf Course listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- M. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Macon-Bibb County Senior Center

- N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of three roads located in the Summer Grove subdivision; authorizing the official acceptance of Summer Grove Lane, Laurel Springs Drive and Oak Sunset Drive
- O. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 6.7 acres of land from the State of Georgia that was previously used as an Air National Guard Armory located at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport; to authorize said property to be property of Middle Georgia Regional Airport; to authorize said property be included in an updated Airport Master Plan and Updated Airport Layout Plan for Middle Georgia Regional Airport
- P. A Resolution approving an agreement for the purchase of property located at 4036 Napier Avenue, 3965 Grand Avenue, 3948 Mercer Street, and 3936 Mercer Street for \$105,000 so as to provide for the construction of a New Fire Station

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business Items

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda Items

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution recognizing and commending the contributions of Betty Vandiver in organizing the Inaugural Mayors' Motorcade; to recognize December 1, 2015 as "Betty Vandiver Day"

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution recognizing and commending the contributions of Betty Vandiver in organizing the Inaugural Mayors' Motorcade; to recognize December 1, 2015 as "Betty Vandiver Day" was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*
- B. A Resolution approving and confirming the Mayor's appointment of the Clerk of Commission, as well as appointing the below listed Department Heads for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel the Resolution approving and confirming the Mayor's appointment of the Clerk of Commission as well as appointing the below listed Department Heads for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting seven to one with Commissioners Larry Schlesinger, Gary Bechtel, Ed DeFore Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.***

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the following Resolutions were approved to be added to the agenda.***
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 1,106.93 square feet (0.0254 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 3 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 21,009.88 square feet (0.482 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 11,682.51 square feet (0.268) more as shown as Parcel 15 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 731.50 square feet (0.017 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 495.22 square feet (0.0087) more as shown as Parcel 25 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 121.98 square feet (0.0028 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 39 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 243.26 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 40 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 721.87 square feet (0.0166 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 44 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
 - o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 178.42 square feet (0.0041 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 46 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

- o A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 541.55 square feet (0.0124 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 48 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

- C. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 1,106.93 square feet (0.0254 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 3 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 1,106.93 square feet (0.254 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 3 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- D. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 21,009.88 square feet (0.482 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 11,682.51 square feet (0.268) more or less as shown as Parcel 15 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 21,009.88 square feet (0.482 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 11,682.51 square feet (0.268) more or less as shown as Parcel 15 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- E. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 731.50 square feet (0.017 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 495.22 square feet (0.0087) more or less as shown as Parcel 25 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 731.50 square feet (0.017 acres) more or less and a temporary construction easement of 495.22 square feet (0.0087) more or less as shown as Parcel 25 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- F. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of

121.98 square feet (0.0028 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 39 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 121.98 square feet (0.0028 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 39 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- G. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 243.26 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 40 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 243.26 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 40 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- H. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 721.87 square feet (0.0166 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 44 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 721.87 square feet (0.0166 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 44 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- I. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 178.42 square feet (0.0041 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 46 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 178.42 square feet (0.0041 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 46 of the

Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- J. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 541.55 square feet (0.0124 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 48 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 541.55 square feet (0.0124 acres) more or less as shown as Parcel 48 of the Right-of Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Lucas recognized former Mayor Jack Ellis and asked if he might have a few minutes. Mayor Ellis stated that this year was the 60th year of the Montgomery March and asked if a plaque could be placed in the Rosa Parks Square to commemorate that event with the names of the former Mayor and City Council members on the plaque. Mayor Reichert referred the item to the Economic and Community Development Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman, the Commission went into Executive Session for Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against Macon-Bibb County or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman the Commission re-opened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

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

Janice S. Ross, Interim Clerk of Commission