

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
October 21, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on October 21, 2014 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
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager for Budget & Strategic Planning
Christy Iuliucci – Finance Director
Dave Fortson – County Engineer
Ben Hubbard – Human Resources Director
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Chris Floore – Assistant to Co. Manager for Public Affairs
Sam Henderson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Trae McCombs, Public Affairs

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA

Visitors Present

Brittney Childs – Industrial Authority
Bibb County Retirees

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 to take action on one item of New Business and a couple of changes on the agenda for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Womack Paving, Inc. to perform Patchwork, Repair, and Resurfacing of various streets and roads in Macon-Bibb County

Dave Fortson, County Engineer, stated Womack Paving was the low bidder for the roads contract and stated a change had been made in the Resolution to reflect 2014 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Funds, approved by Macon City Council and Mayor in November 2013 for resurfacing several City streets that would be used to pay for this project instead of 2015 LMIG Funds. Womack Paving also wanted to expedite the project in order to take advantage of good weather to do the patchwork, finishing with the overlay work in the spring of 2015. Also, funding for the project includes the required SPLOST matching funds.

Judd Drake, County Attorney, stated the Resolution needed to be amended to show 2014 LMIG Funds were being used instead of 2015 LMIG Funds shown in the original document with the dollar amount changed to \$920,102.84. Mr. Fortson further stated the Jeffersonville-Millerfield Road project completed in April and the upcoming project to add sidewalks and drains along Graham Road would use all of the 2014 City of Macon LMIG funds.

ACTION:

- ***Commissioner Schlesinger motioned to amend the Resolution to reflect 2014 LMIG Funds were being used instead of 2015 LMIG Funds with a contract amount of \$920,102.84. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and carried unanimously.***
- ***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***
- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously, the amended Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item Z.***
- ***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***

Commissioner Tillman motioned to move the Pre-Commission meeting into the Commission Chamber to accommodate seating for the large number of people attending the Pre-Commission meeting.

The meeting was temporarily recessed at 5:15 PM. in order to move into the Commission Chamber.

Mayor Reichert reconvened the meeting at 5:17 P.M. and reviewed the Agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Clint Jett – Stone Edge Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by Macon-Bibb GCAPS members Khabir Dawkins and Hitanshi Mehta.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on October 7, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on October 7, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

Presentation of Proclamation to Dr. Linda Bivins, President - Bibb Retired Educators Association

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with the State Government of Georgia on behalf of the Division of Family and Children Services for 175 Emery Highway in the amount of \$62,200
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority for the lease of office space at the Terminal Station building for use by the Macon-Bibb County Information Technology staff; to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Transit Authority for Information Technology staff to provide Information Technology Services to the Transit Authority
- C. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the use of prison labor to supplement the Public Works Department's Workforce (8 offender work details from McEver Probation Detention Center at \$39,500 per detail for one year, for a total of \$316,000)
- D. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Conditioned Air, Inc. for \$161,105 for the installation and replacement of HVAC Systems at various Recreation Centers
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with AERO ART, LLC for a Ground Lease Agreement at Macon Downtown Airport; to authorize the termination of all previous agreements at Macon Downtown Airport with Lloyd "Bo" George and any company, corporation, or agent of Lloyd "Bo" George; to approve acceptance of a quitclaim deed from Lloyd "Bo" George for any and all remaining interest in all other property at Macon Downtown Airport
- F. Resolution to establish and provide a summary of the Health and Life Insurance Retirement Benefits currently available to former Bibb County employees, former City of Macon employees, and Macon-Bibb County employees hired on or after January 1, 2014, and to adopt an amendment to the Macon-Bibb County Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement providing that these Retirement Benefits may be funded by Macon-Bibb County under the Trust Agreement

Discussion: Commissioner Jones motioned to amend the provision requiring spouses of retirees who are working elsewhere not be required to obtain health insurance offered by their employer unless the spouse chose to do so. Commissioner Lucas motioned to amend to not require retirees/spouses to obtain insurance offered by employer, and Commissioner Shepherd motioned to amend to require active employees and retirees to pay the same premium amount. Dale Walker, County Manager, gave an overview of the estimated cost for providing the HRA retiree subsidy presently given to Bibb County retirees, the present Bibb County employees eligible for the subsidy, and what it would cost to give the subsidy to present Macon-Bibb County employees, which would be more than \$10 million annually. He stated that Macon-Bibb County could not afford to provide this contribution for all retirees.

ACTION:

- ***Commissioner Lucas motioned to refer Items F & G back to the Operations and Finance Committee for further review and consideration of the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously.***

- ***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***

G. Resolution approving changes in Macon-Bibb County's Group Health Plan, including design, eligibility and premium contribution changes

H. Resolution adopting the United States Conference of Mayors' 457 Deferred Compensation Retirement Program administered through Great-West Financial to be made available to all eligible Macon-Bibb County employees and elected officials

I. Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment to the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 so as to establish the Macon-Bibb County General Employees Pension Trust Board, to designate the composition of the Board and to grant the newly designated Board those powers formerly granted to the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners under Article 13.03

Judd Drake, County Attorney, recommended this item be referred back to the Operations and Finance Committee for language changes and corrections

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was referred back to the Operations and Finance Committee.***

- ***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***

J. Resolution to amend the Financial Policies to reflect duties assigned by the Organizational Chart

K. Ordinance to adjust FY14 January – June Budget to reflect Administrative Supplementals and Transfers exceeding \$10,000

L. Ordinance to adjust FY14 January – June Budget to reflect organizational changes where departmental expenditures were impacted and other Administrative Adjustments

M. 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

N. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Community Grant on the amount of \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Inc. awarded to the Macon Circuit Public Defender's Office

- O. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$78,254 awarded to the Sheriff's Department
- P. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 GEMA/Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$100,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Department
- Q. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 GEMA/Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$3,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Department
- R. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 GEMA/Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$57,227 awarded to the Fire Department
- S. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 GEMA/Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000 awarded to the Fire Department
- T. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY14 GEMA/Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000 awarded to the Fire Department
- U. Resolution confirming Mayor Robert Reichert's appointment of Jackie Harper to fill a vacant Citizen-at-Large position on the Tree Commission
- V. Resolution appointing Susan Middleton to the Board of Directors of the Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services
- W. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Department of Homeland Security for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an Integrated Emergency Management Course on July 20-23, 2015
- X. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of Donaldson Garrett & Associates, Inc. to perform Professional Topographic Survey Services on 22.45 acres, being the Durr's Lake property (Filmore Thomas) at a cost of \$15,440 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- Y. Resolution to erect a Memorial Sign in honor of Rev. Marshall Stenson, Jr. to be located on Haywood Road
- Z. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Womack Paving, Inc. to perform Patchwork, Repair, and Resurfacing of various streets and roads in Macon-Bibb County

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor stated all New Business items would be referred to Committee for action.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission