

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
September 16, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on September 16, 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 H. 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 – Sr. Assistant 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)
Dave Fortson – County Engineer
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Sam Henderson – Executive Assistant to Mayor
Chris Floore – Assistant to Co. Manager for Public Affairs

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Karli Barnett – 13 WMAZ
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA

Visitors Present

Adah Roberts
Brittney Childs, Industrial Authority

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 three New Business items on the Pre-Commission Meeting agenda.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Old Business agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

The Mayor stated tonight's Regular Commission Meeting will begin at 6:01 P.M. so as to be in compliance with the Ad that ran in the newspaper regarding the agenda item on Eminent Domain for the Jefferson Long Park in Pleasant Hill which listed the meeting time as 6:01 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Rev. David Stanley – Union Baptist Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on September 2, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on September 2, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

Miss Macon 2015 – Ninti Chance

Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"

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 - No Report
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to transfer the parcel of property at 4664 Sheraton Drive to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of applying for State allocated funds to be used for the paving and maintenance of public roads under the 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)
- C. Resolution authorizing elected officials of Macon-Bibb County to be covered under Workers' Compensation
- D. Resolution to adopt the Macon-Bibb County Five-Year Short-Term Work Program
- E. Resolution to authorize and approve a consulting agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Owen Lewis Consulting for a maximum of \$197,920 for professional consulting services for the Courts Software Project
- F. Ordinance granting a Franchise to Oconee Electric Membership Corporation
- G. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority for Park Development Services at Pinnacle Park for \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds
- H. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Rebuilding Macon, Inc. for Minor Home Repair Services for \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds
- I. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Home First Housing Resource Center Services, Inc. for Housing Services for \$53,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds
- J. Resolution commending the Friends of Tattnall Square Park for its exceptional service; approving its plans to improve Tattnall Square Park
- K. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a commercial lease contract with Bob Lewis and Associates for office space located at 145 First Street to be occupied by the Georgia Cooperative Extension Services
- L. Resolution to approve the exercise of Eminent Domain to acquire in Fee Simple the property commonly known as 1830 First Avenue and 1844 First Avenue
- M. Resolution to consent to an agreement between the Macon-Bibb Committee of Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement System and Independent Portfolio Consultants, Inc. to provide investment consulting services
- N. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of Independent Portfolio Consultants, Inc. as the investment consultant for the Macon-Bibb County Employees Retirement

System Fund Assets, subject to the agreement containing a thirty (30) day notice of termination provision

- O. Resolution confirming an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Fire and Police Department Employees Retirement System and Independent Portfolio Consultants, Inc. to provide investment consulting services
- P. Resolution submitting Dr. Shantel Whitby, Doug Dunwody, and Andy Nations as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by Dr. Alvin Sewell on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- Q. Resolution submitting David Danzie, Albert Abrams, and Steve Kruger as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by David Danzie on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- R. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors, Inc. to repair damage to the storm water drainage infrastructure on Lee Road in the amount of \$78,218.00.

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

A. Resolution confirming an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Fire and Police Department Employees Retirement System and Independent Portfolio Consultants, Inc. to provide investment consulting services

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner DeFore, and carried, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item O.***
- ***Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. was absent during the vote.***

B. Resolution submitting Dr. Shantel Whitby, Doug Dunwody, and Andy Nations as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by Dr. Alvin Sewell on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority

Discussion: Mayor Reichert stated he had changed two of the members on the slate of appointees submitted by the Hospital Authority. They are Dr. Shantel Whitby and Doug Dunwody to fill the position presently occupied by Dr. Sewell, who is ineligible for re-appointment. The Hospital Authority will make its selection from the three submitted names.

Commissioners Jones, Lucas, and Tillman requested that Commissioners be provided a list of all upcoming appointments to Authorities, Boards, and Commissions in a timely manner in order to submit a viable pool of candidates for selection.

Commissioner Lucas stated there was a need for consistency in how appointments were made including the selection process.

Commissioners Jones and Tillman stated they would like to see changes made in order to give new persons an opportunity to serve on boards and not have the same people serve over and over again.

Mayor Reichert stated he would provide notices of upcoming vacancies in order to get input from Commissioners on appointees.

ACTION:

- *On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item P.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.*

C. Resolution submitting David Danzie, Albert Abrams, and Steve Kruger as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by David Danzie on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority

ACTION:

- *On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item Q.*
- *Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. Commissioner Bechtel voted No.*

D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Pyles Plumbing and Utility Contractors, Inc. to repair damage to the storm water drainage infrastructure on Lee Road in the amount of \$78,218.00

Discussion: Dave Fortson, County Engineer, stated the Lee Road repair work needed to be expedited due to road washout caused by recent rains which has resulted in the road being closed. He stated five bids had been received with four responsive bids of \$78,218., \$89,000., \$98,000., and \$141,000. He also stated the bid estimates were higher due to the added provision of replacing unsuitable soil under the roadway if needed. If it is determined soil replacement is not needed, the additional fee for replacement would not be charged.

ACTION:

- *On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item R.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Reichert announced representatives from the Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) Initiative Macon Team were convening in Macon on Tuesday, September 16th through Thursday, September 18th with two hearings on September 17th at the Terminal Station (4th floor Conference Room) at 12:45 P.M. and 2:30 P.M., and a reception from 5-7 P.M. at the Sports Hall of Fame. The focus of the meetings will be the challenges faced by the City, and identify gaps in which the SC2 interagency technical assistance can support Macon-Bibb's progress towards achieving its goals. Mark Linton, Executive Director of the White House Strong Cities, Strong Communities and Kate Reynolds will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission