

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
August 18, 2020
Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held August 18, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Video Conference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

Commission Members On Video-conference:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

Mayor-Elect Lester Miller

Staff Present

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill – Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett – County Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore - Public Affairs
Julie Moore, - Assistant to the County Manager
Joel Callins – Assistant County Attorney
Michelle Harris – Assistant County Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order. He read the following statement regarding the Pre-Commission and Commission meeting:

Out Of An Abundance Of Caution, The Macon-Bibb County Commission Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, August 18, 2020 Will Be Available To The Macon-Bibb County Commissioners By Video Conference Only For 5:00 P.M. Pre-Commission Meeting And 6:00 P.M. Commission Meeting.

The Commission Chambers Will Be Closed To The Public And Press In Order To Slow The Spread Of Covid-19. Therefore, The Public And Press May Only Access The Meeting Simultaneously Online At www.maconbibb.us Or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

2. Announcements

A. CARES Act Funding

Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning Office, gave an update on the requirement to submit items for CARES Funding. To submit items for the \$2.4 M, the cost must have occurred before June 30, 2020. The next funding of \$5.5 M the cost must have occurred before September 1, 2020.

B. Governor's Kemp Executive Orders

Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney, gave an update on the Governor's Executive Order in regards to COVID-19.

C. Census update

Carol Payton, Mayor Reichert's Executive Assistant, gave an update on the census. She included the following important events:

Friday, August 21st Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Lizella will host a Food Distribution and Census Promotion Event

Saturday, August 22nd A Hispanic Be Counted Food and School Supplies Event will be held in South Macon

Wednesday, August 26th Food Distribution and Joint Census Information and Be Counted Operations will be hosted by St. Paul AME Church (targeting East Macon) and Beulah Baptist Church (targeting the downtown Macon, 2nd, 3rd and Houston Avenue area)

Monday, August 24th Greater Bibb Mt. Zion Baptist Church will host a Food Distribution and Census Be Counted Event (targeting South Macon Bibb County)

Friday, August 28th Food Distribution and Census Be Counted Event hosted by New Pilgrim Baptist Church (targeting the Bellevue Neighborhood)

Saturday, August 29th A Census Motorcade Comprised of Census Partners and Macon Bibb County Department vehicles is being scheduled to go through low Self-Responding Neighborhoods with a Be Counted Message and Awareness of Census Enumerators coming door to door

D. Blighted Property Information

Mayor Reichert reviewed the houses that were surrounding the Ocmulgee National Monument that were in need of tearing down. Mayor stated that the Revolving Loan Fund where there are funds to pay for the removal of the houses. He will keep the Commission up to date on the progress.

3. Review of the Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting

A. Train Recreation Center

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried seven to two with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Watkins casting the

dissenting votes, the Resolution to approve the contract with Piedmont Construction for the renovations to the Train Recreation Center was added to the agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

There were no items for the consent order.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission