

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

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on August 5, 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 Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

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)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager - Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Attorney Virgil Adams
Adah Roberts
Brittany 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 discuss and approve the three new items of business for tonight's meeting. The Mayor also stated that in addition to reviewing tonight's Regular Commission Meeting Agenda, there would be an Executive Session with Outside Counsel to discuss pending litigation at the end of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Moore, Assistant County Manager, stated the following Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds for the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court were a continuation of grant funds from 2013 to continue services and programs currently being done.

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Community Solutions for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$250,000 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds

ACTION:

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

The Mayor stated the Resolution would appear as Item D under Old Business at tonight's meeting.

- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Volunteer Macon, Inc. for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$56,000 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds

ACTION:

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

The Mayor stated the Resolution would appear as Item E under Old Business at tonight's meeting.

- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Marie Martin for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$53,184 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds

ACTION:

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

The Mayor stated the Resolution would appear as Item F under Old Business at tonight's meeting.

Discussion: Commissioner Lucas stated it would be helpful if each agency receiving funding would come before the Commission to provide details on agency programs and information on services provided.

Julie Moore stated the agencies would be asked to provide this information at upcoming Committee meetings.

The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Father Vernon Knight of St. Joseph Catholic Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on July 15, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on July 15, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

- A. Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) overview and video presentation
- B. Ms. Yolande Vicks, E-911 Operator – who is being recognized for her act of exemplary service to a citizen involved in a car accident
- C. Presentation of Proclamation to Mr. Juawn A. Jackson, first African-American President of the Student Government Association of Georgia College and State University

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Reichert asked Committee Chairs to be prepared to give their Committee Reports tonight.

- A. Operations and Finance Committee
- B. Economic and Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee – No Report
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Quick Stop located at 5730 Columbus Road
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for M. M. Gas & Food Mart located at 2760 Montpelier Avenue

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with CWC, LLC for moving of current furnishings and the purchase of new interior furnishings for the Tax Commissioner's Office in the amount of \$104,231.04 to be paid from bond funds
- B. Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Article V of the Claims Against Employees Section of the Code to include members and employees of the Macon-County Board of Tax Assessors
- C. Ordinance amending Chapter 4 Article V of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages for consumption on the premises of an establishment licensed for the sale of growlers
- D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Community Solutions for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$250,000 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Volunteer Macon, Inc. for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$56,000 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds
- F. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Marie Martin for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$53,184 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds

NEW BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Outside Counsel, Virgil Adams.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously, the Commission went into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Watkins was absent.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission