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Monday, January 26, 2015
MACON - BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

5:30 P.M.
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
MACON - BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
MAYOR ROBERT A. B. REICHERT
COMMISSIONER BERT BIVINS, MAYOR PRO TEM
COMMISSIONER GARY BECHTEL
COMMISSIONER ED DEFORE
COMMISSIONER MALLORY JONES
COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS
COMMISSIONER LARRY SCHLESINGER
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Franklin M. Lee
Partner
410.752.9734
flee@tydingslaw.com
Follow Franklin on

Franklin M. Lee is one of the country’s leading authorities on socio-economic policies that promote the use of small, minority-owned, and woman-owned businesses in government contracting. For nearly 25 years, Mr. Lee has advised businesses on regulatory compliance with such policies, and the federal, state, and local governments on establishing and defending commercial non-discrimination policies and public contracting programs. Mr. Lee also assists multi-national corporations with efforts to promote fairness and diversity in their use of commercial vendors.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Lee served for six years as antitrust litigation counsel at the Federal Trade Commission, and for over fifteen years as Chief Counsel to the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. In the latter position, he advised numerous governmental entities in drafting minority business and disadvantaged business enterprise programs, and in defending those programs against constitutional challenges.

Representation of Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises

An experienced administrative lawyer and a litigator, Mr. Lee helps businesses navigate all the intricacies of minority and disadvantaged business policies. He assists his clients in:

- Obtaining Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certifications from state and local governments;
- Obtaining 8(a) program certification from the Small Business Administration;
- Bid protests;
- MBE/WBE policy enforcement; and
- Civil rights class actions and other complex commercial litigation.

Representation of Large Corporations

Mr. Lee advises large corporations on compliance with various socio-economic policies, regulations and strategies including:

- Equal business opportunity programs;
- Commercial non-discrimination policies;
- Subcontracting goals;
- Teaming and joint venture collaborations with small and disadvantaged businesses; and
- MBE/WBE/DBE/HUB/SBE/SLBE contract requirements.

He also facilitates joint ventures and partnerships between Fortune 500 corporations and contractors to increase capacity and enhance market access among historically disadvantaged businesses. He also conducts diversity business audits and helps large companies open up their procurement processes to new sources of supply and to promote non-discriminatory treatment of suppliers and vendors.

Representation of Governments

Mr. Lee’s representation of dozens of government clients has brought him national recognition. Among his many governmental clients are: the Cities of Baltimore, MD, Boston, MA, Charlotte, NC, San Antonio, TX, San Diego, CA, and Columbia, SC. His academic/non-profit clients include: the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, the Palm Beach County School Board, and the University of Minnesota. He has also advised the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Mr. Lee has advised governmental entities on:

- Minority Women Business Enterprise ("MWBE") programs;
- Small Business Enterprise ("SBE"), Small Local Business Enterprise ("SLBE"), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") programs;
- Linked deposit policies for financial institutions;
- DBE airport concessions programs;
- Capacity building initiatives;
- Centralized bidder registration;
- Formation and oversight of multi-jurisdictional disparity study consortiums;
- Disparity study oversight and review, and procedures for economic inclusion policy deliberation;
- Working capital lending programs;
- Bonding assistance programs;
- Supplier development programs; and
- Various public private partnership initiatives that serve "economic inclusion" and economic development objectives.

Mr. Lee has assisted numerous governments in reforming their procurement practices and policies to make them more accessible. Several of these reforms have involved the deployment of technologies that automate the government vendor registration and contracting processes. He has provided detailed guidance to government clients regarding such procedures including the Metropolitan District Commission in Hartford, CT, San Diego, CA, Columbia, SC, and San Antonio, TX.

Appellate Representation

Mr. Lee has been involved in some of the most consequential appellate decisions concerning MBE/WBE policies around the country. His federal appellate court experience includes:

- Supervising and drafting of appellate briefs as amicus curiae and as an intervening party in numerous constitutional challenges to federal, state, and local minority business programs (Carpenter v. Dole, Tennessee Asphalt v. Farris, Associated General Contractors v. San Francisco, Concrete Works v. City and County of Denver, and S.J. Groves v. Fulton County); and
- Preparing briefs and pleadings in U.S. Supreme Court cases involving the constitutionality of minority business programs (J.A. Croson v. City of Richmond, Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, and Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Mineta; these cases addressed complex legal and factual issues under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment).

Public and Community Service

Mr. Lee is actively involved in matters concerning minority-owned businesses. He has served in numerous capacities to promote the advancement of MBEs. Recently, he was invited as a participant in a MBE Roundtable of business leaders, academia, and government officials. The MBE Roundtable was convened by Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings to develop policy recommendations and strategies for reforming Maryland's MBE Program in 2012 to make it more effective in facilitating the growth and expansion of MBEs into the mainstream of Maryland's economy. Also, Governor O'Malley appointed Mr. Lee as a member of the Maryland Task Force on Minority Business Enterprise and Equity Investment Capital.

He has also served on the "Bridging the Gap" Advisory Panel of the Greater Baltimore Committee, which awarded him the "Bridging the Gap President's Award" in 2008 for his dedication to promoting the advancement of minority-owned business in central Maryland. He was the only attorney selected to Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.'s Task Force on MBE Reform in 2003; In May 2006, at the conclusion of the Task Force's work, Governor Ehrlich signed into law groundbreaking MBE legislation crafted largely by Mr. Lee.

Deeply committed to improving the quality of life for the poor and disadvantaged in the City of Baltimore, Mr. Lee has been a volunteer with such organizations as the Sandtown Habitat for Humanity and the Eternal Light of Helping Hands, Inc.

Mr. Lee is a perennial mentor for youth who express interest in the field of law. Most recently, his efforts at encouraging young people to pursue legal careers have been directed towards The Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF), a national non-profit dedicated to promoting greater diversity in the field of law. In 2008, he was a member of the Executive Planning Committee for the Foundation's biennial conference sponsored by bar associations in Washington DC, the State of Maryland, and the State of Virginia. Additionally, he co-chaired the Foundation's "Robes in Schools" programs in Maryland that year. These programs brought together dozens of judges, lawyers, law professors, law students, college students, and high school and middle school students to share in the judges' inspirational stories of their careers and life experiences in the law.

Additionally, Mr. Lee helped coordinate the JTBF's Mock Trial program in Washington, DC, in which dozens of high school students from across the region played the roles of lawyers, witnesses, and jurors in a mock trial based upon a trial transcript and evidentiary exhibits derived from an actual case. For many students, this event provided their first hands-on introduction to legal argument and the practice of law.
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Gary Bechtel - Chairman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas - Vice Chairman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Staff Contact: Charles Coney

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Subject: A. Approval of Minutes From the January 13, 2015 Meeting

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Access: Public
Type: Minutes

File Attachments
1-13-2015.pdf (22 KB)

2. FINANCIAL UPDATES

Subject: A. Davenport & Co to discuss the proposed plan of finance – refinancing/restructuring

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 2. FINANCIAL UPDATES
Access: Public
Type: Discussion

Subject: B. Update On List Of Fees

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 2. FINANCIAL UPDATES
Access: Public
Type: Information

Subject: C. Capital Improvement Program Update

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
3. WITNESS ADVOCATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Subject: A. Request for Additional Witness Advocate
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 3. WITNESS ADVOCATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Access: Public
Type: Action

Tabled from the November 25, 2014 meeting of Operations and Finance

4. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF INTEREST AND PENALITIES

Subject: A. A Resolution To Approve Or Deny A Request To Refund Penalties, Interest and Fees Assessed Against 5409 Columbus Road In The Amount of $317.22
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 4. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF INTEREST AND PENALITIES
Access: Public
Type: Action

File Attachments
1-27-2015 - Request for Refund of Penalties, Interest and Fees.pdf (1,628 KB)

5. AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED

Subject: A. A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Sizemore Group for Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars ($29,950) for Architectural Services At Freedom Park
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 5. AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED
Access: Public
Type: Action

File Attachments
1-27-2015 - Sizemore Group Agreement.pdf (938 KB)

Subject: B. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With GDOT for An Interstate Lighting System To Be Installed On Interstate 75 From SR247/Pierce Avenue To CR 85/Arkwright Road
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category: 5. AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED

File Attachments
1-27-2015 - GDOT Agreement.pdf (938 KB)
6. GRANT REQUESTS AND AWARDS

Subject A. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of The Sponsorship Of Fact-Finding Trip To Detroit Grant in the Amount of $10,000 Awarded To The Mayor's Office
Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category 6. GRANT REQUESTS AND AWARDS
Access Public
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File Attachments
1-27-2015 - Interstate Lighting System.pdf (987 KB)

Subject B. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance of The Emergency Management Directed Training Grant In The Amount of $500 Awarded From The Federal FEMA Agency to Macon-Bibb County EMA
Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category 6. GRANT REQUESTS AND AWARDS
Access Public
Type Action

File Attachments
1-27-2015 - Acceptance of Grant for EMA.pdf (94 KB)

Subject C. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance of the 2015 H.E.A.T. Grant in the Amount of $53,900 Awarded From The Governor's Office of Highway Safety To Macon-Bibb County Sheriff's Office
Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Category 6. GRANT REQUESTS AND AWARDS
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7. SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS
8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS
OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

The Operations and Finance Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Gary Bechtel – Chairman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas – Vice Chairman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Dale Walker, County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Reginald McClendon, Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen, Asst. County Attorney
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Steve Layson, Assistant County Manager
Nyesha Daley, Director of Procurement
Janice Ross, Training and Events Coordinator
Jean Howard, Asst. Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Sherita Jones, Budget and Strategic Planning
Karen McDuffie, Budget and Strategic Planning
Gail Kohler, Budget and Strategic Planning
Amanda Regan, Budget and Strategic Planning
Christie Iuliucci, Director of Finance
Megan McMahon, Finance Department
Kim Roberts, Finance Department
Narinder Bhardwaj, Finance Department
David Cooke, District Attorney
Stephen Masteller, Director of Information Technology

VISITORS/GUESTS:
Miller Edwards, Mauldin and Jenkins
Linda Cortney, Mauldin and Jenkins
Brittney Childs, Industrial Authority
Adah Roberts

NEWS MEDIA
Jim Gaines, The Telegraph
Ron Wildman, WPGA TV 58

1. Approval of minutes from the December 23, 2014 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Lucas, Bechtel and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the minutes of December 23, 2014 were approved as written.
2. Request For Proposals

Commissioner Watkins addressed the resolution whereby a Request for Proposals for Community intervention workers to provide crisis response and assist with proactive peacekeeping regarding gang reduction and youth development would be issued. Commissioner Watkins stated that on January 31st he would hold a forum to discuss violence in the community. Mayor Reichert stated that Rhabbi from Strong Cities was investigating the possibility of a grant to address the same issues. Commissioner Tillman stated that the target group is 18 – 25 year olds. Commissioner Lucas stated she endorsed the idea and would like to see the topic on every agenda.

**ACTION**

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Shepherd and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the resolution to request that Macon – Bibb County issue a request for proposals for community intervention workers to provide crisis response and assist with proactive peacekeeping regarding gang reduction and youth development would be endorsed in concept.*

3. Financial Updates

A. 2014 Audit

Miller Edwards from Mauldin and Jenkins stated that the best word he could use to describe the audit was impressive. In a new government with many moving pieces, to have a clean audit with no findings, was nothing less than impressive. This will be the last six month audit. Mayor Reichert thanked Christy Iulucci and her team on the outstanding work done in the past year.

B. Mid Year Budget Review

Julie Moore briefly addressed where the budget was at this time. She stated the topic would be discussed at the January 27, 2015 meeting in depth.

C. Capital Improvement Projects

Julie Moore distributed information on the request for Capital Improvement Projects for the FY16 budget. She stated that this would be reviewed in depth at the January 27, 2015 meeting.

4. Agreements To Be Executed

A. AT&T Digital Network Services

**ACTION**

*On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Watkins and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a continuation of services agreement between Macon-Bibb County and AT&T to provide digital network services for a period of 24 months at the existing rate was approved.*
B. Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Secretary of State

*This item was removed from the agenda at the request of the County Attorney.*

C. Pole attachment License Agreement

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Watkins and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution to authorize the mayor to execute a pole attachment license agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Southern Rivers Energy for the purposes of attaching fiber-optic lines to electrical power poles for internet and telecommunications connectivity at the Animal Welfare Center was approved.

D. Extension Agreement with Mercer University

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel and Shepherd voting in the affirmative with Commissioner Schlesinger recusing himself, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement of extension for an additional period of one year with the Corporation of Mercer University, a Non-profit organization, for the lease of property located at 651 Mulberry Street (The Grand Opera House) was approved.

E. Lease of Office Space at 682 Cherry Street

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Shepherd and Lucas voting in the affirmative with Commissioner Bechtel recusing himself, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Bob Lewis and Associates, Inc. for the lease of office space at 682 Cherry Street in the amount of $1,450 per month for a period of two years was approved.

F. Permission to add to the agenda:

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Watkins and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the following item was added to the agenda:

- Indigent Defense Agreement
G. Indigent Defense Agreement

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Watkins and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve the Indigent Defense Agreement among the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit and the Governing Authorities of Macon-Bibb, Peach and Crawford Counties was approved.

5. Grant Requests and Awards

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Watkins and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention and Treatment Program Grant Award in the amount of $80,740 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council awarded to the Macon Bibb County Juvenile Court was approved.

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Watkins, Bechtel and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the BJA Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Award in the amount of $225,000 over a three year period was approved. Federal Share is $162,500 and State match is $62,500. The State match is comprised of $18,770 and fund balance match of $2,086 for three years. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council awarded this grant to the Macon-Bibb County Veterans Court.

6. Supplemental Budget Request – N/A

7. Transfer of Funds

**ACTION**

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Watkins, Bechtel and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the ordinance to appropriate $200,000 from County SPLOST fund to Parks and Recreation Rosa Jackson to fund architectural designs was approved.
ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Watkins, Bechtel and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the ordinance to appropriate $375,000 from County SPLOST fund to Parks and Recreation for sub south recreation center to fund architectural designs was approved.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Watkins, Bechtel and Lucas voting in the affirmative, an ordinance of the Commission to appropriate $88,000 to establish a confiscated fund for the District Attorney’s Office was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared By:

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Janice S. Ross

Reviewed and Approved By:

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Jean S. Howard, CMC
Interim Clerk of the Commission
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE OR DENY A REQUEST TO REFUND PENALTIES, INTEREST AND FEES ASSESSED AGAINST 5409 COLUMBUS ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF $317.22; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors assess property taxes on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, property taxes were assessed for the property located at 5409 Columbus Road for the years 2013 and 2014, and that was appealed on approximately October 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the appeal, the owner of record was forwarded a temporary tax bill while said appeal was pending (see Exhibit “A”); and

WHEREAS, penalties, interest and fees in the amount of $317.22 were assessed against the property due to Rose Ivey Goette-Turner’s election to pay an amount which differed from the amount noted in the temporary tax bill, and that amount has been paid (see Exhibits “A” and “B”); and

WHEREAS, Rose Ivey Goette-Turner is seeking a refund of the penalties, interest and fees in the amount of $317.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that the refund request in the amount of $317.22 is hereby:

______ granted  _______ denied

SO RESOLVED this ______ day of __________________, 2015.

__________________________________________
ROBERT A. B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JEAN S. HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION

(SEAL)
**ORIGINAL TAX BILL**

STATE OF GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY, CITY OF MACON
AD VALOREM TAX STATEMENT

TAX YEAR = 2014

THOMAS W. TEDDERS
BIBB COUNTY TAX
COMMISSIONER
P. O. BOX 4724
MACON, GA 31208-4724

Phone: 478.621.6500

| Tax Payer: GOETTE ROSE MARIE IVEY |
| Parcel ID: K009-0002 |
| Description: OLD AMASON HOMEPACE |
| Location: 5409 COLUMBUS RD |
| Bill No: 2014-22737 |
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APPEALED-TEMPORARY BILL

Interest at a rate of 1% per month begins after the due date. After 90 days a penalty of 10% will be added. We encourage you to pay your bill by mail or on our website at [http://www.maconbibb.us/tax-commissioner/](http://www.maconbibb.us/tax-commissioner/).

State Millage Rate: This gradual reduction and elimination of the state property tax bill this year is the result of property tax relief passed by the Governor and the House of Representatives and Senate.

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If your mailing address has changed, please indicate:
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- **New Address:**

**Signature:** ___________________________  **Date:** ___________________________

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**GOETTE ROSE MARIE IVEY**
5409 COLUMBUS RD
MACON, GA 31206

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December 29, 2014

Thomas W. Tedders, Jr.
Bibb County Tax Commissioners
PO Box 4724
Macon, GA 31208

Re: 2013 & 2014 Property taxes, 5409 Columbus Rd, Macon, GA 31206

I received my property tax statement for 2013 & 2014 today, 12/29/2014; post marked 12/23/14. As you are aware, the 2013 property taxes were appealed and have been in appeals/court since 10/25/2013. An agreement was finally presented to me, by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors, on 11/25/2014. Today I received the statement showing the balance due of $705.63 which included penalty of $95.65, interest of $164.19, and other fees of $32.50. On 11/6/2013, I paid $758.12 for 2013 taxes of which was the amount due before the enormous increase by the Tax Assessors Board. I am disputing the penalty, interest and other fees because they are unjust since this property was appeals. These additional fees are not my responsibility since I was not the cause of the tax settlement taking over a year to conclude but rather the fault of the Board of Tax Assessors.

When I received the 2014 Property Tax estimation of $256,462.00 in May, 2014; the same appraisal value as 2013 taxes, I appealed this evaluation on 5/22/2014. After the above 2013 settlement was completed, the Board of Tax Assessors adjusted the 2014 taxes according to the 2013 appraisal. Here again the interest charge of $24.88 is unjust as the delay in paying the taxes was due to the unknown settlement tax value by the Board of Tax Assessors.

I am enclosing my check for balance of 2013 taxes--$413.29, and 2014 taxes—1,205.85 for a total of $1,619.14.

Thank You,

[Signature]
Rose I Goette-Turner
Mr. Tom Cherry
Bibb County Board of Tax Commissioners
PO Box 4724
Macon, GA 31208

Re: Property Tax at 5409 Columbus Rd., Macon, GA 31206

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated 12/29/2014, concerning my 2013 & 2014 property taxes. As I stated, along with my letter I included a check for the property taxes as per the statement I received on 12/27/2014, less the interest and penalties.

I feel the penalty fee of $95.65 and interest charge of $164.19 + $24.88, and other fees of $32.50 for year 2013 & 2014, are unjust charges because it is not my fault that the Board of Tax Assessors took a year to make a decision on my property taxes. On 3/12/2014, I paid $758.12 on the 2013 taxes which was the total amount of my 2012 taxes. I was not aware that I needed to pay the taxes on the temporary bill that was sent to me since these taxes were in appeal. No one explained to me, in all my many contacts with the Board of Tax Assessors since the appeal started, nor was it mentioned on the statement, that I needed to pay the taxes before the final agreement was reached. In 2009 when I appealed the tax evaluation of this property, there was no mention of, nor did I pay, interest or penalties, and this is what I base my objections to the current charges.

I knew the 2013 property evaluation by the “Board” was extremely high; 2012 evaluation of $183,401.00, which prompted me to have the property appraised. I feel this was another unnecessary expense on my part. The Board had the 2013 property appraisal at $256,462.00 and my appraisal value was $215,000.00, of which the Board settled on in December, 2014. I presented the Board a copy of my appraisal in June, 2014.

In protest, I am enclosing my check in the amount of $317.22 for these unjust charges, and would very much appreciate your consideration of abatement of these unjust charges.

On another matter that I discovered while going through my records, concerning my properties on Fulton Mill Court, Corbin Ave & Leah Pl. is the fact that I overpaid the taxes on these properties by $3,629.76. On 10/14/2014, I paid by check #751 in amount of $7259.55, the total amount of 2014 taxes on these properties. In error, on 11/8/2014, I mailed another check #1072,
in amount of $3629.765 for \( \frac{1}{2} \) of these taxes. It has been 60 days and no one has notified me of this overpayment nor has issued a refund. I am attaching copies of these checks. Maybe we should call the amount of the interest, etc., you say I owe, for payment of interest on my $3429.76 you have had use of for 60 days.

I would appreciate your reply soon.

Rose I Goette-Turner
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MACON-BIBB COUNTY
AND SIZEMORE GROUP, LLC FOR TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY
DOLLARS AND NO/100 ($20,950.00) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT
FREEDOM PARK IN MACON-BIBB COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County issued a Request for Quotation for architectural
services and design services at the Freedom Park recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Procurement Department received responsive bids
from two (2) firms regarding the request; and

WHEREAS, Sizemore Group, LLC based Atlanta, Georgia, submitted the lowest bid for
the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Sizemore Group, LLC for the proposed project was
$20,950.00; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will benefit and promote the health, safety, morals and
welfare of the citizens of the Macon-Bibb County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission,
and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that the Mayor is authorized to execute
an agreement with Sizemore Group, LLC in the amount of twenty thousand nine hundred fifty
dollars and No/100 ($20,950.00) for architectural and design services at Freedom Park to be paid
from SPLOST funds, in form to be approved by the County Attorney’s Office.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of ______________, 2015.

ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST: ________________________________
JEAN S. HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION

(SEAL)
MACON-BIBB COUNTY PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION

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The following documents are included with this recommendation:

- ☑ Buyer’s Award Recommendation (this form)
- ☑ Official Bid Tabulation
- ☑ Copy of Recommended Vendor’s bid

After reviewing all proposals, the committee recommends: ☑ Award as Follows  ☐ Reject all proposals, Re-solicit

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If recommending other than the lowest proposer please answer the following:

Did the low proposer meet the requirements of the bid?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☑ N/A

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Indicate why proposal should be rejected:  ☐ Over budget  ☐ No One Meets Specifications  ☐ Other  ☑ N/A

Award Requirements:
☐ HOLD FOR MBCC AWARD  ☐ HOLD FOR MBCC ACTION

Details of solicitation process:

Professional Service Price proposals received from two (2) responsive and responsible firms. Responses were reviewed by Macon-Bibb County Recreation, SPLOST Coordinator, facilitated by Procurement. Award recommended to Sizemore Group. Procurement concurs.

I have read the recommendation prepared by the department and agree with their recommendation.

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January 5, 2015

MACON-BIBB COUNTY PROCUREMENT DEPT.
682 Cherry Street
Suite 800
Macon, GA 31201
Attn: Desmond Schneider

RE: RFQ 14-003-ND
Architectural Services (Recreational Facilities)
Price Proposal Clarification
Freedom Park

Dear Desmond:

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our services to Macon-Bibb County. Attached is our Price Proposal form as requested. Please accept this letter as a clarification of our Price Proposal for Freedom Park. Our fee includes Programming and Master Planning services only. We have excluded the following services from our fee proposal to keep our fees as low as possible for the County. Fees for these additional services are to be negotiated if needed:

- Boundary & Topographic Surveying of Existing Site
- Private Utility Locating
- Recordable Plat (including prints, TIFF file and P&Z fee)
- Architectural Design of any Buildings on the site

Please contact me should you have any comments or questions regarding this information.

We thank you again for the opportunity to serve Macon-Bibb County and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

SIZEMORE GROUP

[Signature]

Bruce E. Morris, AIA
Senior Project Manager
MACON-BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PRICE PROPOSAL
FREEDOM PARK

General:
The Macon-Bibb County, Georgia government, herein referred to as "Owner", is accepting Price Proposals from the qualified list of Professional Services to include design, construction document preparation, and construction observation of the following recreation projects.

- Design an Master plan for Freedom Park

Project Description:
- Master plan Freedom Park- Design services from qualified firms to complete a conceptual master plan for a 50 acre community park. The project includes meeting with County staff to master plan a County owned site which currently house three softball fields, five baseball fields, a pond, and several existing buildings, etc.
- The proposed plan may include the renovation of existing fields, improvements associated with the field building, concessions, etc.
- Address erosion issues around existing pond, may include retaining walls and sidewalks.
- It is considered important that the project present a comfortable setting where visitors can relax, socialize, see and be seen.

Scope of Work

Architectural and Engineering Services
- The scope of the work outlined in this proposal includes necessary surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering and architectural services.
- Civil engineering services shall include, but are not limited to, engineering site plans that will address water, sewer, drainage, easements, landscaping, hydrological studies, etc. in accordance with the Macon-Bibb County’s specifications and Code of Ordinances.

Preliminary Design Services
- Conduct community meetings with key community stakeholders to review basic assumptions, ascertain basic functional requirements and review any previously developed documents which detail spatial requirements. (Minimum 3 meetings)
- Conduct meetings with key recreational and consolidated government staff to review basic assumptions, ascertain basic functional requirements and review any previously developed documents which detail spatial requirements. (Minimum 3 meetings)
- Conduct one community survey
- Provide an allowance for at least two (2) public presentations.
- Refine the project based on preliminary input and submit preliminary reports to the Owner.
- The Respondent and the Owner shall meet as required by the Owner to discuss and evaluate the project status.
Design Services

- Provide analysis relative to the space plans.
- Provide projected staff level needs to operate the facility.
- Provide an allowance for one (1) presentation each before the SPLOST committee and the commission.
- Present progress reviews to the key recreation staff.

Project Management Services

- Attend Pre-bid meetings.
- Provide explanation of specifications to contractors.
- Develop addendum to bids.
- Attend bid openings.
- Provide bid response analysis.
- Monitor contractor performance.
- Review and approve payment requests.
- Perform contract close-out and punch-list functions.

**PRICE PROPOSAL**

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I certify that my proposal includes all costs required to perform these minimum specifications.

Printed Name: THOMAS SAGE

Authorized Signature: [Signature]
Date: 1/5/15

Company Name: SIZEMORE ENG., LLC
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN INTERSTATE LIGHTING SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED ON INTERSTATE 75 FROM SR 247/PIERCE AVENUE TO CR 85/ARKWRIGHT ROAD WITH MACON-BIBB COUNTY BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ENERGY, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE FOR SAID LIGHTING SYSTEM AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF SAID LIGHTING SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the County has requested that the Georgia Department of Transportation add additional lighting near the SR 247/Pierce Avenue interchange (Exit #167 on I-75), the CR 85/Arkwright Road interchange (Exit #169 on I-75), and the two (2) mile portion of interstate between the two (2) aforementioned interchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has agreed to install said lighting and said lighting will be administered in the form of a “Local Government Lighting Project Agreement”; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said “Local Government Lighting Project Agreement” has been attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, the County shall be responsible for providing the energy, operation, and maintenance for the system and the Georgia Department of Transportation shall be responsible for the design and installation of the system, including all material costs of the lighting system; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation shall retain ownership of all materials and components of the lighting system; and

WHEREAS, this lighting agreement shall continue in place for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of execution; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will benefit and promote the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the citizens of Macon-Bibb County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for an interstate lighting system to be installed on Interstate 75 from SR 247/Pierce Avenue to CR 85/Arkwright Road with Macon-Bibb County being responsible for providing energy, operation, and maintenance for said interstate.
lighting system and the Georgia Department of Transportation being responsible for the design and installation of said interstate lighting system.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of ________________, 2015.

By:  
ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, Mayor

Attest:  
JEAN S. HOWARD, Interim Clerk of Commission

(SEAL)
EXHIBIT A

Lighting System Agreement with
Georgia Department of Transportation
January 16, 2015

Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert
Macon-Bibb County Government Center
700 Poplar Street
Macon, GA 31201

RE: Interstate Lighting assistance for I-75 from SR 247/Pierce Ave. to CR 85/Arkwright Rd. ~ P.L. No. 0012753

Dear Mayor Reichert,

The Department will require a signed agreement for interstate lighting installed on the above project, which adds lighting to the SR 247/Pierce Ave interchange (Exit #167), the CR 85/Arkwright Rd interchange (Exit #169), and the 2-mile portion of I-75 between the interchanges. The lighting shall be administered in the form of a Local Government Lighting Project Agreement (LGLPA). It will be the responsibility of Macon-Bibb County to provide the Energy, Operation and Maintenance for the system. The Department shall be responsible for the design and installation, including all material costs of the lighting system.

Attached for your review are five (5) original copies of the proposed Local Government Lighting Project Agreement (LGLPA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Macon-Bibb County. It is requested that a Resolution be secured from the Macon-Bibb Board of Commissioners before entering into this Agreement. By virtue of the Resolution, the County can then enter into the Agreement. The Resolution/Agreement process can be done concurrently. If you concur with the terms of this Agreement, please attach an official copy of the Resolution (including all signatures and seals) to each of the Agreements. Then, please obtain the necessary signatures and appropriate seals from the Macon-Bibb Board of Commissioners, on all five copies of the Agreement, and return all five copies to the Office of Design Policy and Support for further handling. Please do not fill in the date on the first page of the Agreement as this will be completed upon execution by the Department. We will return one copy of the executed Agreement for your files.

Also enclosed is a Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit. We ask that this be completed and returned along with the LGLPA package.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please contact Scott MacLean at (404) 631-1551.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Fax: Brent A. Story, P.E.
State Design Policy Engineer

BAS:WDT:sm

cc: Jay Shaw, Chairman, State Transportation Board Chairman, Congressional District 8
Meg B. Pirkle, Chief Engineer
Thomas Howell, District Engineer
Glenia Bowman, Division Director – Preconstruction
Dave Fortson, Director of Engineering, Macon-Bibb County
Steve Layson, Assistant County Manager – Infrastructure, Macon-Bibb County
AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

AND

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

This Agreement is made and entered into this ______ day of ____________, 2015

by and between the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, an agency of the State of Georgia,
hereinafter called the DEPARTMENT, and MACON-BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA acting by and
through its Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter called the COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has represented to the DEPARTMENT a desire to obtain Interstate
Lighting along I-75 from SR 247/Pierce Avenue to CR 85/Arkwright Road, including lighting at both
interchanges, said Lighting to be installed under P.I. No. 0012753; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has represented to the DEPARTMENT a desire to participate in:
1) Providing the Energy and 2) the Operation and Maintenance of said Lighting systems at the
aforesaid location, and the DEPARTMENT has relied upon such representation; and
WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has indicated a willingness to fund the materials and installation for the said Lighting systems at the aforesaid locations, with funds of the DEPARTMENT, funds apportioned to the DEPARTMENT by the Federal Highway Administration under Title 23, United States Code, Section 104, or a combination of funds from any of the above sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made and of the benefits to flow from one to the other, the DEPARTMENT and the COUNTY hereby agree each with the other as follows:

1. The DEPARTMENT or its assigns shall cause the installation of all materials and equipment necessary for Interstate Lighting along I-75 from SR 247/Pierce Avenue to CR 85/Arkwright Road, including lighting at both interchanges, said Lighting to be installed under P.I. No. 0012753, and as shown on Attachment "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Upon completion of installation of said Lighting systems, and acceptance by the DEPARTMENT, the COUNTY shall assume full responsibility for the operation, the repair and the maintenance of the entire Lighting system, including but not limited to repairs of any damages, replacement of lamps, ballasts, luminaires, lighting structures, associated equipment, conduit, wiring and service equipment, and the requirements of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. The COUNTY further agrees to provide and pay for all the energy required for the operation of said Lighting systems.
3. The DEPARTMENT shall retain ownership of all materials and various components of the entire Lighting systems. The COUNTY, in its operation and maintenance of the Lighting system, shall not in any way alter the type or location of any of the various components which make up the entire Lighting system without prior written approval from the DEPARTMENT.

4. This Agreement is considered as continuing for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of execution of this Agreement. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, at any time for just cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the COUNTY.

5. It is understood by the COUNTY that the DEPARTMENT has relied upon the COUNTY'S representation of providing for the energy, maintenance, and operation of the Lighting represented by this Agreement; therefore, if the COUNTY elects to de-energize or fails to properly maintain or to repair the Lighting system during the term of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall reimburse the DEPARTMENT the materials cost for the Lighting system. If the COUNTY elects to de-energize or fails to properly maintain any individual unit within the Lighting system, the COUNTY shall reimburse the DEPARTMENT for the material cost for the individual unit which will include all costs for the pole, luminaires, foundations, and associated wiring. The DEPARTMENT will provide the COUNTY with a statement of material costs upon completion of the installation.

The covenants herein contained shall, except as otherwise provided accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement the day
and year first above written.

RECOMMENDED:

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

BY: ____________________________

Mayor

(SEAL)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: ____________________________

Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Treasurer

This Agreement approved by the Macon-Bibb County Commission at a meeting held at

this _____ day of ___________.

2015.

________________________________________

Clerk of Commission
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SPONSORSHIP OF FACT-FINDING TRIP TO DETROIT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000 AWARDED TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a Sponsorship of Fact-Finding Trip to Detroit has been awarded to the Mayor's office in the amount of $10,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to fund the travel to Detroit (see attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by authority of the same that the acceptance of the Sponsorship of fact-finding trip to Detroit Grant in the amount of $10,000 is hereby authorized and that the Mayor shall be authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate acceptance of said grant.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of ______________, 2015.

_____________________________________
ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

_____________________________________
JEAN HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTED TRAINING
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $500 AWARDED FROM THE FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency (BMA) has been
awarded an Emergency Management Directed Training award; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds associated with the directed training award will be used to
fund the travel and training of the BMA Director and Deputy Director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission,
and it is hereby so resolved by authority of the same that the acceptance of the Emergency
Management Directed Training Grant Award in the amount of $500 is hereby authorized and
that the Mayor shall be authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate acceptance
of said grant.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of ___________, 2015.

_____________________________________
ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

_____________________________________
JEAN HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION
January 7, 2015

Mr. Don Druitt
Director
Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency
Post Office Box 247
Macon, Georgia 31202

Dear Mr. Druitt:

Enclosed is a check for full payment of the FY 2014 Emergency Management Directed Training Award through the GEMA-HS EMPG Program. The enclosed Statement of Award details the federal award amount, the required local non-federal match amount, the period of the performance and the special conditions of the award.

The GEMA-HS EMPG Local Entity Annual Report covering the current award, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, is not due until July 31, 2015. However, you can submit it before that time.

Please complete all reports in accordance with the FY 2014 GEMA-HS EMPG Guidance. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Myra Pearrell, Grants Specialist, at myra.pearrell@gema.ga.gov or 404-635-7364, or me directly at 404-635-7027.

Sincerely,

Charles Dawson
Director of Operations

cc: Ed Westbrook, Area Field Coordinator
    Georgia Emergency Management Agency

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded FY 15 H.E.A.T. Grant award in the amount of $53,900 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will provide the grant amount $53,900, which represents 40% of approved program expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Sheriff's Office will fund the remaining 60% of approved program expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the 40% grant funds associated with the 2015 H.E.A.T. Grant Award will be used to fund personnel costs, fuel costs, and communication data costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by authority of the same that the acceptance 2015 H.E.A.T. Grant Award in the amount of $53,900 is hereby authorized and that the Mayor shall be authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate acceptance of said grant.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of ____________, 2015.

__________________________________________
ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JEAN HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION
Governor's Office of Highway Safety
7 Martin Luther King Jr Drive • Suite 643 • Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Telephone: 404.656.6996 or 888.420.0767 • Facsimile: 404.651.9107
www.gahighwaysafety.org

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

Harris Blackwood
DIRECTOR

September 12, 2014

Mayor Robert Reichert
Macon-Bibb County Sheriff's Office
Government Center P.O. Box 247
Macon, GA 31202

PROJECT NO: GA-2015-000-00291
RE: H.E.A.T Grant

Dear Mayor Robert Reichert,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that your application in the amount of $53,900.00 federal funds has been approved. The effective date of the grant is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Allowed costs incurred within this period are reimbursable at a rate of 100% of the approved federal funds allocated above.

If your jurisdiction/agency (combined) receives federal funds of $500,000.00 or more in a year, an audit is required in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. A copy of the audit report must be submitted to the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) prior to the end of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.

Agencies awarded federal funds through GOHS are required to receive their reimbursement payments electronically. If your agency received funds in FFY 2014, we ask that you review the information previously submitted on your Vendor Management Form (VMF). If updates are needed, you must complete the enclosed VMF and resubmit to GOHS. If no revisions are needed, GOHS will continue to use the information previously submitted in making reimbursements electronically. Agencies that did not receive federal funds in FFY14 must complete the enclosed VMF. Upon completion, please mail the VMF to the attention of Ms. Janice Crawford, GOHS Accounts Payable Administrator at the above address no later than November 3, 2014. For additional information, please contact Ms. Janice Crawford at (404) 651-8460 or jcrawford@gohs.ga.gov.

Enclosed are GOHS Special Conditions governing the above-referenced Project Title. This document clearly identifies the guidelines and requirements governing your grant. GOHS will host a training workshop for project directors and a finance representative in the very near future. This workshop
will focus on GOHS grant management system (eGOHS), reporting procedures, and Grant Terms and Conditions. Detailed information will be provided in the invitation letter.

A copy of your grant application may be downloaded at www.egoohs.org. After logging in, go to Grant Menu, scroll down and click on Grant PDF located on the left side of the screen. Clicking here will allow you to print the complete application. If for some reason(s) you are unable to download the application, please contact your GOHS assigned planner. Included with this letter is a copy of your signed certification pages for your files.

In an effort to increase GOHS participation and provide support in your local program activities, we are asking you to post your important activities/events on our online calendar at: www.gahighwaysafety.org/calendar/calendar.pl.

Should you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact your assigned planner, Scarlett Woods, at (404) 656-6996. GOHS looks forward to your partnership in helping to make Georgia’s roadways safer.

Sincerely,

Harris Blackwood
Director

HB/ch
Enclosures

cc: Lt. Brad Wolfe, Project Director
    Scarlett Woods, GOHS Planner
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Commissioner Schlesinger - Chairman
Commissioner Tillman - Vice Chairman
Commissioner Lucas
Commissioner Defore
Commissioner Watkins
Julie Moore - Staff Contact

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Subject: A. Approval of Minutes From Meeting on January 13, 2015
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category: 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Access: Public
Type: Minutes

File Attachments
1-13-2015.pdf (11 KB)

2. APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Subject: A. Reappointing William Vaughn to the Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category: 2. APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES
Access: Public
Type: Action

File Attachments

3. FILMING IN MACON-BIBB COUNTY

Subject: A. Discussion on filming practices in Macon-Bibb County
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category: 3. FILMING IN MACON-BIBB COUNTY
4. OPPOSITION TO REDUCE VOTING PRECINCTS

Subject: A. A Resolution Voicing Opposition To Plans To Reduce the Number Of Voting Precincts From Forty (40) to Twenty-Six (26) By Consolidating Voting Precincts; Requesting The Addition Of A Satellite Voting Location For The Purpose Of Conducting Early Voting

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Category: 4. OPPOSITION TO REDUCE VOTING PRECINCTS

Access: Public

Type: Action

File Attachments
1-27-15 - Savannah Film Commission.pdf (8,285 KB)

5. MEDICAID EXPANSION IN GEORGIA

Subject: A. A Resolution Requesting That The Local Delegation Review the Rejection Of Funds Which Would Allow Medicaid Expansion In Georgia; Requesting That They Conduct Further Inquiry Regarding The Positive Benefits That Will Result To Middle Georgia And Other Georgia Hospitals

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Category: 5. MEDICAID EXPANSION IN GEORGIA

Access: Public

Type: Action

File Attachments

6. MOTORIZED CART ORDINANCES

Subject: A. Update on Proposed Motorized Cart Ordinance

Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Category: 6. MOTORIZED CART ORDINANCES

Access: Public

Type: Information

File Attachments
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

The Economic and Community Development Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Schlesinger.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Ed DeFore

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Charles Coney, Asst. County Manager
Janice Ross, Training and Events Coordinator
Chris Floore, Asst. to County Manager
Jean Howard, Asst. Clerk of the Commission
Dale Walker, County Manager
Opie Bowen, Assistant County Attorney
Steve Layson, Assistant County Manager
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Reginald McClendon, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT

NEWS MEDIA:

Jim Gaines, The Telegraph
Ron Wildman, WPGA TV 58

VISITORS/GUESTS:

Adah Roberts
Brittany Childs, Industrial Authority

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting on December 23, 2014

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the minutes of December 23, 2014 were approved.

2. Permanent Loan of Locomotive #509

Mr. Phillip Lord addressed his desire to keep the locomotive in Macon-Bibb County. He believes that he can raise the funds to not only restore the locomotive but also to get it in running condition.

January 13, 2015
ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously with Commissioners Tillman, DeFore, and Schlesinger voting in the affirmative, the resolution to place Locomotive #509 on permanent loan to the Coastal Heritage Society was tabled for thirty days.

3. Black History Month

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously with Commissioners Tillman, Lucas and Schlesinger voting in the affirmative, the resolution to recognize the month of February 2015 as Black History Month was approved.

4. Appointment / Reappointments To Boards, Commissions and Authorities

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously with Commissioners Tillman, Lucas and Schlesinger voting in the affirmative, the re-appointment of John Walker to the Macon Housing Authority was approved.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Lucas stated that she is very concerned about the recent events that occurred during the filming on Cotton Avenue. She stated that she would like to share with the Commission how Savannah, Georgia handles filming companies. Mayor Reichert stated that the county attorney worked on the contracts for the film. Chris Floore stated that although they were told that the company would set a car on fire there was no indication that they would blow anything up. Mayor Reichert continued that the film company had compensated the businesses and residents in the area and that they had gone above and beyond to repair the damage caused by the explosion.

Commissioner Lucas stated that she would like to see this topic on the January 27, 2015 agenda and would share with the Commission the information she had gathered from Savannah.

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

Prepared By:

Janice S. Ross

Reviewed and Approved By:

Jean S. Howard, CMC
Interim Clerk of the Commission

January 13, 2015
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTING WILLIAM C. VAUGHN II TO THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors has been established by state law to determine the fair market value of all real and personal property in the county for property tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, members of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors are appointed by Macon-Bibb County and shall serve for terms of six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, William “Bill” C. Vaughn, II is a current member of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors and his term is set to expire on April 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, upon the expiration of said term, William “Bill” C. Vaughn II has been nominated for reappointment by Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert, subject to approval of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a brief background regarding the qualifications of William “Bill” C. Vaughn II has been attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, William “Bill” C. Vaughn II meets all the required state and local qualifications to serve on the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors (see O.C.G.A. § 48-5-290, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-291, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-292, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-295, and Macon-Bibb County Ordinance Sec. 26-28); and

WHEREAS, William C. Vaughn II’s reappointment shall begin on April 23, 2015 and shall expire on April 22, 2021;

WHEREAS, prior to the beginning of said reappointment, William C. Vaughn II shall take the oath required under O.C.G.A. § 48-5-293 to perform faithfully and impartially the duties imposed upon him by law, in addition to the oath required of all public officers imposed under O.C.G.A. § 45-3-1; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the required under O.C.G.A. § 48-5-293 has been attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same, the Mayor’s reappointment of William “Bill” C. Vaughn II to continue service on the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors for a
term of six (6) years, with said term to begin on April 23, 2015 and expire on April 22, 2021, is hereby approved by the Macon-Bibb County Commission.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of _____________, 2015.

By:  

ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, Mayor

Attest:  

JEAN S. HOWARD, Interim Clerk of Commission
EXHIBIT A

Bio - William "Bill" C. Vaughn, II
William "Bill" C. Vaughn, II, received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a degree in Accounting from Georgia College in 1976. Bill is married to Judy Pennington with three children, Becky, Beth and Clay and three grandchildren, Tyler, Katie and Will.

Bill was employed with the CPA firm of T.W. Clifton and Company from 1966 to 1977. He served as staff auditor and was involved in the audits of Bibb County, City of Macon and the Bibb County Board of Education.

The Bibb County Board of Commissioners hired Bill in 1977 as the County's first Finance Director. He held this position for 27 years. Under Bill's leadership as Finance Director, Bibb County received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 19 Consecutive Years and the Distinguished Budget Award for 13 consecutive years. These prestigious awards were made by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Bill served as the President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association in 1992 and 1993. In 2004, Bill was appointed as Bibb County's first Chief Administrative Officer where he served until his retirement in 2005. Bill is a member of Riverside United Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 6 years.
EXHIBIT B

Oath of Office
OATH OF TAX ASSSESSOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, specifically, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-293, I, WILLIAM C. VAUGHN II, do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties imposed upon me by the law as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors.

I do further swear that I am not the holder of any public money due the State of Georgia unaccounted for; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States of America nor of any one of the several States, nor of any foreign state, and that I am otherwise qualified for appointment as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, and will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

WILLIAM C. VAUGHN, II

Sworn To And Subscribed Before Me

This _____ day of ______________, 2015.

Judge, Superior Court of Bibb County, Georgia
The Savannah Film Office provides a one-stop-shop for producers interested in filming in the Savannah area.

Since 1995, this professionally-staffed and certified Film Commission has recruited, coordinated and enabled all types of media production in the Savannah area. This includes permitting, location assistance and coordination. We also work to connect producers with local crew and services.

The Savannah Film Office is an office of the City of Savannah.
The Savannah Film Commission is an advisory board appointed by the mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah. This group advises and assists the Savannah Film Office in achieving its goals.

**Savannah Film Commission Members:**

- Mr. Francis Allen, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Christopher Barbieri, Chair
- Ms. Deborah Bowon
- Mr. Dana Braun
- Ms. Christine M. Cook
- Mr. Bailey Davidson
- Ms. Staci Donegan
- Ms. Rebecca Gnann
- Mr. Martin S. Hogan
- Ms. Jan S. Kramer
- Mr. Joseph Marinelli
- Mrs. Beth Nelson
- Mr. James M. Reed
- Mrs. Sandi Roese
- Mr. David Rousseau
- Dr. R. L. Stevenson
- Mr. Bill Stuebe

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

The Film Commission meets bi-monthly in the Film Office at 4pm:

- Tuesday, January 6, 2015
- Tuesday, March 17, 2015
- Tuesday, May 19, 2015
- Tuesday, July 21, 2015
- Tuesday, September 15, 2015
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015
PERMITS
Permits are required for most filming on public property and in some cases for private property. Though there are no fees for most permits, there are time requirements for certain activities. Please contact the Film Office with your needs at least 5 business days prior to your shooting date.

INSURANCE
Most permits require a certificate of insurance with "The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah" listed as additionally insured.

POLICE
Certain permits require off-duty police assistance. For instance, only uniformed police officers can stop or divert vehicular or pedestrian traffic. The rates for police range from $20-$24/hour, Sunday and holiday rate is $30/hour. There is a 4-hour minimum. The Film Office will determine if police are needed and will schedule such service.

FIRE / EMS
These services are not required on a set unless specified in the permit and are arranged through the Film Office.

PARKING PASSES
Parking passes can be purchased from Parking Services at the Bryan Street Garage at the corner of Bryan and Abercorn during regular business hours.

PRESS RELEASES
As a courtesy, the Film Office can distribute press releases to local media on behalf of production companies.
The Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act is Administered by The Georgia Film Office. Click here for detailed information.

Georgia Tax Incentive Highlights
20-30% Tax Credit

- 20% base transferable tax credit + additional 10% for inclusion of Georgia promotional logo in titles or credits
- $500 K minimum spent to qualify
- No limits or caps on Georgia spend, no sunset clause
- Both resident and non-resident workers’ payrolls and standard fringe qualify
- No salary cap on individuals paid by 1099, personal service contract or ban out
- Travel and insurance qualify if purchased through a Georgia headquartered company
- Original music scoring in Georgia for projects produced in Georgia qualifies
- Post production of filmed-in-Georgia movies and television projects qualifies
- Video game development in Georgia qualifies
- Production expenditures must be made in Georgia to qualify
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The Savannah area boasts a wealth of locations including the nation's largest historical district, an evergreen urban forest & unique and timeless coastal and rural settings. Being the first planned city in the U.S., Savannah has retained its original layout with 22 public squares, quaint brick streets, and an architectural timeline which dates back to 1733. Period locations abound that easily double 18th century U.S. or European cities, and our marshes and swamps have often played as Southeast Asia.

Georgia's tax incentives are among the top in the nation.

Savannah's growing infrastructure, supplemented with regional resources make filming here economical.

Savannah is a film-friendly community with cooperative local governments and agencies. Most permits are free and are issued or coordinated through the Film Office.
Crew and Services Directory

PRODUCTION SUPPORT & SERVICES
[Aerial Photography
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Catering
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Game and Player
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Talent Agency]

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tide chart
student filming

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STUDENT PROJECTS
Student projects are subject to the same rules and permit requirements as professional productions.

INSURANCE
Some schools provide insurance coverage and some do not. If your school does not, you may be required to procure coverage.

POLICE
Some activities require that off duty Police Officers be on set for safety or traffic control. The need for officers is determined by the Film Office and is stipulated in the permit. Students with a requiring permit will be referred to the Police Department's Outside Employment Office to schedule Police and coordinate payment of applicable 'Cost Recovery Fees' to the police department. The permit holder is responsible for paying officers on the day of the activity.

The officer(s) will contact you prior to the shoot. It is your responsibility to contact them if the shoot is postponed or canceled for any reason. Cancellations due to weather should be made at least 12 hours in advance. General Cancellations require 24 hours notice. Otherwise you are responsible for a four hour payment. You must present a copy of your permit to the officer when they arrive at the location.

Officer Pay: The basic rate for officers is $20 an hour for security and $22 an hour if traffic control is required. Holiday and Sunday rates are $30 and $32 an hour respectively. All officers are paid on a four hour minimum basis. Officers can be paid in cash or by check. Make sure you generate a receipt for the officer to sign for your records.

Cost Recovery Fees for Officers and Vehicles; The police department requires that an additional fee of $1 per hour of off duty police work be paid in advance. Some activities require police vehicles. If required, a Cost Recovery Fee of $6 per hour will be charged by the police department and must be paid in advance.

PRIVATE PROPERTY
The use of private property requires the permission of the property owner. Film permits do not grant access to any private property. However, there are certain activities that require permits even when they occur on private property. These include stunts, special effects, excessive noise and certain activities that are visible to the public.

NOTIFICATION
Your permit may require you to provide notification to the residence and businesses near the location. This must be completed at least 2 business days before the shoot. Please use the Notification Letter template here. Failure to notify as described in the permit is a violation of the permit.

PERMITS
Permits will only be issued to the student who is receiving class credit. Permits require at least one week for processing.

If you are a SCAD student, click the link below, and complete and submit associated form. You must have it signed by your professor.
SCAD STUDENT FILM PERMIT APPLICATION

If you are from another school, please contact the office at 912-651-2360.
Casting Call for a Broadcast Commercial

CURRENTLY CASTING FOR A BROADCAST COMMERCIAL FOR THE U.S. CENSUS

FILMING IN SAVANNAH, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015

Characters must feel like -- or be -- real residents of Savannah, Georgia, or its surrounding area (a 200 mile radius of surrounding counties and towns). People from all walks of life and all ethnicities are encouraged to apply. For young roles, we are seeking ages 6 to 18. Adults of any age, gender, or profession may submit. Pay is approximately $100 for one hour.

*Note that a U.S. Census Bureau photoshoot is also in production this month. This VIDEO SHOOT project is a different shoot with different dates.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND INCLUDE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Name
2. PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS
3. Subject Line: MY CENSUS
4. Age
5. Height/Weight
6. Location (where you live)
7. 2 PHOTOS (don’t have to be professional and can be taken with your phone, one full body, one headshot, just clear and from a straight angle)
8. 1 SIMPLE VIDEO, which again can be taken with your phone, where you say one of the following lines (if you speak Spanish, please say your line first in English and again in Spanish):
   - "My Census, My Job."
   - "My Census, My Roads."
   - "My Census, My Community."
   - "My Census, My Future." - If you are a child, please say this line
9. Please note whether or not you have a flexible schedule.

Send ALL information to castinginsavannah@gmail.com.

Fix It & Finish It Renovation TV Show Coming to Savannah

Are you in desperate need of a room makeover? FIX IT & FINISH IT is looking for you!

HOME RENOVATION TV SHOW is looking for fun and enthusiastic homeowners in SAVANNAH RIGHT NOW! We are a daily 4/2 hour design show. Our host is traveling the country to help homeowners renovate their space. Whether it’s a living room, bedroom, dining room, deck, or even restoring a boat up Airstream RV, our team is ready to tackle it all… in ONE DAY! Sorry no condos or duplexes.

Taping will begin shortly, so if you’re interested, please apply immediately! To be considered please send:

- your personal story
- recent photos of yourself, family living with you
- several recent photos of the space to renovate
- request design questionnaire

APPLY AT: fixitfinishitcasting@gmail.com
Casting Public Service Announcement (PSA)

First City Films is casting a national ad (PSA). We are in need of "real" people (not actors). Most will be considered for the print (photography) portion of the commercial and others may be considered for interviews.

We are looking for people from all walks of life. We want Small Business Owners, Teachers, Industrial Workers, Port Workers, Healthcare Professionals, Ministers, Politicians, Parents, Farmers and College Students all who have lived in Savannah for at least 3+ years.

If you are interested in being a part of this endeavor or you know someone who may want to be a part of this commercial, please let us know.

If you are chosen for the print part, it only involves 30 minutes to an hour of your time being photographed in your environment (i.e. Teacher/Classroom). You will be paid for your time.

Please call or email:

Chip Lane
First City Films, LLC
firstcityfilms@gmail.com
912.656.4627

Mountainfilm on Tour, Savannah

The Telluride Mountainfilm Tour is returning to Savannah January 23-24, 2016. This is a great annual event and an outlet for some excellent films. Hop on over to their page at http://www.mountainfilm.sav.org/ for more info and to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!
January 23rd & 24th, 2015

MOUNTAIN FILM ON TOUR IN SAVANNAH

FRIDAY
January 23rd
7pm - Opening Night

SATURDAY
January 24th
2pm - Family Matinee
7pm - Feature Films

TICKETS AVAILABLE
Trustees' Theater Box Office
www.scadboxoffice.com

Trustees' Theater Box Office
216 E Broughton Street
Savannah, GA 31401

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$15 adults, $10 student, military, senior
$5 children 12 & under, $5 families

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Savannah Morning News

New SGTv show to highlight works by and about Savannahians

The City of Savannah's Savannah Government Television is launching a new regular show that showcases works by and about the people, places, history and happenings that reflect the diverse mosaic that is modern Savannah. Called Engage, the show is a partnership between the City and the greater Savannah community.

SGTV is seeking insightful and well-crafted profiles, documentaries, animations, original music videos, histories or other original works by or about the citizens of Savannah to run on Engage. They are also interested in collaborating with
filmmakers, artists, musicians and others in producing original content for the program. While the City does not offer compensation for such programs, SGTV does offer an opportunity to expose local works to a wide audience. More than 55,000 households in Chatham County have access to SGTV.

To submit a proposal, visit www.savannahga.gov/engagesgtv and fill out the form. The City reserves the right to reject any programming that does not meet its content requirements.
Savannah Film Office Mission

The mission of the Savannah Film Office is to weave the film and television industry into the fabric of Savannah’s social, economic and professional profile. We are committed to providing professional assistance to clients and citizens in an effort to build a sustainable media industry in the Savannah area.

Coordination

The primary function of the Film Office is to manage media projects that are produced in the Savannah area. This includes coordinating, permitting and monitoring projects that are utilizing or affecting public property. This service is valuable to the productions as well as to all those who may be impacted by production activity. These efforts extend beyond Savannah city limits and into surrounding counties. Aspects of coordination include the factors detailed below.

Public Safety

Media production activities are coordinated and permitted so as not to endanger the general public. Permits are specific to each project and outline what activities are allowed and not allowed. Certain permits require that police, fire or EMT personnel be on set, paid by the production company. This is coordinated through the Film Office.

There have been no reported accidents or injuries associated with permitted activities since the Film Office was established in 1995.

Liability and Insurance

Proper permitting protects the City from liability due to loss on public property. Permits include uniform indemnity language and insurance requirements. Some activities merit additional language and increased insurance coverage. Identifying these special cases is a priority.

There have been no claims against the City since the Film Office was opened in 1995.

Quality of Life

Location filming has the potential to be disruptive. The Film Office considers each project individually to assess how it can be completed with the least amount of disruption. Most permits require that written notification be distributed to residents and businesses in the affected area so that citizens know what to expect. This allows citizens to contact us with questions or concerns before filming activities begin. Active coordination minimizes citizen complaints.

Our office received ten citizen complaints in 2012. Seven of these resulted from the permit violations of a single company. The remaining three were logistical in nature and were resolved.

Coordinating with Other Entities

Media projects can be complex and often cross geographic and jurisdictional lines. This necessitates coordination with county, state and federal agencies as well as other municipalities, private property owners, associations and institutions.

Providing a one stop shop for such needs is valuable to clients and locals because it creates an efficient and consistent process with clear lines of communication and accountability. This also eliminates the need for neighboring municipalities to carry duplicate capacity.
Marketing & Recruitment

Another key function of the Film Office is to increase media related spending and exposure through the recruitment of media productions to the area.

Marketing

These efforts are broad in scope and intended to generate leads. Outreach includes industry trade shows, website, social media, advertising and the development of key relationships. Our focus is to keep those who specialize in finding locations fully aware of what Savannah has to offer. By maintaining these personal relationships, we keep Savannah fresh in the minds of potential clients without reliance on a large advertising budget.

Producers rely on the experience and recommendations of their peers above any marketing or advertising message. Our most powerful marketing tool is a satisfied client.

Recruitment

Recruitment efforts begin when a specific project with potential is identified. Each effort is unique because each project has a unique set of needs. We begin with detailed conversations about the project’s location, logistical and economic needs. This is typically followed with location scouting, research and presentations. Larger productions require detailed site visits and meetings.

Each client should feel that their project is our top priority. This can be very time consuming, but it builds a reputation of quality service.

When done well, the recruitment process itself creates a positive impression on a client. Even if the project at hand doesn’t work out, they will consider Savannah again.

Supporting Local Production

Locally produced content can provide a more sustainable employment footprint relative to transient projects. Though this can be challenging in a market of our size, local production companies and producers continue to make progress.

In addition to our normal services, we provide local producers with technical assistance, advice and promotion. We do not, however, get involved in fundraising activities.

This support for local endeavors includes partnerships with The Savannah Film Festival, The 48 Hour Film Festival, Mountain Film Savannah and the Savannah Arts Academy Film Festival.

"Enchanted Amore" Director Ruediger Von Spies discussed his Savannah experience with Director Joel David Moore during a location scout for "Killing Winston Jones."

(Joel David Moore, Jody Schlosser, Ruediger Von Spies, Jay Self)
Trends and Issues

Tax Incentives

*Georgia incentives decreased as other state incentives increased.*

Georgia incentives decreased in 2012 with the elimination of the *Point of Purchase Sales Tax Exemption*. Provisions of the core *Tax Credit* incentive were modified, but not specifically reduced. The effects of these changes are not yet known.

*North Carolina* has introduced a significant Tax Rebate program which is extremely competitive with Georgia. This will strengthen Wilmington, NC, a natural competitor with significant resources and infrastructure.

Economic Climate

Savannah realized a dramatic increase in advertising production, outpacing the national growth rate of 2.4%. The entertainment industry continues to experience fundamental change. Film saw growth in the $1-5 million budget range as did Savannah.

Infrastructure

Significant Feature and Television projects require industry specific infrastructure. Efforts to enable private investment in such infrastructure continued throughout 2012.

Recruitment Capacity

*Marketing may generate leads, but it will not, in itself, generate business. Business is generated through effective recruitment of specific projects.*

Choosing the location for a film project is a critical and complex business decision based on a matrix of objective and subjective requirements unique for each project. Effective recruitment efforts require time and resources. An insufficient effort will likely lose the project at hand and deter the client from considering Savannah in the future. Generating more interest than we can properly service will have a compounded negative effect.

The number of Feature Film projects being actively recruited has risen steadily for the past four years. The current level of interest is nearing the top end of our service capacity.

*Future growth will require an increase in recruitment and coordination capacity.*

Project Monitoring and Permit Enforcement

Citizen complaints rose to the highest level since the office opened in 1995. Yet, if you separate those related to one project, the number is lower than previous years and at a rate of *<1 per $4 million of direct* spend which is well below our performance goal.

The unauthorized use of public and private property and repeated permit violation by one project generated more citizen complaints in two weeks than the combined projects for any previous year since the Film Office opened. Unfortunately, this company refused to comply with Film Office efforts to resolve these problems. This necessitated constant monitoring which consumed over 360 additional man hours, with a relative cost of over $14,800.

The Film Office has a strong reputation of protecting the rights and needs of citizens when permitting projects. This results in location access. Allowing inappropriate behavior erodes community support and closes doors to future productions.

Outside political pressure should not interfere with the ability of the Film Office to enforce permit conditions, rules and agreements.
Optimizing Local Impact

Film Office assets provide neutral, dynamic, and industry trusted platforms where producers can get up to date and concise information on local resources. This is critical for project recruitment efforts. It also enhances impact by connecting producers with local crew, talent, businesses and service providers.

- Over 300 local professionals and businesses have listings in our Crew and Services Directory. This is an important tool in both marketing and in maximizing local involvement.
- Over 3000 people follow our social media postings. This is second only to Visit Savannah among regional economic development entities.

Bigger is not always Better

Large budget films may get significant media attention, but the data shows that smaller productions can bring higher rates of local impact.

High budget projects tend to import the majority of their labor based on established relationships, especially for the higher paid skilled and management positions. Lower budget projects tend to avoid the travel and per diem costs of imported labor, relying instead on local hires and resources.

The "Last Song" had a crew of 270 and a budget of over $30 million. "Enchanted Amore" had a crew of 87 and a budget of less than $2 million. They shot for approximately the same number of days. The pay rates for production positions were comparable.

![Pie chart showing local hires vs out of town hires for "Last Song" and "Enchanted Amore".](image)

Though both are valuable, a dollar paid to a local worker has deeper local impact than a dollar paid to a hotel.

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"Enchanted Amore" hired more locals than did "The Last Song." More importantly, more of their hires were for the higher paying Skilled and Management positions.

Closing Deals on Feature Films

It takes many successful recruitment efforts to land a single production.

Most feature film projects are unfunded during the recruitment phase. Each year, we 'close the deal' on projects that never go into production for reasons outside of our control. There is no way to predict which projects will be made so we must put effort into all opportunities.

On average, half of the projects we actively recruit will never get to the point of making a location decision. Of those that do, up to half will choose Savannah. The majority of these will never go into production.
Production Highlights

2012 brought the highest number of projects, local employment and local spending our area has ever seen. Increased impact was evident in all categories. On average, there were two projects shooting on any given day in 2012.

Feature Films

Of all the project categories, feature films generate the most public interest. Savannah hosted a record nine feature projects in 2012. Of these, seven had significant impact. As you will see, production was spread throughout the year.

Feature work started in early January as "Breaking at the Edge" (shooting title "When the Bough Breaks") resumed filming.

"Abraham Lincoln Vs. Zombies" shot in January and February. This project was low in budget yet high in opportunity. All but three positions were filled with local hires including Director of Photography, First Assistant Director and Production Designer. The cast was also dominated by local actors. This provided a valuable opportunity for local professionals to move up in their craft.

It also fulfilled the secret dream of many locals to be in a zombie movie.

"The city of Savannah rose up as one to help us get this movie made, and it was a sight to behold. Your energy, your creativity and your generosity is what made this movie possible. People opened their hearts and their homes to us, and I still have no idea why. But I'm glad you did!"

- Richard Schenkman, Director

The art department of "CBGB" added graffiti, litter and other touches to transform Savannah into New York's Bowery District of the 1970's. The results were convincing for this film about the iconic music club.

The project used local resources and shot throughout the City during June and July.
Producer Solita Parida first brought "Desires of the Heart" to the Film Office in 2004. Production began over the summer with locals filling most positions including Director. Many of these crew members traveled to India to shoot the scenes set in Rajasthan.

"The opportunity to direct the international feature film "Desires of the Heart" here in Savannah was extraordinary. While many aspire to be full-time professionals in the film industry, Savannah is fortunate to have many citizens who earn their living in this field."

- James Kicklighter
Director, "Desires of the Heart"

"Enchanted Amore" Producer Ulli Lommel and Director Ruediger Von Spies found exactly what they needed in Savannah. These veterans of German and American Cinema recognized the quality of our local crew and talent and utilized both throughout their project.

"The Sacrament," directed by Ti West, received little public attention while shooting in October and November. This was by design and important to the story concept. It was no secret to the many locals who worked as crew and actors on this thriller.

The year ended with "Killing Winston Jones." Director Joel David Moore found the right combination of location and cooperation for this dark comedy at the Savannah Arts Academy. A large number of local professionals worked on both sides of the camera including students from a wide range of schools. This was an ambitious project that relied heavily on Film Office assistance.

The film's producer summed up his experience to the Savannah Morning News:

"The people in the Film Office here truly understand the challenges we face as filmmakers. Our experience has been so positive that we are considering Savannah as a hub for future film and media productions."

- Albert Sandoval, CEO, RadioactiveGiant
Television

Savannah hosted 24 television projects in 2012. These ranged from Reality TV Pilots, Cooking & Travel shows, to a full network season. All had two things in common: They intend to show Savannah to a national audience and needed Film Office assistance to succeed.

Notable Projects:

Country Music Television's series "Southern Nights" made Savannah home for their 2012 season. This house based reality show shot throughout Savannah 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the months of February and March.

Though shows like this can be disruptive, especially in a residential neighborhood, proper planning, permitting and coordination resulted in a happy production company and happy neighbors.

Bravo's upcoming series "Newlyweds: The First Year" shot their first episode here in January and April. The wedding took place at the historic Harper Fowlkes House.

"Adam Richman's Best Sandwich in America" honored local eatery Zunzi's when their sandwich the Chicken Conquistador was named best sandwich in the South and second best in the nation. Owner Gabriella DeBeer is pictured here showing Adam how her signature sandwich is made.

Richman has featured Savannah 3 times in the past 2 years.

"Many Rivers to Cross: A History of the African American People" chronicles the African American experience from the early 1500's to the present. Savannah will be featured in this eight-part series from WNET set to air on PBS.

"Who Do You Think You Are" produced an episode on Paula Deen, and the Deen brothers were busy with numerous shows including a Thanksgiving Special.
"Minding the Monsters," comedian Jeff Dunham's holiday special for Comedy Central, was recorded at the Lucas Theater.

"The Bad Girls Club" made a road trip to Savannah for an episode of the Oxygen Network's Atlanta based reality show.

"The Royal Pains" needed a coastal location and the Film Office found them numerous options including the St. Simon's Island locations that were used. The project utilized many Savannah people and resources. Like "X-Men," we work to get projects as close to Savannah as possible. This support has resulted in the show selecting Savannah as a shooting location for 2013.

CNN brought "Launching of the Lanterns" to Tybee Island as a memorial to a fallen soldier.

Other 2012 clients included:

Multi Media

"The Needle in the Blade of Grass" (AKA: "The Missing Kids Project") is a multi-dimensional project from acclaimed British artist Jason Armstrong Beck. Set in Savannah, this story of a family in the aftermath of discovering their youngest daughter has gone missing is designed to benefit organizations dealing with the issue of missing children.

Featuring local cast and crew, this project will be exhibited in New York, London, Berlin and Los Angeles.

This project will continue shooting into 2013.
Advertise

Savannah hosted 23 advertising projects in 2012. These commercial and photography campaigns ranged from the Law Enforcement products of regional Daniel Defense to the multi platform international ad campaign for Express.

Notable Projects:

Louis Vuitton used Wormsloe as the backdrop for their 2013 Spring Collection.

Kohl's department stores had 3 crews shooting simultaneously for three weeks preparing for their upcoming Spring Catalog.

California's Silver Oak Winery photographed their iconic tower in front of numerous Savannah Icons.

Express Runway

Miami Beach

Time Square

Las Vegas

Savannah

Chicago

Old San Juan

Key West

New Orleans

Mexico City

Express brought their "Rock the Sidewalk" event to our city. This week long event culminated in the debut of their 2012 Holiday Collection at a live runway show on Gordon Street near Monterey Square.

This effort was invasive, though neighbors were supportive because their needs were addressed from the very beginning and the production company operated within the conditions of their permit.

"Working with you and your team was truly one of the best experiences I have had."

Tahira White,
Production Manager
Short Features

The Film Office assisted 13 short feature projects in 2012. All but one of these were from Savannah based producers.

"C6-10" was a local project at every level. Key Grip Robert Duvall is pictured here on location.

Music Videos

Savannah hosted 6 music video shoots in 2012 featuring local and international artists.

Polish superstar Karolina Kozak and crew traveled to Savannah to shoot a video for her work "Homemade."

Student Films

The number of student films continues to increase. The Film Office assisted 160 different projects, a 42% increase over 2011. Two of these were AASU projects, All others were SCAD projects.

Producer Mil Cannon (Crackerjack) returned to Savannah to shoot "Sheets Down" in Daffin Park.

These projects can be as complex as professional productions. The potential for accidents, liability and complaints is magnified by the inexperience of student producers. In an effort to avoid such problems, we work closely with students and professors including speaking to classes on safe location filming practices.

Graduate Student Jane Barr produced "Lord Olivier" which utilized numerous locations.
Sustainability

Our goal is to reach and maintain a level of production activity that can provide the consistent opportunities needed to support a workforce and vendors for the long term. 2012 brought the highest number of projects, local employment and local spending our area has ever seen. Growth was realized through:

- Increased number of productions
- Maximizing the local impact of these productions through higher rates of local involvement.

To remain sustainable, growth must not outpace capacity. Current production levels are within local capacity and there is room for growth. However, rapid growth can be counterproductive.

Many cities, including Atlanta and Savannah, have experienced "Boom and Bust" in the Feature Film area.

Media production is extremely mobile. This enables rapid growth potential. It also enables rapid decline potential.

A significant negative shift, often referred to as 'Burnout,' can be triggered by a number of causes, but the effects are similar and well documented: an unemployed workforce and idle vendors & infrastructure.

Non-Feature Film productions, such as advertising, television and local productions are less likely to be effected by these factors. They can provide a more stable employment base than feature films.

Burnout – Contributing factors

Economics – Increase in Production Costs
Among the possible threats:
- Decrease or Loss of State Tax Incentives
- Increased Labor Costs
- Increased Location or Permit Fees
- Emergence of a Cheaper Alternative

Locations – Decrease in Availability
Savannah has a wealth of locations, but they are finite.
- Over exposure of key locations can result in an industry perception that "its all been shot already."
- Over use of key locations can cause the owners, public and private, to limit or deny access.

Local Cooperation – Shift in public opinion that causes decreased cooperation.
Our community is 'film friendly,' meaning we are willing to accommodate the inconveniences caused by location filming. This attitude is based on value.
- On one side you have the common benefits these projects bring to our community.
- On the other side you have the specific inconveniences they cause.
- As the level of production rises, so do the number of specific inconveniences.
- If these outpace the perceived benefits, the attitude will shift and cooperation will be effected.

Savannah's relative size, unique look and lack of local content buyers increases our susceptibility to burnout. As we plan for the future, it is important that we maintain practical expectations.
Economics

About This Report:

Our goal is to accurately calculate the economic impact of projects enabled by the Film Office.

Scope:
The figures in this report are based solely on data from projects that received Film Office assistance.

We DO NOT include data for media projects that did not require assistance such as:
- Most Local Production and Advertising Company Activity
- Most Student Projects
- Venue Specific Activities
  - Civic Center, Trade Center ...
  - Lucas, Trustees and Savannah Theater ...
- Government Programming
- Studio Based Programming
  - Meddin, Comcast, SCAD, Doll House, 3180 Media Group ...
- News Gathering & Programming

Though these projects benefit from Film Office efforts, there is no reasonable way to gather reliable information on such projects.

Therefore, the actual value of Media Production in our community is higher than this report can validate.

Definitions:

Shooting Days
This is a uniformed measure of production activity that can be compared from year to year. It measures the number of days a project was actually shooting in our area. It does not include pre-production or post-production activities because these are different for each project, and therefore not a reliable comparative,

- For Professional Productions, we calculate all local shooting days of the assisted project.
- For Student Productions, we calculate only those shooting days that required permits or specific assistance relating to public locations.

Direct Local Spend
This is the amount of money paid directly to local individuals and businesses by assisted projects. This information is provided by project producers. When not made available, we utilize the Association of Film Commissioner’s International "PRODUCTION REVENUE TRACKING GUIDELINES: Direct Spending For On Location Production - US" to determine spending. To ensure accuracy, we compare the guideline figures with known figures of comparable projects. The guideline numbers prove accurate with few exceptions. When an exception is identified, the figures are modified in order to reflect actual spending.

Economic Impact
When a dollar enters a community it is spent a number of times before leaving that community. Each of these transactions has a positive impact on that local economy, including tax generation. "Economic Impact" is the cumulative value of these transactions.

Economists examine a broad range of data in order to formulate multipliers for a specific industry in a specific geographic area. For instance, a dollar spent on gasoline will move out of a community at a different rate than one paid as a wage. State and Local multipliers are not comparable because a dollar may move out of a city and still remain in the state, so they use different multipliers.

We use a conservative multiplier of 2.12. It is based on a statistical model developed specifically for Savannah by Dr. Dan Rickman of Georgia Southern University. This is more accurate than using a national, state or industry average rate.

This report DOES NOT include or calculate the exposure value these projects produce or the subsequent tourism and business activities they generate.
2012 Statistics

**Professional Productions**  |  **Student Productions**  |  **2012 Totals**
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Projects: 82  |  Projects: 160  |  242
Shooting Days: 431  |  Shooting Days: 284  |  715
Local Spend: $11,978,550  |  Local Spend: $298,191  |  $12,276,741
Citizen Complaints: 10  |  Citizen Complaints: 0  |  10
Accidents: 0  |  Accidents: 0  |  0
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*This report does not include data from the "Royal Pains" project, though it was recruited to the GA coast by the Film Office and utilized many Savannah area resources.*

**Summary**

2012 brought the highest number of projects, local employment and local spending our area has ever seen.

- Direct Local Spend: $12,276,741
- Local Economic Impact: $26,026,690

- On average, there were 2 projects shooting on any given day in 2012.
- Increased impact was evident in all project categories.
- Total and Project Average Hiring Rates were greater than in any previous year.
- Hiring growth occurred in higher paying Management and Skilled positions.
- If the steady increase of Assisted Projects continues, The Film Office will require additional resources in order to maintain current service levels.

**Assisted Projects**

![Graph showing assisted projects from 2008 to 2012](image-url)
Savannah Film Commission

The Savannah Film Commission is charged with advising and assisting the Savannah Film Office and Savannah City Council on filming related issues and activities. Members are appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen and represent a wide range of stakeholders including industry professionals, civic leaders, and business and neighborhood representatives.

This group of dedicated citizen volunteers plays a vital leadership role in a wide range of issues and activities in support of the Film Office Mission and City Council Priorities.

Mr. Michael Jarema, Chairman
Mr. Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Rebecca Gnann, Secretary
Ms. Sue Adler
Mr. Francis Allen
Mr. Christopher Barbieri
Mr. Dana Braun
Mr. Bailey Davidson
Mrs. Carol Fogarty
Mr. Stratton Leopold
Mr. Joseph Marinelli
Mrs. Beth Nelson
Mr. James M. Reed
Mrs. Sandi Reese
Mr. David Rousseau
Mr. Murray Silver
Mr. Ken Sirlin
Dr. R. L. Stevenson
Mr. Bill Stuebe

Savannah Film Commission, 2013
WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County citizens currently are able to exercise their right to vote among the forty (40) voting precincts currently available; and

WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County citizens are currently only able to participate in early voting at the Board of Elections located at 2445 Pio Nono Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections currently seeks to pass a polling consolidation plan by Thursday, January 29, 2015, which would drastically reduce the number of voting precincts from forty (40) to twenty-six (26); and

WHEREAS, there is great concern that the reduction of the number of voting precincts will lead to confusion among voters regarding where they should vote; and

WHEREAS, there is also great concern that the proposed plan to reduce the number of voting precincts will lead to disenfranchised voters, particularly among minority voters, as the majority of precincts impacted by the consolidation plan involve areas in which minorities are the majority population; and

WHEREAS, the addition of another satellite voting location, possibly located at the Macon Centreplex, for the purpose of early voting would provide Macon-Bibb County citizens with a much needed alternative location so that they may exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the current number of voting precincts and establishing an additional satellite voting location for the purpose of early voting will be a benefit to the citizens of Macon-Bibb County and promote the health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of Macon-Bibb County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so ordained by the authority of the same that the Macon-Bibb County Commission voices its opposition to plans to consolidate the existing voting precincts, thereby reducing the number of voting precincts from forty (40) to twenty-six (26), and requests that an
additional satellite voting location be established for the purpose of early voting so that Macon-
Bibb County citizens may exercise their right to vote.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of ________________, 2015.

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ROBERT A. B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JEAN S. HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION
SPONSOR: COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS

A RESOLUTION OF MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REVIEW THE REJECTION OF FUNDS WHICH WOULD ALLOW MEDICAID EXPANSION IN GEORGIA; REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION CONDUCT FURTHER INQUIRY REGARDING THE POSITIVE BENEFITS THAT WILL RESULT TO MIDDLE GEORGIA AND OTHER GEORGIA HOSPITALS AS A RESULT OF MEDICAID EXPANSION; AND FOR LAWFUL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program was created by the federal government to provide health care for people of low income who cannot afford health services or health insurance on their own; and

WHEREAS, each state sets its own eligibility criteria for Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is among the most restrictive states in terms of eligibility for Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) contains provisions to expand the Medicaid program to cover more low income individuals and households, with the federal government paying the entire cost of covering newly eligible Georgians for three years. After three years, the federal share will decline until it reaches 90 percent in 2020. The federal share will remain at 90 percent thereafter; and

WHEREAS, supporting the expansion of Medicaid in the State of Georgia under the ACA will benefit many of the most vulnerable in our state and enable them to get critically needed healthcare; and

WHEREAS, failing to expand Medicaid could affect the cost and availability of care for people of low income as well as people with insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, doctors and hospitals throughout Macon-Bibb County and the state of Georgia will face the loss of current federal subsidies for uncompensated care, leading to higher insurance rates and threatening the financial stability and existence of many hospitals in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion not only would improve health outcomes for Georgians, it would also provide economic and fiscal benefits to the state; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Macon-Bibb County and throughout Georgia will pay the federal taxes that support Medicaid without regard to the level of participation in the program by the state; and
WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid will recapture those tax dollars for our shared benefit; and

WHEREAS, in times when dollars are stretched thin to meet the current demands for healthcare, it is in the best interest of every municipality and county in Georgia to support a bigger infusion of federal dollars into our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission and it is hereby so resolved by authority of the same that the Macon-Bibb County Commission hereby requests that the Local Legislative Delegation review the rejection of funds which would allow Medicaid expansion in Georgia and conduct further inquiry regarding the positive benefits that will result to hospitals in middle Georgia and other Georgia hospitals thru Medicaid expansion.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of ______________, 2015.

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ROBERT A. B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JEAN S. HOWARD, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION
What is in Store for Georgia’s Medicaid Enrollment?

Summary

The Affordable Care Act brings Medicaid eligibility levels to a more equal level state-to-state. Since Georgia’s levels are so low, and currently exclude the working poor, more Georgians will now be eligible for coverage.

Costs and Savings from 2014-2019

- Georgia can expect $714 million in new spending associated with nearly half a million newly insured Georgians.
- New spending represents only a 2.7% increase above what Georgia would spend on Medicaid without the expansion.
- New state costs average $120 million per year.
- Increasing Medicaid coverage reduces the number of uninsured Georgians and therefore reduces the cost of uncompensated health care services.
  - to providers and
  - to privately insured Georgians who subsidize them through premiums.

Total New Costs 2014-2019

New State Funds, $714 M

New Federal Funds, $14,551 M
with family incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty threshold (this equals approximately $14,400 for an individual and $24,400 for a family of three). This greatly increases access to health insurance for Georgia’s lowest-income adults.

National analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that nearly 400,000 previously uninsured adults will gain coverage in Georgia by 2019. This expansion alone is likely to reduce by half the number of low-income adults (under 133% of poverty) in Georgia who are uninsured.

The Affordable Care Act provides full federal funding for Georgia’s expanded coverage for three years. After the third year, the federal government is responsible for more than 90 percent of the costs of covering individuals who are newly eligible to Medicaid.

Over the first six years of the expansion (2014-2019), the federal government will bear nearly all of the new Medicaid costs in Georgia and contribute more than $14.5 billion to the state’s health care sector.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Georgia is expected to insure a half-million more people by 2019, at a total cost of $714 million from 2014 through 2019. The new spending over the six year period represents a 2.7% increase above what the state would be expected to spend during this time frame without the Medicaid expansion.

The largely federally-financed expansion is expected to save Georgia money too; the state will no longer primarily be responsible for uncompensated health care services for the poor. In addition, some state-funded mental health services will now qualify for federal Medicaid reimbursement.

All enrollment figures are based on data from fiscal years 2007 and 2008.
RESOLUTION

Resolution: 611HC.12

SUBJECT: Support for the Medicaid Expansion Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

SUBMITTED BY: Georgia Chapter, American College of Physicians
Georgia Academy of Family Physicians
Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society
Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee HC

Whereas, the 2012 federal poverty level for a family of four is $23,050 and the Department of Community Health estimates that 600,000 additional Georgians would be eligible for Medicaid under the expansion to cover 133 percent of the federal poverty level; and

Whereas, individuals below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level targeted under the Medicaid expansion currently under the PPACA law will NOT have access to health insurance under the Health Insurance Exchanges; and

Whereas, uninsured care in doctor’s offices and in hospitals produce huge financial burdens on Georgia’s physicians and health care providers who are already finding difficulty meeting increased expenses with declining reimbursements; and

Whereas, indigent care funds from the federal revenues are directed to the hospitals to offset their unreimbursed care but physicians have no similar offset and no tax breaks to help compensate this overhead expense whatsoever; and

Whereas, taxes will be levied on corporations and individuals within the state of Georgia to fund the Medicaid expansion by federal law and these tax dollars will be sent to fund other states’ Medicaid expansion with NO benefit to the citizens of Georgia; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia support the Medicaid expansion in Georgia offered through PPACA for the benefit of our patients, our member physicians, our hospitals, and our communities in accordance with our MAG Mission to “Enhance patient care and the health of the public by advancing the art and science of medicine and by representing physicians and patients in the policy-making process.”

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Georgia Hospital Association drafting proposal to support Medicaid expansion

Unlike similar organizations in other states, GHA has not advocated Medicaid expansion

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By Andy Miller

ATLANTA — Unlike its counterparts in other states, the Georgia Hospital Association has not been seen as actively advocating for Medicaid expansion.

A number of states have expanded their Medicaid programs, making more low-income people eligible for benefits and thus helping hospitals financially by reducing their numbers of uninsured patients.

But expansion has gone nowhere in Georgia. Gov. Nathan Deal and his fellow Republicans who dominate the General Assembly have made a point of blocking such a move, saying it would cost the state too much money.

Just last week, Georgia House Speaker David Ralston slammed the door on the idea once again. "I haven't heard any widespread regret in Georgia on our decision not to expanding Medicaid," said Ralston, as reported by Tom Crawford in his Georgia Report.

But in recent days, Georgia's biggest hospital association has crafted a proposal to the state that would include Medicaid expansion, and the group says the plan would be both beneficial and fiscally wise.

The GHA proposal, obtained by Georgia Health News, calls for the state to take advantage of the federal government's commitment to absorb 100 percent of the costs of expanding the program until 2017.

The plan urges the state to use $6.1 billion in federal funds to extend coverage for uninsured Georgians, with services delivered through the existing Medicaid managed care companies for two state fiscal years.

The proposed plan would have a sunset provision for 2017. The GHA proposal says that provision "addresses concerns about the long-term state budgetary impact of traditional Medicaid expansion. In fact, it ensures the net budgetary impact of this proposal to the state is positive."

The proposal also recommends the creation of a commission that would study the financial effects of expansion on the state and local governments, and develop a comprehensive health care strategy for Georgia.
How official is the plan?

Adopting Medicaid expansion would extend coverage to an estimated 500,000 low-income Georgians. And it would turn many non-paying patients into insured patients for hospitals to collect reimbursement for services.

The GHA documents say expansion would create tens of thousands of new jobs and would generate "far more in new state tax revenues than is needed to cover the state's costs." It would also create state savings from current costs of providing behavioral health care, along with the cost of health care for prisoners, the proposal says.

It's not known how widely the hospital association proposal has been circulated in the industry, or among political leaders. And a GHA official told Georgia Health News via email last week that the organization would not discuss the plan publicly.

"We have discussed many proposals on this issue and to date, our membership has not adopted a position of support on any them," said Kevin Bloye, a GHA vice president. "At this time, it is premature for us to publicly discuss any of the potential solutions that we continue to explore."

Hospital crisis

This year's General Assembly convened Monday, and experts say Medicaid expansion won't be a major topic. Outspoken opponents of expansion won re-election in November, so they are unlikely to face political pressure on the issue.

At the same time, though, many Georgia hospitals are facing financial peril.

GHA has said this is the most difficult time ever for the state's hospitals. "There's no question that the financial challenges that so many hospitals throughout the state are currently facing are unprecedented," Bloye told GHN recently.

Since 2013, five Georgia hospitals have closed. Many others, especially those in rural areas, are in financial distress.

If Georgia were to expand Medicaid, it would join about half the states in doing so, including some run by Republican governors.

Three nearby Republican-dominated states -- Florida, Alabama and South Carolina -- have not expanded their Medicaid programs, though the hospital associations in those states have shown their support for such a move.

But with the help of its hospital association, Tennessee appears to be moving forward on expansion. Gov. Bill Haslam, a Republican, has developed an alternative to conventional Medicaid expansion. The hospital association has struck a deal with Haslam to help pay for the state contribution to expansion, according to an NPR story.

Besides the GHA, another Georgia hospital organization, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, has backed Medicaid expansion. A third group, HomeTown Health, an association of rural hospitals, has said that Medicaid expansion would help, but that "it's not a silver bullet" for financial problems these facilities face.
Some individual hospital CEOs have gone public in their support of expansion.

The GHA has been criticized for not taking an active stand.

Bloye of the GHA, while not discussing its expansion proposal, said the organization has discussed with state leadership how the cuts from the Affordable Care Act "will hit Georgia hospitals to the tune of $727 million in reductions." (The federal health law anticipated that Medicaid expansion would compensate for these cuts to hospitals, but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the states had the right not to pursue expansion.)

Last year, Gov. Deal, recognizing the financial crisis facing rural hospitals, proposed a regulatory change allowing them to convert to standalone emergency departments. But no hospital has sought to do so, state officials said recently.

And Deal formed a Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee, which has discussed standalone ERs and other ideas, but has not engaged in a discussion about Medicaid expansion. Recently the panel heard comments from several organizations urging Medicaid expansion.

‘There’s money flowing’

Kentucky is one of two Southern states to enact expansion. The state has seen its percentage of uninsured citizens drop from 20.4 percent in 2013 to 11.9 percent in mid-2014.

Besides previously uninsured people getting needed medical care, “there’s money flowing to hospitals and other providers,” said Jason Bailey of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, speaking to a Georgia Budget and Policy Institute conference last week.

Adam Searing of the Georgetown Center for Children and Families added that in the states that have expanded Medicaid, "there’s an increasingly strong body of evidence of the substantial and immediate benefits to hospitals."

The GHA proposal says expansion “provides the state an unparalleled return on investment.”

“The state pays 20 percent of the costs of transportation while federal revenues pay 80 percent,” the GHA documents say.

"This proposal is a much better return on investment because it requires the state to pay nothing for the first year and a half and only 5 percent for the last six months of the 2017 fiscal year."

*Andy Miller is editor and co-founder of Georgia Health News Inc.*

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION AMENDING
CHAPTER 28 OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
INCLUDE A NEW ARTICLE, WITH SAID ARTICLE BEING ENTITLED
ARTICLE V "MOTORIZED CARTS" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING
MOTORIZED CARTS ON DESIGNATED PUBLIC ROADS UNDER CERTAIN
TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Article IV, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution
virtue of the will of the people in a referendum held on July 31, 2012 there is to be a
consolidated local government known as “Macon-Bibb County”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the authority to adopt clearly reasonable
ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to property, affairs, and local government
for which no provision has been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with
the Constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-313 authorizes local municipalities, by ordinance,
to designate certain public streets or portions thereof that are under its regulation and
control for the combined use of motorized carts and regular vehicle traffic or the use of
motorized carts and no others types of motor vehicles and establish the conditions under
which motorized carts may be operated upon such streets or portions thereof, including
without limitation the conditions under which a person may operate motorized carts on
such designated streets or portions thereof without a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the safe,
proper operation of motorized carts on roads and streets within the Macon-Bibb County
is in the public interest and, if properly regulated, will promote additional quality of life;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon-Bibb County
Commission and it is hereby so ordained by the authority of the same that Chapter
28, Article V of the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia is hereby
added and shall read as follows:
Section 1.

Chapter 28, Article V is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia and new sections 28-141 through 29-147 are hereby added to said Code as follows:

ARTICLE V. MOTORIZED CARTS

Sec. 28-141. Findings and definitions.
Sec. 28-142. Registration of motorized carts.
Sec. 28-143. Operation of gasoline-powered motorized carts.
Sec. 28-144. Operating regulations.
Sec. 28-145. Hazardous activities and special rules.
Sec. 28-146. Exemptions
Sec. 28-147. Liability.
Sec. 28-148. Penalties.

Sec. 28-141. Findings and definitions.

(a) The Board of Commissioners finds that certain public streets located within Macon-Bibb County are designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use of regular vehicular traffic and also the driving thereon of motorized carts. The Board of Commissioners further finds that the use of motorized carts is a convenient and safe form of short distance travel that conserves resources and enhances the quality of life of the citizens of Macon-Bibb County. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of motorized carts must not only comply with normal regulations regarding vehicles but should comply with special safety regulations intended to protect the operator and passengers in a motorized cart. This Article establishes the basic, minimum standards of care to be used by the operators of motorized carts on public roads and streets. Likewise, public safety requires that motorized carts, when used as a means of transportation, must also meet certain minimum safety standards that can only be assured through a system of regulation and inspection.

(b) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Authorized Street means all such streets which have been authorized for motorized cart travel by the Board of Commissioners and are on file with the Sheriff’s
Office. The list of authorized streets is subject to amendment from time to time by the Board of Commissioners, and the public shall be allowed to submit written requests that the Commissioners review streets for approval of such designations. Each such street which has been designated as an authorized street must receive approval by the Board of Commissioners prior to such designation. A full list of authorized streets shall be maintained by the Sheriff's Office.

*County* means Macon-Bibb County, Georgia.

*Motorized Cart* means all electric and gasoline-powered pleasure carts, which are commonly called golf carts, and which are not capable of exceeding twenty (20) miles per hour. Within this article, the terms "motorized cart," "golf cart" and "cart" shall have the same meanings; these are the only carts authorized for use under this Article. Other All-Terrain Vehicles, including Four-Wheelers, shall not be allowed under this Article.

### Sec. 28-142 Registration of Motorized Carts

(a) It shall be the duty of every owner of a motorized cart that is operated over authorized streets to register the motorized cart with the County prior to operating said motorized cart on said authorized streets. The application for registration shall be filed with the Sheriff; or to his/her designee, on forms provided by the Sheriff's Office. The application may, among other things, require the following information: owner's name; street address, mailing address, and telephone number; make, model, and identification, and serial number of the motorized cart; and such other information as may be reasonably required, as well as a general release statement and/or disclaimer of any liability by the County for accidents involving the registered motorized cart. Two (2) decals shall be issued upon registration; and a record of each motorized cart number, along with the name and address of the owner, shall be maintained by the Sheriff's Office.

(b) The decals provided upon proper registration must be affixed to the sides or windshield of the motorized cart in such a manner as to be fully visible at all times. The failure to have a current registration decal on a motorized cart shall be a violation of this section and subject the owner/operator of such cart to penalties. The decal issued by the Sheriff's Office shall be non-transferrable from the motorized cart for which it is obtained.

(c) Only those persons eighteen (18) years of age and older may register a motorized cart. Motorized cart registration may be in one person's name only, and the registration form must be signed by that person.

(d) The fee to register a motorized cart shall be set at fifteen dollars ($15.00) per motorized cart. The registration is good for a period of one (1) year from the issuance date and shall be renewed annually so long as the motorized cart is in use on authorized streets.
(e) Prior to issuing the initial registration permit or any renewal thereof, the golf cart shall either be inspected, or in place of inspection, the Sheriff’s Office may require photographs submitted of the golf cart, or a sworn statement from the registering owner, to determine that:

1. The golf cart is equipped with a rear vision mirror and at least two (2) red rear reflectors which are at least three (3) inches in height and width; and

2. The golf cart is equipped with a reflective "slow moving" sign, caution sign, and/or flag on the rear of the cart; and

3. The brakes provided by the manufacturer of the golf cart are in proper working order; and

4. The golf cart has all of the standard safety features provided by the manufacturer and has not been modified to exceed a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or otherwise modified in any way that creates a hazard; and

5. The golf cart is equipped with all mechanical systems and safety equipment required by this Chapter.

(f) Any owner or operator registering a motorized cart with the County agrees to abide by all of the requirements of State law and this Code. By registering a motorized cart with the County, the owner or operator verifies that the motorized cart qualifies to be classified as such under State law.

(g) Upon occurrence of a sale of the motorized cart to another person who shall operate the cart over the authorized streets of the County, the registration must be transferred to the new owner within ten (10) business days of the change in ownership at a cost of ten dollars ($10.00). The motorized cart shall be considered an unregistered cart after the ten (10) business-day period. Dealers acquiring a registered cart exclusively for resale (non-rental) shall not be required to pay the transfer charge, but shall notify the County of the transfer within ten (10) business days of receiving the cart, and of the ultimate disposition of the cart within ten (10) business days of sale.

(h) The initial registration of a golf cart may be denied or subsequently revoked by the Sheriff’s Office if it is determined that:

1. The application contains any material misrepresentation; or

2. The motorized cart is not in compliance with the requirements of this Article; or

3. The motorized cart has been altered or customized and no longer meets the definition of a motorized cart as defined by this Article; or
(4) Equipment supplied by the manufacturer, especially safety equipment, has been removed from the golf cart or the vehicle identification or serial number has been removed; or

(5) Other good cause shown, including repeated violations of this Article.

(i) All-terrain vehicles, 4-wheel utility vehicles and other similar utility vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course, and golf carts that have been modified so that they no longer meet the definition of a motorized cart as defined by this Article may not be registered as a motorized cart nor shall such vehicles be operated on the public roads, streets and highways within the County unless such vehicles are otherwise registered with and allowed under the motor vehicle laws of the State of Georgia.

(j) The Board of Commissioners may, at its discretion, waive registration requirements for special events of limited duration during which persons may bring motorized carts as participants.

Sec. 28-143 Operation of gasoline-powered motorized carts.

(a) Every motorized cart which is powered by gasoline shall at all times be equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation, meeting the following specifications:

(1) The exhaust system shall include the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold to, and including, the muffler(s) and exhaust pipe(s); and

(2) The exhaust system and its elements shall be securely fastened; and

(3) The engine of every motorized cart shall be so equipped, adjusted and tuned, as to prevent the escape of excessive smoke or fumes.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motorized cart which is powered by gasoline to operate, or permit the operation, of such motorized cart on which any device controlling or abating atmospheric emissions, which is placed on a motorized cart by the manufacturer, has been altered, rendered unserviceable or removed.

(c) Motorized carts which are powered by electric means are exempted from this Section.
Sec. 28-144. Operating Regulations.

(a) Any person who possesses a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by any State or Territory of the United States of America, and is at least sixteen (16) years of age, may operate a motorized cart on the authorized streets.

(b) Any person who possesses a valid motor vehicle learner's permit issued by any State or Territory of the United States of America, and is at least fifteen (15) years of age, may operate a motorized cart on the authorized streets, so long as such person is accompanied in the front seat by a person who possesses a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by any State or Territory of the United States of America and who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) No person less than fifteen (15) years of age shall be permitted to operate a motorized cart on the authorized streets under any circumstances.

(d) All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets. Furthermore, all laws regarding the use of motor vehicles in the State of Georgia and all ordinances regarding the use of motor vehicles in the County, not inconsistent therewith, shall be observed by all motorized carts, except that no motorized carts may be operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(e) Motorized carts shall not be operated on sidewalks at any time.

(f) Motorized carts may be operated over authorized streets only during daylight hours, unless such motorized carts are equipped with functional headlights and taillights and any other such equipment regulations which may be promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety of the State of Georgia.

(g) No person shall operate a motorized cart on a public road unless that road has been authorized for motorized cart use by this Article and appropriate signs giving notice are posted along said public road.

(h) Motorized carts may not be operated on any streets or sections of streets, except for areas designated as crossing at a signalized intersection or at a perpendicular crossing at a through intersection, where:

   (1) Any street where the posted speed limit is more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour; or any street designated as a State Route.

   (2) Any Interstate highway included Interstate 16 and Interstate 75.

(i) Motorized cart owners shall maintain their motorized carts in a manner which ensures that an unobstructed view from the driver’s seat to the rear is maintained at all times the motorized cart is in operation on public roads.
(j) The maximum occupancy of a motorized cart traveling on any authorized street or public property shall be one (1) person per designated seat. The operator and passenger of a motorized cart shall remain seated at all times in which the motorized cart is in motion.

(k) Motorized carts may not be used for the commercial purpose of transporting passengers, and may not be used as a taxi, bus, or any other commercial transportation service.

(l) Motorized cart operators shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.

(m) Motorized carts may be parked in the same manner and at the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing, or parking of motorized carts in areas where parking is not allowed or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways, or a passageway is prohibited and subject to penalty.

(n) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motorized cart to operate, or permit the operation of, such cart over the authorized streets in violation of this article.

Sec. 28-145. Hazardous activities and special rules.

No individual or group shall engage in hazardous activities on the authorized streets. Such hazardous activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Racing of any kind, except for special events approved by the County; and

(2) Blocking of public access, except for special events approved by the County; and

(3) Motorized carts shall not loiter or park on bridges or in underpasses; and

(4) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and the use thereof, including open container laws, apply to motorized carts; and

(5) Motorized carts may not be used to for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer, vehicle of any kind, or any person on skates, bicycles, or any other object.

Sec. 28-146. Exemptions.

(a) The operation of motorized carts under the following circumstances shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article:
(1) The operation of motorized carts at golf courses, private clubs, or on private property, with the consent of the land owner; and

(2) The operation of golf carts on private streets within gated or limited access communities; and

(3) The operation of golf carts in connection with a parade, festival, or other special event authorized by the County, provided that the consent of the event sponsor is obtained and provided that such use only occurs during the special event; and

(4) The use of golf carts by the Sheriff’s Department on official police business or by other Macon-Bibb County personnel for official business on County controlled property, including cemeteries, parks, green space, and other property as needed.

Sec. 28-147. Liability.

The owner and/or operator of a motorized cart is liable for his or her own actions and assumes all responsibility for any such use. Any person who operates or owns a motorized cart is responsible for procuring liability insurance and verifying coverage in terms enough to cover risk involved in using such motorized cart on authorized streets.

Sec. 28-148. Penalties.

(a) Any person who violates the terms of this Article shall be cited to appear before the Municipal Court or other Court of appropriate jurisdiction, and upon conviction, be punished in accordance with Section 1-6 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances.

(b) In addition to enforcing sanctions against the operator of the motorized cart, any violation of this Article shall also be charged against the registered owner of the motorized cart, and all fines and penalties shall be levied against the registered owner of the motorized cart as follows:

(1) For the first offense, a fine of not less than one hundred dollars ($150.00).

(2) For the second offense, a fine of not less than three hundred dollars ($300.00).

(3) For a third offense committed within one (1) year of conviction for a second offense for a motorized cart, a fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), and the registered owner's motorized cart registration shall be revoked. The registered owner or family member cannot thereafter register.
a motorized cart for use in the city for a period of two (2) years following the third conviction.

Section 2

It is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become a part of the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 3

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Macon-Bibb County Commission to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.
Section 4

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed or set aside.

Section 5

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of ________________, 2014.

By: __________________________
    ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, Mayor

Attest: __________________________
        SHELIA THURMOND, Clerk of Commission

(SEAL)
A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTING THE INITIAL LIST OF AUTHORIZED STREETS FOR THE USE OF MOTORIZED CARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-313 authorizes local municipalities, by ordinance, to designate certain public streets or portions thereof that are under its regulation and control for the combined use of motorized carts and regular vehicle traffic or the use of motorized carts and no others types of motor vehicles and establish the conditions under which motorized carts may be operated upon such streets or portions thereof, including without limitation the conditions under which a person may operate motorized carts on such designated streets or portions thereof without a driver’s license; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the safe, proper operation of motorized carts on roads and streets within the Macon-Bibb County is in the public interest and, if properly regulated, will promote additional quality of life; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance change has been approved by the Board of Commissioners authorized motorized carts to be operated on authorized streets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local ordinance, authorized streets must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to motorized carts being operated on said streets; and

WHEREAS, the initial list of authorized streets where motorized carts may be operated is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and includes those streets that have been redlined; and

WHEREAS, the list of authorized streets includes:

1) Coleman Avenue (from Adams Street to College Street)
2) Adams Street (from Coleman Avenue to Tatnall Place)
3) 1st Street (from Coleman Avenue to Poplar Street)
4) Poplar Street (from 1st Street to Tatnall Street)
5) Jackson Street (from Ash Street)
6) Calhoun Street Lane (from Ash Street)
7) Calhoun Street (from Ash Street)
8) Ross Street Lane (from Ash Street)
9) Ross Street (from Ash Street)
10) College Street (from Coleman Avenue to Hardeman Avenue)
11) Tatnall Street (to Forsyth Street)
12) Tatnall Place
13) Parr Street
14) New Street (to Poplar Street)
15) Lee Street
16) Oglethorpe Lane
17) Maple Street
18) Cole Street
19) Orange Terrace
20) New Street Lane
21) Columbus Street
22) High Place
23) High Street Lane
24) Park Place
25) Orange Street (to Washington Avenue)
26) Poplar Street Lane (to 1st Street)
27) Appleton Avenue
28) Chestnut Street (from Adams Street)
29) Hemlock Street (from 1st Street)
30) Progress Street
31) St. Paul Street (from Forsyth Street)
32) Appleton Lane
33) Spring Street (from Forsyth Street)
34) Pine Street (from 1st Street)
35) Plum Street (from 1st Street)
36) Poplar Street Lane (from 1st Street)
37) Hemlock Street Lane
38) Arch Street (from 1st Street)
39) Oglethorpe Street (from 1st Street to Adams Street)
40) Hazel Street (from 1st Street)
41) Shamrock Street
42) Calhoun Way
43) College Place
44) Adams Street Lane
45) Rose Park
46) Arlington Place (from Hardeman Avenue)
47) Tinsley Lane (from Monroe Street)
48) Crutchfield Lane
49) Hawthorne Street (from 1st Street)
50) Adams Street Lane

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same, that the Mayor the following streets referenced above and outlined in Exhibit “A” attached hereto are hereby authorized for use by registered motorized carts.

SO RESOLVED this ______ day of __________________, 2014.

By: ____________________________

ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, Mayor

Attest: __________________________

SHELIA THURMOND, Clerk of Commission

(SEAL)
EXHIBIT A

Map of Authorized Streets
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Al Tillman - Chairman
Commissioner Mallory Jones - Vice Chairman
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Steve Layson - Staff Contact

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Subject: A. Approval of Minutes From Meeting on January 13, 2015
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Category: 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Access: Public
Type: Minutes

File Attachments
1-13-2015.pdf (9 KB)

2. RENOVATIONS FOR DAISY PARK

Subject: A. Update on Renovation Efforts for Daisy Park
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Category: 2. RENOVATIONS FOR DAISY PARK
Access: Public
Type:

3. CODE REVISION

Subject: A. An Ordinance To Revise Chapter 24 Of The Inaugural Code Regulating Streets and Sidewalks
Meeting: Jan 27, 2015 - FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Category: 3. CODE REVISION
Access: Public
Type: Action

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1-27-2015 - Revision of Code - Street and Sidewalks.pdf (1,797 KB)
FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

The Facilities and Engineering Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Al Tillman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Ed DeFore

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Opie Bowen, Asst. County Attorney
Janice Ross, Training & Events Coordinator
Jean Howard, Asst. Clerk of Commission
Chris Floore, Asst. to the County Manager
Reggie McClendon, Assistant County Attorney
Steve Layson, Assistant County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Dale Walker, County Manager
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA:
Jim Gaines, The Telegraph

VISITORS/GUESTS:
Tony and Jennifer Long

1. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously with Commissioners DeFore, Tillman and Bechtel voting in the affirmative, the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved.


ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Tillman, DeFore and Jones voting in the affirmative, the ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code to allow for zoned back-in only angled parking was approved.
3. Closure of Portion of Daisy Park Place

**ACTION:**

*On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Tillman, DeFore and Jones voting in the affirmative, the resolution authorizing the closure of a portion of Daisy Park Place for the purpose of expanding and renovating Daisy Park was approved.*

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

Prepared By:

Janice S. Ross

Reviewed and Approved By:

Jean S. Howard
Interim Clerk of the Commission
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION, TO REVISE CHAPTER 24 OF THE INAUGURAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, MACON-BIBB COUNTY REGULATING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution of Georgia, Ga. Law 2012, page 5595 and Ga. Laws 2013, pages 3501, 3942, and by virtue of the will of the people in a referendum held on July 31, 2012 there is to be a consolidated local government known as “Macon-Bibb County”; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 24 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances codifies the regulations for streets and sidewalks within Macon-Bibb County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission and it is hereby so ordained by the authority of the same that:

Section 1.
That Section 24 of the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 24. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL
ARTICLE II. RESERVED
ARTICLE III. CURBS AND GUTTERS
ARTICLE IV. EXCAVATIONS
ARTICLE V. SIDEWALKS
ARTICLE VI. ENCROACHMENTS
ARTICLE VII. RESERVED
ARTICLE VIII. INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL
Sec. 24-1. Soliciting trade on sidewalks.
Sec. 24-2. Displaying merchandise on sidewalks and the like.
Secs. 24-3–24-20. Reserved.
Sec. 24-1. Soliciting trade on sidewalks.
It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or walk upon any sidewalk or street in front of, or near, a store or place of business of any kind, or so near the sidewalk as to obstruct its use, for the purpose of soliciting customers or trade thereof, by calling out or "spelling" for such business, or by taking hold of passersby and undertaking to persuade or force them into a store or place of business, or by any other acts similar to these mentioned.

Sec. 24-2. Displaying merchandise on sidewalks and the like.

(a) Sidewalk special temporary sales. A special temporary sale conducted on a public sidewalk by a retail or wholesale business is permitted under the following conditions:

(1) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (b) below, it shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a sidewalk sale without a permit. The application for a permit shall contain such identifying and descriptive information of the sale as the manager may prescribe.

(2) Only one sidewalk sale shall be permitted during any one trimester and the period of the special sale shall be limited to 2 consecutive days.

(3) The fee for a permit to conduct a sidewalk sale shall be $25.00.

(4) Any display of merchandise by a business in a sidewalk special temporary sale shall meet the following requirements:

A. The display shall be situated so as to abut the front wall of the building in which the business selling the displayed merchandise is located;

B. The display shall not exceed a size of 12 feet by four feet (12' x 4'); however, such display shall not extend beyond either end of the front exterior wall of said business; and

C. The displayed merchandise shall be items regularly sold as a part of the business displaying the merchandise.

D. The provision of paragraph (4) above notwithstanding, an area of not less than five feet of unobstructed pedestrian passageway shall be maintained at all times between any display and the nearest curb, tree, pole or other public structure.

E. All displays and/or merchandise displayed in a sidewalk sale as provided for in this section shall be removed from the sidewalk during any time when the business conducting such sale is closed to customers.
F. All final sales transactions between business and customer shall be conducted within the business establishment, not on the sidewalk.

G. Any person or business conducting a sidewalk sale shall not cause any loud or offensive noise, either from his or her person or from any device, instrument or equipment for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods or services for sale or distribution.

H. No person or business conducting a sidewalk sale shall display goods or merchandise on the ground, or on any cloth, plastic or similar ground covering on any sidewalk or other public right-of-way. All displays shall be set up so that the displays are easily detectable by the visually impaired.

(5) No sale on a public sidewalk as described in this paragraph shall be permitted on the same sidewalk or portion of a sidewalk where any street party or other special event is occurring, unless the producer of the special event agrees in writing to such sidewalk sale. A copy of such an agreement shall be filed with the office of the manager or his/her designee.

(b) Sidewalk displays of merchandise in the Downtown area. A sidewalk display of merchandise may be conducted on a public sidewalk by a retail or wholesale business in the Downtown area embraced within what is known as the fire zone without a permit under the following conditions:

(1) The display shall be situated so as to abut the front wall of the building in which the business selling the displayed merchandise is located and shall not obstruct building entrances, fire exits, utility meters, cellar entrances, or standpipes or other safety equipment;

(2) The display shall not exceed a size of 12 inches in depth, 36 inches in width and 60 inches in height; alternatively, displays consisting solely of newspapers, periodicals or other publications shall not exceed a size of 27 inches in depth, 48 inches in width and 60 inches in height. In no event shall a display extend beyond either end of the front exterior wall of said business;

(3) The provision of paragraph (2) above notwithstanding, an area of not less than five feet of unobstructed pedestrian passageway shall be maintained at all times between any display and the nearest curb, tree, pole or other permanent object situate in the right-of-way;

(4) The display shall consist only of fungible merchandise regularly sold in the ordinary course of the business displaying the merchandise; and no signs, advertisements or other written or graphic material (except such merchandise sold
in the ordinary course of the business maintaining the display) may be posted or placed on a sidewalk display;

(5) The following items are prohibited in any display: tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, obscene material as defined by O.C.G.A. section 16-12-80, weapons, live animals or pawned items;

(6) All sidewalk displays as provided for in this section shall be removed from the sidewalk during any time when the business displaying such merchandise is closed to customers;

(7) All final sales transactions between business and customer shall be conducted within the business establishment, not on the sidewalk;

(8) Any person or business conducting sidewalk displays shall not cause any loud or offensive noise, either from his or her person or from any device, instrument or equipment for the purpose of attracting attention to such display or to the sale of any goods or merchandise; and

(9) No person or business shall display goods or merchandise directly on the ground, or on any cloth, plastic or similar ground covering on any sidewalk or other public right-of-way. All displays must be stabilized with no risk of overturning due to wind or incidental contact. All displays must either extend to the ground or have a two-inch wide rubberized strip at all bottom edges to be easily detectable by the visually impaired.

(10) Furniture and Clothing racks shall constitute displays unto themselves and may extend beyond the front of the building by more than 12 inches. Each establishment shall have the right to display furniture or clothing at such depth and width so long as at least 5 feet of usable sidewalk space is available or that the display of wares does not extend more than 10 feet from the front of the establishment.

(11) Fire zone means the downtown fire district which is defined as embraced within the following boundaries: Beginning at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard and Riverside Drive; extending along Riverside Drive to Spring Street; extending along Spring Street and an extension thereof to Hazel Street; extending along Hazel Street to Fifth Street; extending along Fifth Street and Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard to Riverside Drive, the beginning point, including both sides of segments of the above streets forming such boundaries.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this section.
(d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as giving to any person transacting any business in Macon-Bibb County any authority to obstruct public sidewalks, streets or other public places, or to commit or maintain a nuisance.

Secs. 24-3–24-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. RESERVED

Sec. 24-21–24-40. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. CURBS AND GUTTERS

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Secs. 24-48–24-65. Reserved.

Sec. 24-41. Material; dimension; approval.

It shall be the duty of the engineering department to have curbed and guttered any street, or part of any street, within Macon-Bibb County whenever the street or part of the street, shall be ordered curbed and guttered by resolution of the Macon-Bibb County commission. All curbing and guttering material, before it is set up and used, shall be approved by the Macon-Bibb County engineer, and shall be organized and constructed under his supervision and direction.

Sec. 24-42. Uniformity of material and workmanship.

In order to ensure uniformity in material and workmanship, all material used in curbing and for the guttering, shall be approved or supplied by Macon-Bibb County, and all work done in setting up such curbing and guttering may be done by Macon-Bibb County with labor employed by Macon-Bibb County, or by a contractor, should the Macon-Bibb County engineer so determine, who shall do such curbing and guttering at a specified cost, keep an accurate account of every item of expense incurred in doing the work, including the cost of material, so that when the curbing and guttering of any street or part
of any street has been completed, the actual cost of doing the work may be assessed against the abutting property owners, as provided by this article.

Sec. 24-43. Notice to owners.

When any street, or a part of any street, shall be ordered curbed and guttered, as provided in this article, the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall notify the owner of the property abutting on the street or part of street to be curbed and guttered, of the intention of Macon-Bibb County to curb and gutter the street, and the notice shall further require any property holder having gas or water service pipes or sewer pipes connecting the mains with his premises, to lower the gas or water pipes or sewer pipes, or any other pipes or obstruction of any kind, for which the owner of the property may be responsible, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the service of the notice. Any person failing to comply with the notice shall be required to appear before the municipal court of Macon-Bibb County, and, upon conviction, shall be punished; provided, however, any owner of property affected may, within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of the notice, appeal to the Macon-Bibb County commission and show cause why he should not comply with the notice and the provisions of this section.

Sec. 24-44. Proration of costs.

Immediately upon the completion of the curbing and guttering of any street or part of any street, the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall certify to the mayor and commission, that the work of curbing and guttering the street or part of street has been completed, and thereupon, it shall be the duty of the Macon-Bibb County engineer to assess two-thirds of the entire cost for the work against the real estate abutting on that side of the street on which such curbing and guttering has been done. Each piece of real estate so abutting shall be assessed in proportion to the ratio its frontage bears to the frontage of the entire property abutting upon that part of the street or portions of the street so curbed, guttered or improved.

Sec. 24-45. Payment of assessments.

Immediately after the cost of curbing, guttering and improving any street has been prorated by the Macon-Bibb County engineer and assessed, the county engineer shall prepare a list of the property holders whose property abuts on the portions of the streets so curbed, guttered and improved under the provisions of this article, and shall mail to each of the property holders a written notice of the assessment in a properly stamped and addressed envelope. Thereupon, each property holder shall make payment for the curbing and guttering so assessed against each, respectively, in cash, within thirty (30) days from the day of mailing the notices. If any property holder shall fail to pay to the director of finance of Macon-Bibb County his share of the costs in accordance with the assessment,
within the aforesaid time from the date of mailing the notices, then the director of finance shall issue an execution against the delinquent property and property holder for the amount so due and unpaid, together with all costs thereon, and the execution shall bear interest at the rate of nine (9) percent per annum. Any delinquent sums due under this section may also be collected as are other debts due the county.

Sec. 24-46. Assignment of execution to contractor.

Whenever such work is done by a contractor, under the authority and direction of the mayor and commission, the execution for the work shall be transferred and turned over to the contractor in full payment for the work done, and the execution may be levied and collected by the finance officer, as is now provided in the case of executions for paving sidewalks.

Sec. 24-47. Bridge for driveway across gutter prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct any bridge across the gutter of any paved street for the purpose of providing a driveway into abutting property, and all such bridges are hereby declared unlawful and the Macon-Bibb County engineer is ordered to remove such bridge.

Secs. 24-48–24-65. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. EXCAVATIONS

Sec. 24-66. Duty to lower pipes.

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Sec. 24-66. Duty to lower pipes.

Whenever excavations are to be made in any street or sidewalk for the purpose of curbing or laying sidewalks or improving or repairing such street or sidewalk, any property holder having gas or water pipes connecting the mains with his premises, or having sewer pipes or other pipes or obstructions of any kind for which the owner of the property may be responsible, shall lower the pipe or other obstructions. The Macon-Bibb County engineer shall serve the property owner with notice to lower the pipe or other obstruction within fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice. The notice shall state the depth of the excavation to be made. The notice may be served upon the owner, an agent or other person in charge of the property, abutting on, or in front of which the sidewalk is to be laid or the curb set. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to lower the pipe or other obstruction as set forth in this section.

Sec. 24-67. Pipe lowered by Macon-Bibb County at owner's expense.

If any property owner shall be notified as provided in this article, and shall fail within fifteen (15) days to comply therewith, the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall have the pipes lowered at the owner's expense. In all such cases the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall cause a bill for the cost of the work to be presented to the property owner or agent in charge thereof if a resident of Macon-Bibb County. If not a resident, the bill shall be presented by mailing a letter enclosing such bill, addressed to the owner at Macon, Georgia, at the street number of the property in front of which pipes are to be lowered, and if the bill is not paid within fifteen (15) days, the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall deliver such bill to the finance officer, who shall issue execution for the amount of the bill against the property and owner and provide for its collection as for other debts due Macon-Bibb County.

Sec. 24-68. Unlawful to excavate without permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person including franchisees to excavate or dig into or perform any character of construction on or under, or otherwise disturb the surface of any paved or unpaved street and paved or unpaved sidewalk of Macon-Bibb County without first having obtained from the Macon-Bibb County engineer a permit to do so. This permit, if granted, shall be in duplicate, specifying the name of the street, the house or lot number, the purpose of the excavation, the character of the pipe to be laid, or taken up,
the type and extent of construction to be performed, and the time allowed for full performance of the work.

Sec. 24-69. Payment of indebtedness prior to issuance.

No permit shall be issued by the Macon-Bibb County engineer to any person who is indebted to Macon-Bibb County for work already done in repairing excavated pavements, until the person shall have discharged in full all such indebtedness.

Sec. 24-70. Expiration of permits.

All permits issued pursuant to this article by the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall become void after the expiration of the allotted time designated in the permit, unless an extension is granted by the Macon-Bibb County engineer in writing.

Sec. 24-71. Failure to return permit unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a permit has been issued pursuant to this article for any purpose whatsoever by the Macon-Bibb County engineer to fail to return such permit within three (3) days after the expiration of the allotted time designated in the permit.

Sec. 24-72. Relaying pavement.

Unless authorized by the Macon-Bibb County engineer, no person after making an excavation or digging into such street, or sidewalk, as hereinbefore provided, shall relay the pavement, but the same shall be laid by Macon-Bibb County employees, officers and agents.

Sec. 24-73. Specifications for excavating.

The following specifications for digging into, excavating or disturbing the street or sidewalk shall be observed and followed. The applicant shall carefully remove the pavement between prescribed lines taking all necessary precautions to maintain the undisturbed pavement adjacent to the excavation. So much of the paving material displaced as can be relaid must be stacked up parallel to the excavation at a sufficient distance therefrom to prevent damage to the undisturbed pavement. Excavated earth and concrete shall be placed upon the opposite side of the excavation in such manner and at such distance as will prevent any damage to the surrounding pavement. In refilling the excavation, which is to be done by the applicant, tamping or puddling must be continued from bottom to top of the excavation, replacing all, or more earth, if required, to produce the sub-grade level of the street. Macon-Bibb County officers and employees shall then replace the displaced concrete foundation and paving material, charging the applicant for
the actual cost of such replacing and repairing. These charges shall be paid to the director of finance on demand and before another permit shall be issued.

Sec. 24-74. Liability for damage; removal of waste.

(a) During the time occupied in making the excavation, removing earth and pavement and relaying such pavement, and from the time the excavation is begun until the completion of the relaying of the pavement, the applicant shall be liable for all damage that may be done to Macon-Bibb County property or to life, limb or property of any person.

(b) When the work is completed, Macon-Bibb County or a person authorized by the Macon-Bibb County engineer, shall remove the waste material and clean up the street. Only such old paving material as shall be accepted by the Macon-Bibb County engineer shall be used in repaving and repaving the streets excavated.

Sec. 24-75. Reports of excavations to fire chief and sheriff.

It shall be unlawful for any plumber, contractor or other person digging into or making excavations in any of the streets, alleys or sidewalks of Macon-Bibb County, to fail to report to the fire chief and sheriff each afternoon during the progress of the digging or excavation, specifying the exact location of the excavation or digging. The report shall be made before the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Sec. 24-76. Duty to repair gas, water or other main.

Whenever any gas, water or other pipe was not laid in conformity with the grade required by the Macon-Bibb County engineer, and is broken in working the streets or damaged in any other manner, the person owning or operating the main from which the pipe is run to the property line, shall immediately at his own expense, repair such main, and shall maintain the pipes leading from the mains to the property line in good repair.

Sec. 24-77. Duty to protect public.

It shall be unlawful for any person making any excavation in any of the paved or unpaved streets, lanes, alleys, sidewalks or public parks of Macon-Bibb County to fail to protect the travelling public by placing thereabouts barricades, red lights and other danger-signals, sufficient to put any reasonable person on notice of the excavations so made.

Sec. 24-78. Contractor's bond required.

Every contractor or other person making any change in curbing for the purpose of constructing or repairing driveways, every contractor or other person constructing or repairing driveways, and every contractor or other person constructing or repairing sidewalks, or doing any construction or repairing which necessitates the disturbing of the surface of a sidewalk or street, shall give bond to Macon-Bibb County in the sum of
twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), conditioned for the doing of the work in accordance with the ordinances, rules, and regulations of Macon-Bibb County, and to save Macon-Bibb County harmless in case of any damage to person or property, which arises from the doing of the work, the bond to be executed by the contractor or other person desiring to do the work as principal and by a surety or bonding company authorized and qualified to do business in the state and in Macon-Bibb County. Contractors and plumbers shall be relieved from posting the bond upon securing a liability policy containing property damage coverage in the sum of at least twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) and personal injury coverage in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) and filing a copy thereof with Macon-Bibb County clerk.

No policy shall be considered acceptable under this section unless it contains products hazard coverage including completed operations liability and the C.D.U. exclusions are omitted therefrom.

Secs. 24-79–24-95. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. SIDEWALKS

Secs. 24-96–24-105. Reserved.

Sec. 24-106. Sidewalks to be free of obstructions.

Sec. 24-107. Duty of contractors in erecting buildings.

Sec. 24-108. Cellar doors on sidewalks prohibited.

Sec. 24-109. Gates opening upon sidewalk.

Secs. 24-110–24-125. Reserved.

Sec. 24-106. Sidewalks to be free of obstructions.

It shall be unlawful for any person in Macon-Bibb County to allow the sidewalk in front of his residence or place of business to be occupied by any obstruction not allowed by law.

Sec. 24-107. Duty of contractors in erecting buildings.

It shall be unlawful for any contractor, or other person erecting a building in Macon-Bibb County, to occupy more than one-fourth of the street adjacent thereto for the purpose of temporarily storing thereon building material, or to render impassable the sidewalk on which the building abuts unless a safe temporary walkway is provided and approved by the Macon-Bibb County engineer.

Sec. 24-108. Cellar doors on sidewalks prohibited.
It shall be unlawful for any person to have or maintain upon any sidewalk or alley in Macon-Bibb County any cellar door and all such as now exist are hereby declared to be nuisances.

Sec. 24-109. Gates opening upon sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have or permit to remain upon his premises any gate that opens out upon the sidewalk.

Secs. 24-110–24-125. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. ENCROACHMENTS

Sec. 24-126. Nonconforming Encroachments; removal; application.

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Sec. 24-128. Application and deed; engineer's report; plat.

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Sec. 24-130. Temporary encroachments prohibited.

Sec. 24-131. Record of encroachments.

Secs. 24-132–24-150. Reserved.

Sec. 24-126. Nonconforming Encroachments; removal; application.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to advance their lots from the original boundary on any of the streets of Macon-Bibb County without making application to the Macon-Bibb County commission for an encroachment agreement and having such encroachment agreement granted as provided in this article.

(b) No building of any description shall ever be erected upon any lot in Macon-Bibb County outside of the lot line.

(c) No person shall be allowed to erect a fence, steps, portico, or other obstruction beyond the line of his lot so as to be an encroachment upon the street right-of-way without an approved encroachment agreement.

(d) In all cases of unauthorized, illegal, or nonconforming encroachments upon streets, lanes or alleys, the mayor shall cause the nonconforming encroachment to be removed upon reasonable notice to the party maintaining the nonconforming encroachment, or in the mayor's and commission's discretion, permit and sanction the nonconforming encroachment for such fair consideration as the parties at interest may agree upon, due
regard being first had to the interest of the other property holders likely to be affected thereby.

**Sec. 24-127. Fees on application for encroachment; purchase of public land.**

(a) Every person applying to Macon-Bibb County for any encroachment agreement, for the purchase of any public property, for the location of any property line, or for any other matter or thing, which requires in the judgment of Macon-Bibb County engineer, a survey, investigation or the making of a map by Macon-Bibb County, shall pay upon demand a fee of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) in cash to be paid into the treasury of Macon-Bibb County. The application shall not be acted upon, nor shall Macon-Bibb County engineer do any work in pursuance thereof, until the fee prescribed in this section shall have been first paid.

(b) Every person applying to Macon-Bibb County for any encroachment agreement, for the purchase of any public property, for the location of any property line, or for any other matter or thing which requires, in the judgment of the Macon-Bibb County attorney, the making of an investigation or the doing of any legal work by the Macon-Bibb County attorney, shall pay upon demand a fee of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) in cash to be paid into the treasury of Macon-Bibb County. The application shall not be acted upon, nor shall the Macon-Bibb County attorney do any work in pursuance thereof, until the fees herein prescribed shall have been first paid.

(c) No encroachment upon the streets, alleys, or public property of Macon-Bibb County, shall be granted an encroachment agreement for a consideration of less than one hundred dollars ($100.00), which shall be consideration in addition to fees for legal and engineering services.

**Sec. 24-128. Application and deed; engineer's report; plat.**

(a) The application shall also be accompanied by the deed showing the title of the applicant to the property in front of which the encroachment is desired. The applicant's address shall also be stated.

(b) The application and deed shall, as soon as possible, be delivered to the Macon-Bibb County engineer, who shall survey the desired encroachment, make a plat thereof in triplicate, showing center line of the street and distance therefrom, and return such application and deed with a report thereon together with all the papers concerning such application and deed to the Macon-Bibb County clerk.

(c) To every encroachment agreement shall be attached one (1) of the triplicate plats provided for in this section. The second plat shall be preserved in the office of the
Macon-Bibb County engineer and the third shall be filed in the Macon-Bibb County clerk’s office with the application and record of proceedings thereon.

Sec. 24-129. Purchase of public property.

If the report is favorable on the application and the report is adopted by the commission and approved by the mayor, the clerk shall so notify the applicant, and the mayor shall execute and deliver to the applicant a deed to the purchased property, provided payment therefore is made to the director of finance within thirty (30) days from the adoption of the favorable report.

Sec. 24-130. Temporary encroachments prohibited.

No temporary encroachments upon any of the streets or alleys of Macon-Bibb County, in any case, shall be granted.

Sec. 24-131. Record of encroachments.

(a) After the application has been disposed of, the Macon-Bibb County clerk shall file all papers concerning such conforming encroachment, classifying the papers according to blocks or squares on which the encroachments are situated.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Macon-Bibb County clerk to provide a suitable book in which shall be carefully kept minutes relative to each conforming encroachment granted, giving the names of the party to whom it was granted, the time when granted, the locality of and price paid for such encroachment.

Sec. 24-132. Minimum requirements for changes or encroachments in right-of-way for any purpose other than its intended use as a public street or highway.

(a) Prior to the erection of a permanent encroachment, all such persons shall obtain prior approval, including all necessary permits and/or agreements, from the department of public works, and pay a permit fee and annual inspection fee for the issuance of said permit or agreement as set by the Director of public works. The Director of public works shall require the person conducting activities pursuant to the permit and within the right-of-way to provide each abutting property owner or occupant with reasonable and timely notification of any impending construction work that would unreasonably interfere with either egress or ingress onto said owner’s or occupant’s property.

(b) For the purposes of this article, encroachments include but are not limited to:

(1) Vehicle, pedestrian or utility bridges.

(2) Vehicle, pedestrian or utility tunnels.
(3) Pipes, wires, conduits or similar facilities.

(4) Basements, vaults, elevator shafts, stairs, stairwells, ventilation shafts, gratings or similar facilities.

(5) Canopies, awnings, ledges, bay windows, balconies, decorative lighting, flagpoles, gargoyles, architectural embellishments, area walks or similar facilities.

(6) Any building, parking garage, structure, or part of thereof, including footings, foundations, tie-backs, supports, walls, eves, or projections; which extend into the public right-of-way; whether intended for public or private use; whether new or historic shall be defined as an encroachment.

(7) A vault encroaching under the public right-of-way which is covered by the franchised agreements between Macon-Bibb County and the various utility companies is excluded, except when that vault is an integral structural part of the building being served, including the basement walls, footings or foundations of the building, in which case the vault will also be subject to an agreement as outlined in this section between the building owner and county.

Sec. 24-133. Establishment of administrative rules.

The Director of public works is authorized to establish and implement such administrative rules and procedures necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.

Sec. 24-134. Nonconforming encroachments.

(a) Structure or properties that encroach into public right-of-way and for which there is not an applicable agreement shall be considered "nonconforming uses." Macon-Bibb County may, at the discretion of the Director of public works, permit certain nonconforming encroachments. Macon-Bibb County may at any time determine that continued encroachment is not in the public interest and may require the removal of said encroachment.

(b) If a nonconforming encroachment ceases to have continuous use, has a change in the type or degree of use, or if the structural or functional soundness of the structure or property deteriorates due to lack of maintenance, damage by fire, flood, wind, or other act of God, it shall no longer be tolerated and shall not be eligible for repair, replacement, or further use until an encroachment agreement has been executed. Macon-Bibb County shall have the right and duty to require the removal of any encroachment thus affected.

(c) Past tolerance of an encroachment or failure to enforce the prohibition against encroachment shall not be grounds for continued existence of a nonconforming encroachment.
Sec. 24-135. Obligation to relocate upon notice.

(a) Macon-Bibb County reserves the right to perform any public works or public improvements necessary to maintain the public right-of-way. The county may therefore, upon written request to the permittee, require relocation of the permittee's facilities existing in the public right-of-way at the permittee's own expense when the relocation is necessary to maintain the health, safety, or welfare of the public or to improve or maintain the public right-of-way for transportation uses.

(1) Notification, failure to remove. Upon receiving written notice from the county to remove, or relocate facilities which are using or occupying a public right-of-way which the county has to improve, the permittee shall, within 60 days thereafter, begin arrangements for said removal or relocation in accordance with said written notice from the county. Should the permittee fail to comply with such notice within a reasonable time sufficient to allow for procedures reasonably necessary for the removal and relocation of the facilities, the county may give the permittee a final notice directing that such removal begin not later than ten days from the receipt of such final notice.

(2) Removal or relocation of facilities by Macon-Bibb County. If the permittee refuses or neglects to relocate said facilities existing in the public right-of-way within ten days of receipt of such final notice, or if an emergency affecting public safety or health exists requiring immediate relocation of the permittee's facilities, to the extent not inconsistent with state and federal law, the county may relocate such facilities and the permittee shall pay to the county the reasonable costs incurred in connection with such relocation.

(3) Removal or relocation of facilities for aesthetic purposes. If the relocation of facilities in the right-of-way is for aesthetic purposes or purposes not related to improving the public right-of-way for transportation purposes or to maintain the public right-of-way for health or safety reasons, then the cost of such relocation shall be borne by the requesting third party and not by the county or the permittee.

(4) Removal or relocation of facilities by an act of God. If an act of God necessitates the relocation of the permittee's facilities located in the public right-of-way, the cost of such relocation shall not be borne by the permittee.

Sec. 24-136. Conditions of Permit.

(a) Encroachment agreement. It shall be prohibited and shall be unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any temporary or permanent right-of-way encroachment in Macon-Bibb County, unless that encroachment is covered by an encroachment agreement administered by the department of public works.
(b) Macon-Bibb County will not enter into an encroachment agreement to any owner of property adjacent to any street or roadway that is part of the street system of Macon-Bibb County or right-of-way along the limited-access highways of the federal or state aid road system within the county limits or any agent or contractor employed by the owner to make changes to, to alter or to construct an encroachment over, upon or under the right-of-way unless:

(1) *Changes to benefit public.* In the opinion of the Director of public works, the proposed alteration, excavation or encroachment will constitute a benefit to the public and, except for permitted temporary disruptions of service, will not adversely impact the ability of the right-of-way to handle vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise to perform their intended function.

(2) *Agreement as a condition of a permit.* The owners of the adjacent or connected properties abutting the right-of-way seeking a permit to alter, excavate or encroach on the right-of-way enter an agreement with Macon-Bibb County, which agreement shall be binding upon the owners of the property abutting the right-of-way and their successors in title in perpetuity or until the agreement is ended by mutual consent of Macon-Bibb County and the agreeing parties.

(3) *Submission of plans and technical specifications.* All alterations, excavations or encroachments permitted on, in, over, under or within the public right-of-way of Macon-Bibb County shall be pursuant to a plan, calculations and technical specifications prepared by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the state, which plans, calculations and technical specifications have been approved by the Director of public works pursuant to the standards set forth in this chapter or promulgated pursuant to this chapter and, when applicable, the standards of state department of transportation or the federal highway administration or both. Minimally, the plans should show the location of any supports, the height or depth of the structure and the width and volumetric cubic feet of the structure, where applicable.

(4) *Performance bond as a condition of a permit.* When in the opinion of the Director of public works it is deemed appropriate and prior to beginning any work on, in, over or under the public right-of-way of Macon-Bibb County, the owner of the abutting property or the contractor employed by the owner to perform the work shall present to the Director a performance and completion bond for the full value of the work contemplated furnished by a corporate surety satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County, the amount of the surety being determined by Macon-Bibb County's risk manager to be adequate to either complete the proposed work impacting the public right-of-way in its entirety or to restore the public right-of-way to its condition prior to commencement of the work if the owner or the
owner's contracting agent fails to complete the work to the satisfaction of the Director of public works.

(5) **Indemnification insurance as a condition of a permit.** Evidence of insurance shall be issued to indemnify and hold harmless Macon-Bibb County, its agents, officers and employees from all claims arising out of any injury to persons or damage to property resulting from the changes to or work on, in, over, under or within the right-of-way by the property owner or the contractor employed by the owner or any of the agents or employees of the owner or contractor.

(6) **Signatures required of all parties to agreement.** All parties required for the execution of such agreement shall be signatories thereto, as evidenced by a title certificate of an attorney licensed to practice law within this state, which title certificate sets forth the names and addresses of the owners of the property or structures to be connected by the bridge or tunnel and the names and addresses of the lessors and lessees of the property or structures, together with sufficient information as to the terms of any leases of the property or structures and the corporate names of any parties.

(7) **Obligation to replace the area beneath the street.** The granting of permission to construct an encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or within any public street or public alley within Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the agreement of the owner and the lessor of the tracts of land adjacent to the street or alley affected by the encroachment or excavation to remove the encroachment or excavation and to replace any area beneath the street or alley where the encroachment or excavation is constructed to a condition satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County within 90 days after being notified to do so by the Director of public works without cost to Macon-Bibb County and to provide security, if requested to do so by Macon-Bibb County, to ensure that the encroachment or excavation will be removed or backfilled and the area returned to a condition satisfactory to the Director of public works without the cost to Macon-Bibb County.

(8) **Performance bond required to replace the area beneath the street.** The granting of permission for an encroachment or construction of an excavation on, in, over, under or within any public street or public alley within Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon an agreement by the owner or lessee of the building or property to furnish and maintain a bond, at no expense to Macon-Bibb County, with a corporate surety satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County, to guarantee the performance of the principal in removing the encroachment or backfill the excavation as provided for in subsection (7) of this section.
(9) Annual rental of space. The granting of permission to construct the encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or within any public street or public alley within Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the agreement of the owners or lessors or lessees of the tracts of land connected by the encroachment or excavation to pay to Macon-Bibb County an annual rental for the space occupied by the encroachment or excavation at a rate per cubic foot as determined by the commission, computed on the outside dimensions of the encroachment or excavation lying within the bounds of the public right-of-way of Macon-Bibb County, which rental shall be collected by the department of finance and shall be subject to change from time to time. For rental of less than 5,000 cubic feet, the Director of public works may require one year's rental payments in advance.

(10) Public liability insurance requirement as a condition of a permit. The granting of permission to construct an encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or within a public street or public alley of Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the agreement of the owners or lessors or lessees of the tracts of land permitted by Macon-Bibb County to effectuate the encroachment or excavation to hold Macon-Bibb County harmless from any and all claims arising out of the construction, operation, use, maintenance or removal of the encroachment or excavation and upon the additional agreement of the owners or lessors or lessees to maintain a policy of public liability insurance, at no expense to Macon-Bibb County, satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County and naming Macon-Bibb County as a named insured, in an amount approved by Macon-Bibb County’s risk manager. The agreement of the owners or lessors or lessees of the tracts of land to hold Macon-Bibb County harmless shall not be limited to the amount of the insurance.

(11) Non-waiver of county negligence. The granting of permission to construct an encroachment or excavation shall be contingent upon the agreement of the owners or lessors or lessees of the tracts of land permitted by Macon-Bibb County to effectuate the encroachment or excavation that the obligation to hold Macon-Bibb County harmless against all claims arising out of the construction, operation, use, maintenance or removal of the encroachment or excavation shall not be waived by Macon-Bibb County because of the Director of public works having approved by the plans and specifications for the encroachment or excavation or by the requiring or not requiring modifications thereto, even though Macon-Bibb County may be found to have been negligent as a matter of law because of its acts or failure to act in regard thereto.

(12) Locating all pre-existing public and private utilities. The granting of permission to construct the encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or
within a public street or public alley of Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the parties' seeking permission to construct the encroachment or excavation, determining at their expense the location of all above ground and below ground public utilities and private utilities of Macon-Bibb County in the area where the encroachment or excavation is to be constructed, and making arrangements for the removal or relocation of those utilities, at the expense of the parties seeking permission to construct the encroachment or excavation and at no expense to Macon-Bibb County.

(13) Compliance with this chapter. The granting of permission to construct the encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or within a public street or public alley of Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the agreement of the parties seeking permission to construct the encroachment or excavation to comply with all the terms of this chapter and to comply with all other ordinances and regulations of Macon-Bibb County.

(14) Reimbursement of damages to county. The granting of permission to construct the encroachment or excavation on, in, over, under or within a public street or public alley of Macon-Bibb County shall be contingent upon the agreement of the parties seeking permission therefore to repair any damage to the street or alley resulting from the construction, maintenance or use of the encroachment or excavation and to reimburse Macon-Bibb County for any damage to the street or alley beneath, on or above where the encroachment or excavation is constructed, because of that construction and during the construction, use and maintenance of the encroachment or excavation.

(c) Enforcement. The Macon-Bibb County Sheriff shall, upon request of any citizen or upon the request of the Director of public works, give notice to the owner of the property which may be encroaching that the owner may be in violation of this section. Alternatively, the Director of public works may give notice of violation to the owner. The owner shall then be allowed 30 days to resolve the conflict by removing the encroachment, entering into an "encroachment agreement" with Macon-Bibb County, or by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Director of public works that the structure or property in question is not in violation. Failing compliance, the owner shall be cited to appear before the judge of the municipal court for a hearing on the charge of violation of this section. Upon finding that this section has been violated, the owner may be required by the court to remove the encroachment within a time prescribed by the court or the Director of public works shall be authorized to remove the encroachment and the cost of removal shall be a lien against the property.
(d) Penalties. Any violator of this section shall be held accountable as provided in the penalty section of this chapter. Each day of continuation of violation after notice shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 24-137. Erection of bridges, tunnels, and similar structures across streets and alleys.

(a) It shall be unlawful to erect a bridge, tunnel or similar structure which crosses any public street or public alley, whether above or below the surface of the right-of-way, for the purpose of providing a passageway between property or structures adjacent to the right-of-way except upon the approval and authorization of the Macon-Bibb County Commission by ordinance and upon compliance with all applicable sections of this Code and other ordinances of the Macon-Bibb County, including this section, as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful to place supports for any bridge or tunnel or any other obstructions within the public right-of-way of any street or public alley or of any portion thereof set aside for or used for sidewalk purposes.

(2) The minimum height above or depth below street level in each instance of the construction of the bridge or tunnel shall be fixed and determined in advance by the Director of Engineering in order to provide for the safe and efficient use of the right-of-way for public transportation purposes.

(3) The maximum outside width and height dimensions of each bridge or tunnel shall be as fixed and determined in advance by the Director of Engineering in order to provide for the safe and efficient use of the right-of-way for public transportation purposes.

(4) The bridge or tunnel shall be designed by an architect or an engineer licensed to practice in the state, and the plans and specifications for the bridge or tunnel presented to the engineering department for approval shall bear the architect's or engineer's official registration seal thereon. The plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Director of Engineering and the Director of Public Works for their written recommendations before the commission shall consider approval thereof.

(5) The outside appearance of any bridge permitted by this section shall not detract from the adjoining buildings or the neighborhood, and no articles of any nature, other than lighting fixtures, shall be permitted to be suspended from the outside of the bridge.
(6) It shall be unlawful to display or place any advertisements or mercantile displays upon or attached to any outer surface of the bridge or placed upon or attached to any window or glass-like surface of the bridge so as to be visible from outside.

(b) The granting of permission to construct any bridge or tunnel across any street or public alley shall be contingent upon the owner or, where applicable, lessor and lessee of the property or structures between which the bridge or tunnel is to be constructed entering into an agreement with the county, which shall be executed by all the parties prior to the issuance of any building permit therefore and the covenants of which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The owner, lessor or lessee shall remove the bridge or tunnel within 90 days after the Director of Engineering directs the bridge or tunnel to be removed without cost to Macon-Bibb County, following the commissioner's determination that such removal is required for the safe and efficient use by the public of the right-of-way for transportation purposes.

(2) The owner, lessor or lessee shall furnish and maintain a bond, at no expense to Macon-Bibb County, with a satisfactory corporate surety, to guarantee the performance of the principal in removing the bridge or tunnel as provided for in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

(3) The owner, lessor or lessee shall pay to Macon-Bibb County a monthly rental for the air space or subsurface space occupied by the bridge or tunnel, as follows:

A. The monthly rental rate for all bridges or tunnels used for pedestrian transportation or utility purposes only shall be the fair market value of each such bridge or tunnel as determined by a certified general real estate appraiser selected by the chief procurement officer. A fee to cover the cost of such appraisal shall be paid by the owner, lessor or lessee. The appraisal shall be submitted to and shall be reviewed and approved by the facilities and engineering committee before submission to the Commission. The monthly rate as determined by the appraiser shall be for an initial period of ten years from the execution date of the agreement and shall be subject to re-appraisal every ten years. This rate can be waived by Macon-Bibb County. This provision shall not apply when Macon-Bibb County is the owner of the bridge or tunnel.
B. To the extent currently authorized by other applicable sections of this Code, the monthly rental rate for each bridge or tunnel used for the sale of merchandise and mercantile displays, shall be the fair market value of the space occupied by such bridge or tunnel, which rate shall be determined by a certified general real estate appraiser selected by the chief procurement officer. A fee to cover the cost of such appraisal shall be paid by the owner, lessor, or lessee. The appraisal shall be submitted to and shall be reviewed and approved by the facilities and engineering committee before submission to the Commission. The monthly rate as determined by the appraiser shall be for an initial period of ten years from the execution date of the agreement and shall be subject to re-appraisal every ten years.

(4) The owner, lessor or lessee shall hold Macon-Bibb County harmless from any and all claims arising out of the construction, operation, use, maintenance or removal of the bridge or tunnel and shall furnish and maintain a policy of public liability insurance satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County, naming Macon-Bibb as a named insured, in an amount approved by the county's risk manager, and the agreement to hold Macon-Bibb County harmless shall not be limited to the amount of such insurance.

(5) The obligation to hold Macon-Bibb harmless against all claims arising out of the construction, maintenance, use or removal of the bridge or tunnel shall not be waived by Macon-Bibb's having approved the plans and specifications for the bridge or tunnel or Macon-Bibb requiring or not requiring modifications to the bridge or tunnel or by the county's requiring or not requiring maintenance of the bridge or tunnel, even though the county may be found to have been negligent as a matter of law because of its action or failure to act in regard thereto.

(6) All parties required for the execution of such agreement shall be signatories thereto, as evidenced by a title certificate of an attorney licensed to practice law within this state, which title certificate sets forth the name and address of the owner of the property or structures to be connected by the bridge or tunnel and the names and addresses of the lessors and lessees of the property or structures, together with sufficient information as to the terms of any leases of the property or structures, and the corporate names of any parties.

(7) The owner, lessor or lessee shall determine the location of all public utilities and all utilities of the county in the area where the tunnel or bridge is to be constructed and shall make arrangements for the removal or relocation of those
utilities, if necessary, all at such person's own expense and at no expense to Macon-Bibb County.

Sec. 24-138. Erection of balconies and awning over sidewalks.

(a) It shall be unlawful to attach a balcony or erect other structures to a building so as to extend over any portion of a public sidewalk, except upon the authorization of the Director of Public Works and upon compliance with all applicable sections of this Code or other ordinances of Macon-Bibb County, including this section.

(b) Balconies and awnings shall be designed by an architect or an engineer licensed to practice in the state and the plans and specifications for balconies presented to Macon-Bibb County for approval shall bear the official registration seal of the architect or engineer. The plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the planning and zoning commission before the Director of Public Works authorizes the balconies or awnings.

(c) The granting of permission to construct these balconies or awnings so as to extend over the public sidewalks shall be contingent upon the owner, lessor or lessee of the building onto which the balconies are constructed, the owner of the land upon which the building is erected and all creditors secured by all or a part of the land or building entering into an agreement with Macon-Bibb County which shall include but not be limited to agreements by the owner or lessee of the building to which the balconies or awnings are attached to:

1. Construct and maintain the balconies so as to prevent any portion thereof from becoming detached and falling to the street or sidewalk below;

2. Remove any or all of the balconies without cost to the county within a 90-day period after the Commission directs such removal by mailing a notice to remove the balconies to the owner, or lessee at an address set forth in the agreement;

3. Furnish and maintain a bond, at no expense to Macon-Bibb County, with a satisfactory corporate surety, to guarantee the performance of the principal in removing the balconies as provided for in subsection (c)(2) of this section;

4. Indemnify and hold the county, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims arising out of the construction, maintenance, use of or removal of any and all of the balconies, including claims arising out of persons falling or jumping from the balconies or arising out of objects being dropped or thrown from the balconies;
(5) Furnish a policy of public liability insurance and property damage insurance satisfactory to Macon-Bibb County naming it as a named insured or an additional named insured, in an amount approved by the county's risk manager, which protects Macon-Bibb County and its officers, agents and employees from claims arising out of the construction, maintenance, use of or removal of the balconies, including claims arising out of any person falling or jumping from any such balcony or throwing or dropping any object from a balcony;

(6) Provide insurance covering the agreement to indemnify and hold Macon-Bibb County and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims arising out of construction, maintenance, use of or removal of any or all of the balconies, including claims arising out of persons falling or jumping from the balconies or similar structures or arising out of objects being thrown or dropped from the balconies, with a further agreement that the obligation to indemnify and hold the county and its officers, agents and employees harmless shall not be limited to the amount of the public liability and property damage insurance naming the county as a named insured or an additional named insured; and

(7) Pay to Macon-Bibb County a monthly rental for the air space occupied by the balconies extending over a sidewalk of the county or a portion thereof at a rate per square foot, as determined by the Director of public works. This rate can be waived by Macon-Bibb County.

(d) Each request for permission to erect those balconies or awnings shall be accompanied by a title certificate of an attorney authorized to practice law in the state setting forth the names and the addresses of the owner and lessee of the building and the land on which it is erected, the names and addresses of any creditors who are secured by all or any part of the land or building involved, together with sufficient information as to the terms of any leases on the land or building, the corporate names of any of the parties sufficient to accurately disclose the names of any of the parties required in the agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the parties desiring to construct the balconies or awnings, which agreement shall be executed by all the parties desiring to construct the balconies or awnings, which agreement shall be executed by all the parties prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction of the balconies or similar structures. The agreement shall be binding on all the parties, their heirs, administrators, assigns and successors in title, and upon the execution of the agreement it shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bibb County.

Secs. 24-139–24-150. Reserved.
ARTICLE VII. RESERVED

Sec. 24-151–24-164. Reserved.

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ARTICLE VIII. INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES

Sec. 24-165. Speed Table Program.

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Macon-Bibb County has adopted a Speed Table Program to aid citizens in determining if their residential street has a speeding problem and to determine whether the installation of speed tables as traffic calming devices is an appropriate option. The Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering Division shall be responsible for implementing Macon-Bibb County’s Speed Table Program. The installation and removal of speed tables shall be done in compliance with the Macon-Bibb County Speed Table Program Manual adopted by the Macon-Bibb County commission. The Speed Table Program Manual is not set out herein but is on file in the office of the Traffic Engineer.

Section 2.

This Ordinance, to the extent necessary, shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and Macon-Bibb County.

Section 3.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Macon-Bibb County Commission to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Macon-Bibb County Commission that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining
phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**Section 4.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed or set aside.

**Section 5.**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

**SO ORDAINED** this ____ day of ________________, 2015.

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ROBERT A.B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jean S. Howard, Interim Clerk of Commission
1:00 P.M.
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
MACON - BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
MAYOR ROBERT A. B. REICHERT
COMMISSIONER BERT BIVINS, MAYOR PRO TEM
COMMISSIONER GARY BECHTEL
COMMISSIONER ED DEFORE
COMMISSIONER MALLORY JONES
COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS
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COMMISSIONER SCOTTY SHEPHERD
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1. RETIREE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMPARISON

Subject A. Report on Comparisons of Benefits From Organizations In Macon-Bibb County
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