The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on November 3, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert  Commissioner Mallory C. Jones, III  Commissioner Ed DeFore  Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.  Commissioner Al Tillman

**Commission Members Absent**

**Staff Present:**

Dale Walker, County Manager  Janice Ross – Interim Clerk of Commission  Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney  Kevin Barkley, Director of Public Works  Rob Ryals, Interim Dir. of Facilities Management

Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager  Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. – Public Affairs  Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney

**Guests in Attendance**

June Parker – Exec. Dir., MHA

**News Media Present**

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph  Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ  Ivy Nova – WGXA News

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

**PRAYER**

The prayer was rendered by Marvella Ivery, Servant Leader, Bethel CME Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Georgia Civic Awareness Student (GCAPS) Ashley Pointer who is a Junior at Howard High School.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on October 20, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on October 20, 2015

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, Ill, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman voting in the affirmative, the minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on October 20, 2015 were approved as presented.

INVITED GUESTS

No Invited Guests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Lindsay D. Holliday commented on the levee at Central City Park.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Vice - Chairman Elaine Lucas reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on October 27, 2015 and took the following action:

The Committee approved the following agreements:

- An agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc for up to $348,000 for architectural and engineering services at Central City Park was approved.
- An agreement with Triple Point Engineering, Inc. for $47,800 for services associated with closing the Macon-Bibb County inert landfill
- The Committee approved appropriating funds from District Two Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Lynmore Avenue Park Project
- The Committee authorized the Administration to enter into negotiations with Safeway Group, Inc for the lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200, for the Board of Elections Office; to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc. for planning and build out services
• The Committee authorized the employees of Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to be eligible to receive the same retirement, health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County employees.

The Committee approved the following grant requests and awards:

• The acceptance of a Georgia Department of Agriculture dog and cat Sterilization Grant Award in the amount of $3,000 awarded to the Macon – Bibb County Animal Welfare Department.

• The acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $54,049 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office.

• The acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of $3,000.

• The acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of $25,741.

• The acceptance of the Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Treatment Programs Grant in the amount of $80,740 awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court.

• The acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $39,004 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General.

**Economic and Community Development Committee**

Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on October 27, 2015.

• Coastal Plain League presented an overview of the League’s history and their interest in coming to Macon-Bibb County. No action was taken.

**Public Safety Committee**

Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet on October 27, 2015.

**Facilities and Engineering Committee**

Committee Chairman Mallory Jones reported that the Facilities and Engineering Committee did not meet on October 27, 2015.
CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanpal, Inc. dba Family Food located at 605 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Ga

ACTION:

- The new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Dhanpal, Inc. dba Family Food located at 605 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Ga was approved unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Tillman, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, and Watkins, voting in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc for up to $348,000 for architectural and engineering services at Central City Park

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc for up to $348,000 for architectural and engineering services at Central City Park in Macon-Bibb County from SPLOST Funds in substantially the same form as Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, Lucas, Schlesinger, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Watkins, and Tillman.

B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Triple Point Engineering, Inc for $47,800 for services associated with closing the Macon-Bibb County inert landfill

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Triple Point Engineering, Inc for $47,800 for services associated with closing the Macon-Bibb County inert landfill in form to be approved by the County Attorney’s Office; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Watkins, and Tillman.
C. An Ordinance to appropriate funds from District Two Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Lynmore Avenue Park Project

*Clerk read by caption:* An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate funds from District Two Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Lynmore Avenue Park Project; and for other purposes.

*ACTION:*

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Watkins, and Tillman.

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Safeway Group, Inc., or a subsidiary, for the lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 for the Board of Elections Office for $8.00 sq. ft. for five years, to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc for planning and build-out services

*Clerk read by caption:* A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Safeway Group, Inc., or a subsidiary, for the lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 for the Board of Elections Office for $8.00 sq. ft. for five years, to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc for planning and build-out services; and for other purposes.

*ACTION:*

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Watkins, and Tillman.

E. A Resolution to authorize the employees of Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to be eligible to receive the same retirement, health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees

*Clerk read by caption:* A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the employees of Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to be eligible to receive the same retirement, health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees; and for other purposes.

*ACTION:*

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

F. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Award in the amount of $3,000 awarded to the Macon-Bibb County Animal Welfare Department
Clerk read by caption:  A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of a Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Award in the amount of $3,000 awarded to the Macon-Bibb County Animal Welfare Department in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and for other purposes

**ACTION:**

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

G. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $54,049 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office

Clerk read by caption:  A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $54,049 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office; and for other purposes

**ACTION:**

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

H. A Resolution approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $3,000

Clerk read by caption:  A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $3,000; in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

I. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Treatment Programs Grant in the amount of $80,740 awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court

Clerk read by caption:  A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Treatment Programs Grant in the amount of $80,740 awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.
ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

J. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $39,004 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia Awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $39,004 from the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia Awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

K. A Resolution approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $25,741

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of $25,741 in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

L. A Resolution to confirm Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert’s appointment of Louis Frank Tompkins to the Macon-Bibb County Fire Civil Service Board

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to confirm Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert’s appointment of Louis Frank Tompkins to the Macon-Bibb County Fire Civil Service Board; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

M. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an encroachment agreement with Historic Macon Properties, LLC for an encroachment at 551 Cherry Street
Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an encroachment agreement with Historic Macon Properties, LLC for an encroachment at 551 Cherry Street in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bivins, Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert stated at the present time there were no new business items to be added to next week’s Committee meeting agendas.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Donald H. Richardson, Jr. gave his reflections from a grass roots perspective regarding the Ambrose Favor’s contributions to Macon-Bibb County.

Marvella Ivery spoke on ways to bridge the gap between the citizens, the Government and elected officials.

Jack Ellis spoke on the need to expand the Affordable Care Act in Georgia. He also spoke on the need to utilize the South Macon Park property that was purchased in 2006. He concluded by speaking on the gambling operations in the community.

Michael Ryan addressed the Tiger Grant application that was recently denied and the need to work with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding complaints in the community.

Dr. Lindsay Holliday addressed his belief that Moreland Altobelli needed to be replaced as the Manager of the Road Improvement Program.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Al Tillman stated that he was pleased to announce that President Obama had signed the Ban The Box legislation. He continued that he was pleased to play a role in having the Ban The Box legislation passed in Georgia.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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

Janice S. Ross, CC
Interim Clerk of the Commission