The Regular Meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on January 21, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert                  Commissioner Ed DeFore
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III              Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Gary Bechtel                   Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Elaine Lucas                   Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III             Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Julie Moore – Spec. Asst. to Co. Mgr., Strategic Planning & Budget
Gene Simonds – Director Central Services
Charles Coney – Asst. County Manager
Steve Layson – Asst. County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Stuart Morelli – Asst. County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Dave Fortson – County Engineer
Sam Hugley – Director of Veh. Maintenance
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. - Public Affairs
Kevin Barrere – Office of Public Affairs
Sam Kitchens – Director of Buildings and Properties

News Media Present

Liz Fabian – The Telegraph
Sherrie Marshall – The Telegraph
Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Chace Ambrose – WGXA, FOX 24

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

PRAYER

The prayer was rendered by Dr. Maurice Watson of Beulahland Bible Church.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR LARRY SCHLESINGER, DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER

The Honorable William P. Adams, Chief Judge, State Court of Macon-Bibb County, conducted the Swearing-In Ceremony for Rabbi Larry Schlesinger as the District 2 Commissioner on the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Rabbi Schlesinger was accompanied by his wife, Derrie, and daughter, Arielle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Al Tillman, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on January 7, 2014 were approved as amended.


RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Maurice Watson of Beulahland Bible Church
Dr. Watson was invited to provide the prayer for tonight’s regular commission meeting.

Chris R. Sheridan, Ronnie Williams, and Curtis Brown - Chris R. Sheridan & Company
Mayor Reichert expressed thanks and appreciation to Chris Sheridan, Ronnie Williams (President), and Curtis Brown (Project Manager) of Chris R. Sheridan and Company for donating their services free of charge for pressure washing the exterior of Government Center, for which an estimate of $6,000 had been received.

Ashley Hill and Kristie Hinton – C-SPAN
Ashley Hill, producer of C-SPAN 2014 Cities Tour, gave an overview of C-SPAN and its Cities Tour which was created to highlight small and mid-size cities to a national audience. Macon was chosen because of its rich musical history, non-fiction literary life, Ocmulgee National Monument, and other notable sights and places. Macon is one of 24 communities from across the country to be highlighted during C-SPAN’S 2014 Cities Tour. The Macon segment will be shown during the special Macon weekend February 15th and 16th on C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3. Ashley stated that C-SPAN’s partnership with Cox Communications is one of the reasons Macon was chosen to be part of the 2014 Cities Tour.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS
The Committee on Committees met Friday, January 17, 2014 and established four committees as follows:

**Operations and Finance** – Staff Contact: Charles Coney - Asst. County Manager

**Members:**
Commissioner Gary Bechtel  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins  
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

**Economic and Community Development** - Staff Contact: Julie Moore – Special Asst. to County Manager

**Members:**
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Al Tillman  
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins  
Commissioner Ed DeFore

**Public Safety** – Staff Contact: Dale Walker - County Manager or his designee

**Members:**
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Mallory Jones  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins  
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

**Facilities and Engineering** – Staff Contact: Steve Layson – Asst. County Manager

**Members**
Commissioner Mallory Jones  
Commissioner Ed DeFore  
Commissioner Al Tillman  
Commissioner Gary Bechtel  
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

The Committee of the Whole met this morning at 10:00 A.M. and received a report from County Manager, Dale Walker, on several items, and to set the agenda for tonight’s agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign alcoholic beverage license renewals

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission delegating to the Mayor the authority to sign alcoholic beverage license renewals that meet all the requirements of the Macon-Bibb County Alcohol Beverage Code;
and for other purposes.

- On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Establishment of E-911 Department

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole adopting an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to establish the E-911 Department.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb Commission amending Chapter 2 Administration of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to establish the E-911 Department; to provide penalties; to provide for repeal of conflicting ordinances; to provide an adoption and effective date; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

- On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas and carried unanimously, the above stated Ordinance was adopted.


B. Agreement with the Circuit Public Defender’s Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Circuit Public Defender’s Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit, along with the governing authorities of Peach and Crawford Counties, for the provision of criminal defense for indigent persons in the Macon Judicial Circuit.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Circuit Public Defender’s Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit, along with the governing authorities of Peach and Crawford Counties, for the provision of criminal defense for indigent persons in the Macon Judicial Circuit in substantially the
same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

- On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Al Tillman and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


C. Resolution commending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia on its Centennial

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution commending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) on the occasion of its Centennial.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission commending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) on the occasion of its Centennial; and for other purposes.

- On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


D. Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

- On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


E. Resolution approving agreement with Davenport and Company, LLC for financial advisory services

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Davenport &
• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Davenport & Company, LLC for financial advisory services, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

• On motion of Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


F. Resolution approving agreement for management of ticket sales at the Macon City Auditorium and Macon Coliseum

• Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution approving an agreement for the management of ticket sales at the Macon City Auditorium and the Macon Coliseum between Ticket Master, LLC and Noble Interstate, LLC as agent for Macon-Bibb County D/B/A Macon Coliseum & City Auditorium, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement.

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving an agreement for the management of ticket sales at the Macon City Auditorium and the Macon Coliseum between Ticket Master, LLC, as agent for Macon-Bibb County, D/B/A Macon Coliseum & City Auditorium, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

• On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.


G. Amended Medical Dispensary Services Agreement with Macon Occupational Medicine

• Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to and restated Medical Dispensary Services Agreement with Macon Occupational Medicine, LLC.

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to and restated Medical Dispensary Services agreement with Macon Occupational Medicine, LLC; and for other purposes.
• On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.

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

H. Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Resolution and Condemnation Orders on Level Acres Drive SW

• Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole granting authorization for the Mayor to sign a Resolution and Condemnation Orders for Parcels 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12, and 13 on Level Acres Drive SW for the purpose of widening and constructing of a public road.

The Commission agreed to vote on all 11 parcels as a group.

• Upon request by Mayor Pro Tem Bivins, the Clerk read one of the Resolutions by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize certain proceedings in Eminent Domain for Level Acres Drive, SW Parcel 1.

• On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins and carried unanimously, all 11 Resolutions were approved as a group.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Lucas, District 3, stated she was happy to support these resolutions because it mainly affected residents in her district and would enable emergency vehicles easy access in and out of the area, provide water, and, overall, be an improvement to the area.

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

I. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission adopting an Official Seal for Macon-Bibb County

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission adopting an official seal for Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

• On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas and carried unanimously, the above stated Resolution was approved.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Tillman requested that acknowledgement be given to Mr. Strozier, who submitted the original seal design concept for the new Macon-Bibb County government.
Mayor Reichert agreed that Mr. Strozier should be recognized as having won the contest that was conducted by the Transition Task Force and that his design served as the basis for the revisions that have been made and that are subsequently incorporated in the present seal design that is being adopted.


J. Early retirement request from Sylvia Lindsey of the District Attorney’s office.

- On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously, the early retirement request of Sylvia Lindsey was approved.


GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Donald Richardson, Jr. requested copies of the condemnation documents for the Level Acres Drive Project.

Dr. Lindsey Holiday offered suggestions for improving the County’s new website for accessing meetings and agenda items before scheduled Commission meetings, and the need to increase the speed for accessing the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reichert announced that after the earlier Pre-Commission meeting, the Board of Elections had one item they needed to have approved setting the qualifying fees for those public offices that are to be elected in calendar year 2014. Those offices are: State Court Judge, an additional State Court Judge, Civil and Magistrate Court Judge, Board of Education, and Water Authority positions. The Mayor asked the County Attorney to prepare a resolution and refer by letter to the Operations and Finance Committee for action on Tuesday, January 28th at a special called meeting following the committee meetings. The Board of Elections has advised that this information needs to be published in The Telegraph before February 1st.

Commissioner Tillman asked how and why The Telegraph is identified as the legal organ. Mayor Reichert asked the County Attorney to discuss the designation of legal organ at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.
Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission