MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION  
February 4, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.  
Government Center  
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on February 4, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the large conference at Government Center.

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert  
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III  
Commissioner Gary Bechtel  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

Commissioner Ed DeFore  
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins  
Commissioner Al Tillman  
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

**Staff Present**

Dale Walker – County Manager  
Judd Drake – County Attorney  
Stuart Morelli – Asst. County Attorney  
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission  
Charles Coney – Asst. Co. Mgr. (Operations)  
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. - Public Affairs  
Julie Moore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. - Strategic Planning & Budget  
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission  
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator  
Sam Henderson – Executive Asst. to the Commission

**Guests/Visitors**

Attorney Tom Richardson  
Attorney Duke Groover

**News Media Present**

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph  
Katelyn Heck – 13 WMAZ

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight’s Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M., and stated that all items under New Business would be referred to a committee.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**PRAYER** – Reverend David Stanley - Union Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on January 21, 2014  
B. Regular Commission Meeting on January 21, 2014  
C. Special Called Meeting on January 28, 2014
INVITED GUESTS

Reverend David Stanley – Union Baptist Church

Mayor Reichert wanted to publicly recognize the Emergency Management Agency and its Partners for their hard work and for making Macon-Bibb County look good during the recent snowstorm on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28th & 29th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

NA

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

The Mayor asked Committee Chairs to give a brief report or statement for the record on action taken during their committee meeting on January 28th to include who was elected Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, any action taken and other matters considered during the meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Resolution (Item D) recognizing February 2014 as Black History Month was moved to the Consent Agenda for presentation at tonight’s Regular Commission meeting. The Resolution was read by Mayor Reichert in its entirety. The Mayor also requested that Commission Clerk, Shelia Thurmond, read the Resolution in its entirety at tonight’s Regular Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NA

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution for Pension Changes for new Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan.
   To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

B. A Resolution calling for a Social Security Referendum.
   To Be Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

C. A Resolution recognizing Ingleside Baptist Church for honoring the Commissioners during the first of the year.
   To Be Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

D. A Resolution recognizing February 2014 as Black History Month.

The Resolution was moved to the Consent Agenda for action at tonight’s Commission meeting at the request of Commissioner Lucas. Commissioner Lucas stated that she, as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, along with Commissioner Schlesinger, and possibly others present, could accept the Resolution at tonight’s meeting. There was unanimous consent to move this item to the Consent Agenda at tonight’s Commission meeting.

Commissioner DeFore was not present.

It was further noted that a proclamation designating February 2014 as Black History Month had been prepared for presentation.

E. A Resolution for the Tax Commissioner to be delegated authority to waive certain penalties and interest.
   **To Be Referred To:** Operations and Finance Committee

F. A Resolution to rename Freedom Park Gym.
   **To Be Referred To:** Facilities and Engineering Committee

G. A Resolution to increase jury pay per request of the Grand Jury.
   **To Be Referred To:** Operations and Finance Committee

H. A Resolution requesting that the local Legislative Delegation creates the Eisenhower Community Improvement District (CID).
   **To Be Referred To:** Economic and Community Development Committee

I. A Resolution to adopt a policy for renaming parks, facilities, and streets owned by Macon-Bibb County.
   **To Be Referred To:** Facilities and Engineering Committee

J. A Resolution to request that Macon-Bibb County issue a Request for Qualifications for consulting services to analyze existing procurement practices to determine if a Disparity Study may be necessary.
   **To Be Referred To:** Operations and Finance Committee

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that County Attorney, Judd Drake, requested the attorneys representing the Consolidated Government meet with Commissioners in executive session to discuss pending litigation.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.


Commissioner DeFore arrived.

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened at 5:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion by Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, the meeting was adjourned.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission