MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
August 5, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Commission Chamber)

The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on August 5, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

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

Staff Present:
Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager
Keith Moffett – Director of E-911
Sheila Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Steve Layson – Asst. Co. Mgr - Infrastructure
Charles Coney – Asst. Co. Mgr. – Operations
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Trae McCombs – Public Affairs
Kevin Barrere – Public Affairs

Guests in Attendance
Dr. Lindsey Holliday
June Parker – Macon Housing Authority
E-911 Group A Personnel
Karen Durham – Asst. Director E-911

News Media Present
Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – WGXA FOX 24
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA

CALLED TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

The prayer was rendered by Father Vernon Knight of Saint Joseph Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on July 15, 2014 were approved as presented.


INVITED GUESTS

Father Vernon Knight of St. Joseph Catholic Church was invited to render the prayer for tonight’s Regular Commission Meeting.

Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) Overview and Video Presentation

Mayor Reichert gave an overview of the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) developed by Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) staff and county officials to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among our state’s youth.

Recently, students participating in Bibb County GCAPS took a trip to Savannah to learn more about its government. They were met by Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson, who gave them a brief history of how she began her work with government at an early age. They also toured various government buildings, and learned how government is working to grow and improve the city.

A video highlighting the trip to Savannah and the sights and places visited was shown which was very informative and many of the program participants were featured speaking of the many activities and learning experiences while participating in GCAPS.

Mayor Pro Tem Bivins, Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager, and Kevin Barrere, GCAPS Program Manager introduced and presented certificates to this year’s program participants: Quincy Davis of Central High School, Andrew Clay Mayfield, Chase Donovan McCard, Tariq Amir Raines, and Ian Roughen all of Howard High School.

Ms. Yolande Vicks, E-911 Operator was recognized and presented a certificate by Mayor Reichert for her exemplary service on July 21st in coordinating and providing assistance to Paris Gunter whose car flipped and landed in woods off Interstate 75 too far from the road to be seen by passersby according to E-911 Director Keith Moffett. Ms. Vicks stated her actions were not unique and it was a group effort by she and ten other Group A operators who worked together to ensure Ms. Gunter received assistance.

Mr. Juawn A. Jackson – Mayor Reichert and Commissioner Tillman presented to Juawn Jackson a Proclamation proclaiming August 5, 2014 as Juawn Jackson Day in recognition for his being selected by his peers as the first African-American president of the Student Government Association of Georgia College and State University in the university’s twenty-five
year history. Commissioner Tillman commended Mr. Jackson for his civic and academic achievements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 and recommended approval of the following:

- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with CWC, LLC for moving of current furnishings and the purchase of new interior furnishings for the Tax Commissioner’s Office in the amount of $104,231.04.

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Article V of the Claims Against Government Employees Section of the Code to include members and employees of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors.

- The Public Hearings for the tax increase will be held at 9:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on August 12, 2014 and at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday August 19th. These meetings will be publicized. This rate will be part of the first-ever consolidated budget, and its net effect will be no change for residents in the former unincorporated County and a decrease for residents in the former City limits. For FY15, Macon-Bibb County is proposing a rate of 19.502 for former city limits (a decrease of 2.201 mills) this decrease in the former City limits means residents will see a decrease of approximately $80 on a $100,000 home.

- The Committee also heard presentations from Cavanaugh Macdonald, Actuary; Mauldin and Jenkins, Auditors, and Independent Port Folio Consultants.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 and recommended approval of the following:

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County to allow for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages for consumption on the premises of an establishment licensed for the sale of Growlers.

Public Safety Committee

No Report

Facilities and Engineering Committee
Committee Chairman Al Tillman reported a Public Hearing for the renaming of Haywood Road to Marshall Stenson Drive was held on July 29, 2014. Commissioner Tillman stated he and Commissioner Lucas, the renaming sponsor, were working on a compromise to address the concerns of some residents on the street and those requesting the name change to honor Rev. Stenson.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Quick Stop located at 5730 Columbus Road

B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for M. M. Gas & Food Mart located at 2760 Montpelier Avenue

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the above stated alcoholic beverage licenses were approved.


OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with CWC, LLC for moving of current furnishings and the purchase of new interior furnishings for the Tax Commissioner’s Office in the amount of $104,231.04 to be paid from bond funds

ACTION:

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with CWC, LLC for moving of current furnishings and the purchase of new interior furnishings for the Tax Commissioner’s Office in the amount of one hundred four thousand two hundred thirteen and 04/100 dollars ($104,213.04) to be paid from bond funds; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


B. Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Article V of the Claims Against Employees Section of the Code to include members and employees of the Macon-County Board of Tax Assessors

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending Chapter 18 Article V of the Claims Against Employees section of the
Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County to include members and employees of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors under said Article; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


C. Ordinance amending Chapter 4 Article V of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages for consumption on the premises of an establishment licensed for the sale of Growlers

• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending Chapter 4 Article V of the Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County to allow for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages for consumption on the premises of an establishment licensed for the sale of Growlers; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


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

• Clerk read by caption: Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Community Solutions, Inc. for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of $250,000.00 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


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

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Volunteer Macon, Inc. for a maximum of $56,000.00 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.
purposes.

ACTION:


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

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Marie Martin for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of $53,184.00 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


Mayor Reichert asked if there was any further old business.

Commissioner Gary Bechtel requested the Heartbeat Incentive Program tabled on May 6, 2014, be referred back to Committee for additional study and modification.

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, the above stated item was referred back to the Committee for further discussion and modification.


NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to appropriate $75,000 for FY2015 in support of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $75,000 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; under the adopted budget for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for Fiscal Year 2015; and for other lawful purposes.
Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

B. Resolution to appropriate $95,000 for FY 2015 in support of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $95,000 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission, under the adopted budget for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for Fiscal Year 2015; and for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

C. Resolution to appropriate $96,000 for FY2015 in support of the Douglass Theatre

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $96,000 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Douglass Theatre, under the adopted budget for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for Fiscal Year 2015; and for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

D. Resolution to appropriate $237,500 for FY2015 in support of the Museum of Arts and Sciences

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $237,500 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Inc., under the adopted budget for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for Fiscal Year 2015; and for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

E. Resolution to appropriate $633,400 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $633,400 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

F. Resolution to appropriate $2,785,700 for FY2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Library and $10,000 of In Kind Services in support of the Bookmobile

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $2,785,700 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Library, and $10,000 of in-kind services in support of the Bookmobile.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee
G. Resolution to appropriate $218,300 for FY2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $218,300 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

H. Resolution to appropriate $2,751,000 ($2,434,000 in support of the Transit Authority and $317,000 in support of Paratransit) for FY2015 in support of the Macon Transit Authority

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $2,751,000 ($2,434,000 in support of the Transit Authority and $317,000 in support of Para Transit) for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

I. Resolution to appropriate $425,000 for FY2015 in support of the River Edge Behavioral Health Center

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $425,000 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the River Edge Behavioral Health Center.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

J. Resolution to appropriate $67,500 for FY2015 in support of the Historic Hills & Heights Development Corporation

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $67,500 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Historic Hills & Heights Development Corporation.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

K. Resolution to appropriate $880,900 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $880,900 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

L. Resolution to appropriate $237,500 for FY2015 in support of the Tubman African American Museum

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission
to appropriate $237,500 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Tubman African American Museum, Inc.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

M. Resolution to appropriate $202,400 for FY2015 in support of the Macon Bibb-County Land Bank Authority

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $202,400 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority, Inc.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

N. Resolution to appropriate $850,000 for FY2015 in support of the Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $850,000 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

O. Resolution to appropriate $424,600 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $424,600 for Fiscal Year 2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

P. Resolution to authorize further necessary investigation and action to secure revenue bond allocations for the Macon-Bibb County expanded areas of the 2014 Urban Redevelopment Plan

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize further necessary investigation and action to secure revenue bond allocations for the purpose of vacant lot maintenance, blighted housing demolition, and other infrastructure beautification in Macon-Bibb County in the expanded areas of the 2014 Urban Redevelopment Plan; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

Q. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-12 of the inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-12 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for

August 5, 2014
Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for offenses regarding the care and control of licensed or permitted animals, mandating court appearance for the third and fourth offenses under this section, and adding a fee to fund animal welfare education expenses; to provide an adoption and effective date; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Public Safety Committee

R. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-13 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for the offense of abandoning a domesticated animal

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-13 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for the offense of abandoning a domesticated animal; to provide an adoption and effective date; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Public Safety Committee

S. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-22 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for the offense of tethering and transport, prohibited conduct

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-22 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for offense of tethering and transport, prohibited conduct; to provide an adoption and effective date; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Public Safety Committee

T. Resolution accepting the dedication of a public road located at or near Bloomfield Parkway and Eisenhower Parkway in the 4th Land District and to declare that said road shall be open for public use and maintained by Macon-Bibb County

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission accepting the dedication of a public road located at or near Bloomfield Parkway and Eisenhower Parkway in the 4th Land District and to declare that said road shall be open for public use and maintained by Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

U. Ordinance amending Chapter 29 Article VIII and Chapter 29 Article IX of the Drainage and Paving Districts Section of the Code of Ordinances

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending Chapter 29 Article VIII and Chapter 29 Article IX of the Drainage and Paving Districts Section of the Code of Ordinances to include guidelines for special sanitary sewerage districts and setting forth uniform procedures for
the creation of said districts and setting forth uniform procedures for the said districts; to amend Chapter 29 Article IX to reflect the current water system Ordinances; to add Chapter 29 Article X to reflect the current residential street lighting Ordinances; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

V. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with C. W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. for road reconstruction and full depth road reclamation services

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with C. W. Matthews contracting Company, Inc. for reconstruction and full depth road reclamation services; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

W. Resolution to authorize and approve a consulting agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Euquant, Inc. for $75,000.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize and approve a consulting agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Euquant, Inc. for $75,000 for professional consulting services to analyze existing procurement practices to determine if a Disparity Study may be necessary; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

X. Resolution to rename Haywood Road to Marshell Stenson, Jr. Drive

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to rename Haywood Road to Marshell Stenson, Jr. Drive; and for other lawful purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

Y. Resolution eliminating the $50 charged by the Parks and Recreation Department to citizens who reserve public facilities for use of the inflatable structures known as bounce houses

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission eliminating the $50 fee charged by the Parks and Recreation Department to citizens who reserve facilities for use of inflatable structures known as bounce houses

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

Z. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Womack Paving Inc. in the amount of $65,076.45 for landfill entrance rehabilitation
• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Womack Paving Inc. in the amount of $65,076.45 for landfill entrance rehabilitation, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

AA. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services in the amount of $299,994.00 with funding from the Home Investment Partnership Program to construct a sustainable group home at 980-982 Schaffer Place

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services in the amount of two hundred ninety nine thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars ($299,994.00) with funding from the Home Investment Partnership Program to construct a sustainable group home at 980-982 Schaffer Place; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

BB. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Macon Water Authority to serve as the County’s agent for the design, procurement, construction, and completion of storm water management projects and drainage improvements funded by SPLOST funds

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Macon Water Authority to serve as the County’s agent for the design, procurement, construction, and completion of Storm Water Management projects and drainage improvement funded by SPLOST Funds; and for other purposes.

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

CC. Resolution authorizing and directing the Administration to seek proposals to undertake a comprehensive Blight Study

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize further necessary investigation and action to secure revenue bond allocations for the purpose of vacant lot maintenance, blighted housing demolition, and other infrastructure beautification in Macon-Bibb County in the expanded areas of the 2014 Urban Redevelopment Plan; and for other purposes.

• Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.


Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission