

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION  
October 7, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.  
Government Center  
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on October 7, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room 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 H. Lucas

Commissioner Mallory Jones, III  
Commissioner Ed DeFore  
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.  
Commissioner Al Tillman

**Staff Present**

Judd Drake –County Attorney  
Crystal Jones – Sr. Assistant County Attorney  
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney  
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission  
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)  
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)  
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager for Budget & Strategic Planning  
Dave Fortson – County Engineer  
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission  
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator  
Chris Floore – Assistant to Co. Manager for Public Affairs  
Dr. James Bumpus – Director of Small Business Affairs

**News Media Present**

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph  
Karli Barnett – 13 WMAZ  
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA

**Visitors Present**

Judge William Adams – State Court  
Rebecca Grist – State Court Solicitor  
Amy Hartley – State Court Probation Office  
Meredith Howell – Victim/Witness Coordinator, District Attorney's Office  
Brittney Childs - Industrial Authority  
Adah Roberts  
Bud Fletcher

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on three New Business items on the Agenda that are time sensitive.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **PRAYER**

- A. Pastor Jarred Hammet – Northminster Presbyterian Church

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on September 16, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on September 16, 2014

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

To be led by Carolyn Anderson and Marquis Chester, Macon-Bibb County GCAPS Students

### **INVITED GUESTS**

Chatham County Youth Commission  
GCAPS Students  
Van Johnson  
Corliss Bates

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**

Mayor Reichert reminded Committee Chairs to give their Committee reports.

- A. Operations and Finance Committee
- B. Economic and Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Market Place located at 2006 Vineville Avenue
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Market Place located at 1091 Clinton Road

- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Red Lobster #48 – located at 2077 Riverside Drive
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Welcome – located at 815 Shurling Drive
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Welcome – located at 6440 Houston Road
- F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Family Corner located at 4933 Sardis Church Road
- G. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Lizella Super Market – located at 3309 Holley Road
- H. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Star Food Mart - Located at 4739 Houston Road
- I. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Pinebrook Package Store located at 4448 Forsyth Road
- J. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Hooters of Macon – located at 112 Riverside Parkway

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 2015 Hybrid Vehicle and 2015 15-passenger Van for use by the Fire Department in the amount of \$53,493.12 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 2015 Fire Investigator Vehicle and a 2015 SUV for use by the Fire Department in the amount of \$62,750.00 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- C. Ordinance to appropriate additional funds for the Board of Elections to implement Sunday voting, contingent upon the Board of Elections approving said Sunday voting for citizens
- D. Resolution to adopt the Third Amendment to the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to comply with IRS Notice 2014-19 relating to the Supreme Court decision in the Windsor Case overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority to acquire easements and right-of-ways adjacent to Log Cabin Drive for the purpose of construction projects
- F. Resolution proclaiming Saturday, November 15, 2014 as “America Recycles Day” in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia
- G. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant in the amount of \$54,049.00 from the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office
- H. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant in the amount of \$39,004.00 from the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General’s Office

- I. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of State Court Probation as the provider of Probation Services for the Macon-Bibb County Magistrate Court

The Mayor stated all New Business items would be referred to Committee for action.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA**

**A. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant in the amount of \$54,049.00 from the prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office**

**ACTION:**

- *On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item G.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. was absent during the vote.*

**B. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims Crime Act Assistance Grant in the amount of \$39,004.00 from the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General's Office**

**ACTION:**

- *On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item H.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. was absent during the vote.*

**C. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of State Court Probation as the provider of Probation Services for the Macon-Bibb County Magistrate Court**

**ACTION:**

- *On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item I.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. was absent during the vote.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Reichert announced flu shots would be administered by the Macon-Bibb County Health Department at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the Regular Commission meeting, to all Commissioners who desired to get one.

Steve Layson announced a self-imposed quarantine at Animal Welfare due to two dogs suspected of having Distemper, which is highly contagious/dying.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing or voting on: Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger,, Elaine Lucas,, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., was absent during the vote.

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC  
Clerk of Commission