

**MINUTES
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 22, 2003

6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Tommy C. Olmstead, Vice Chairman Samuel F. Hart, Sr., Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, Commissioner Charles W. Bishop and Commissioner Elmo A. Richardson, Jr.

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Staff present: Mr. Virgil L. Adams, County Attorney; Mr. Bill Johnston, Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Sam Kitchens, Assistant Director of Buildings & Properties; Mr. Tony Rousey, Director of Information & Technology Services; Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Deborah Martin, Interim Finance Director; Mr. Bill Vaughn, Director of Support Services; Mr. Ken Sheets, Interim County Engineer; Mr. Don Hoch, Director of Lake Tobesofkee; Mrs. Barbara Wood, Public Affairs and Mrs. Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board.

News Media present: Mr. Travis Fain, The Macon Telegraph, FOX TV 24 and WMAZ TV 13.

Chairman Olmstead recognized and welcomed Reverend Curtis Raines, Sr., Pastor of New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, for the **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**.

Chairman Olmstead asked everyone to stand for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Bishop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Olmstead announced that the dedication of Mazza Memorial Field would be held on Friday, July 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bibb County Sports Complex on Heath Road. The dedication is in memory of the late Pauline "Polly" Mazza, who worked in the Engineering Department for many years. He stated that Polly took special interest in using her abilities to develop the Sports Complex.

Chairman Olmstead announced that Commissioner Richardson had completed the Commissioners Certification Program in record time and offered words of congratulations on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Olmstead announced that Mr. Ken Sheets and Mr. Cliff Howard received a Certificate of Public Works Management at the American Public Works Association Annual Meeting last week. He offered words of congratulations to both of them on behalf of the Board and stated that it was good to have people with enough interest to take extra courses so that they can serve the public in a better fashion.

been very nice and are very warm and responsive to the congressman. She further stated that if there was anything they could do, for anybody, they would be available.

Ms. Studdard continued that she lives in Fayette County but she works out of the McDonough office for the congressman. She stated that he also has offices in Newnan and Columbus. She continued that Bibb County is one of the counties that she has been assigned to do all of the outreach and basically come down here and visit people.

Commissioner Richardson stated that he met with Ms. Studdard yesterday and that he was currently looking for a place and would have that information for her soon.

REFERRALS:

The following item was referred to the **Human Resources & Information Services Committee:**

Correspondence from Mr. Allen Freeman advising that the nominating committee of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission is requesting that the following persons be reappointed to the Commission: *Mr. Steve Jukes, Mr. Paul Leath, Mrs. Dee Newton, Mrs. Sharon Patterson and Mrs. Barbara Wood.*

The nominating committee also requests that approval of the appointment of *Mr. Mike Anthony* to fill an unexpired term.

RECORD & INFORMATION:

Monthly department reports and agency activities received for record: Clerk of State Court.

ACTION:

1. Resolution of Bibb County submitting the Bibb County Five -Year Short Term Work Program to the Middle Georgia RDC for compliance review.

On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was approved.

2. Ratification of Resolution congratulating the Exchange Club of Macon on the occasion of its eightieth (80) anniversary.

On motion of Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and carried, the before mentioned Resolution was ratified.

3. Authorization for Board Chairman to sign Agreement between the Department of Transportation and Bibb County respecting the following Projects: Forest Hill Road from

Forsyth Road to Wimbish Road and Forest Hill Road from Wimbish Road to Northside Drive.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Hart and carried, the aforementioned item was approved.

CALL FOR VOTE TO DISCUSS ITEMS 4 & 5 ONLY

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and carried, items four & five were allowed for discussion.

4. Approval to deny alcoholic beverage license for Club Exotica

Chairman Olmstead stated that all of the Commissioners had a letter that was handed to them from Sheriff Modena outlining the reasons why he would recommend denying the renewal of the alcohol beverage license and revocation of the existing license.

Commissioner Richardson stated that as Chairman of the License & Tax Committee, he would like to make a motion that Bibb County deny the Club Exotica application for a 2003-2004 alcoholic beverage license based upon a report from the Sheriff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bishop.

For clarification purposes, County Attorney Virgil Adams stated that this was not actually the License & Tax Committee but actually a recommendation for the full Board and it's based on an investigation that was done by the Sheriff.

Chairman Olmstead called for the question to deny the alcoholic beverage license. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Olmstead then called on Commissioner Richardson for the second part.

Commissioner Richardson stated that with regard to the existing license, he would like to make a motion that the Board notify the applicant that a hearing will be held to determine if the existing license should be revoked. Also, that the Chairman send a letter to the applicant so notifying him. He stated that the reason for this was because the license could only be revoked after the hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried.

Chairman Olmstead then asked if a hearing was automatic.

County Attorney Adams responded, yes. He stated that to revoke the license, a hearing before either the Board or committee, or in this instance, since this applicant had raised an issue before about due process, he would also suggest that they be extended opportunity to have that hearing in front of a hearing officer, but the decision would actually be made at that