

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 3, 2019

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority was held at 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2019 in the Morris Cohen conference room on the fourth floor of the Terminal Station at 200 Cherry Street, Macon, Georgia. Those present were:

Chairman: Frank Tompkins

Vice-Chairman: Charles Howard

Members: Dave Dickey, Lynn Farmer, Ella Mumphrey, and Violet Poe

Members Absent:

Also present were S. Craig Ross, President and CEO, Lee Brown, CFO, Andy Stroud, Business Development Director and F. Bradford Wilson, Jr., Counsel for the Authority. A proper Quorum was present.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tompkins and a moment of silent reflection was observed.

The Chairman informed the Board that the purpose of the meeting was to provide President/CEO Craig Ross an opportunity to share with the Board the results of his investigation and evaluation of the current security needs for Terminal Station.

President Ross explained that there have been ongoing problems with the homeless population. Last year they damaged the building with a break-in which extended to the computer system resulting in monetary damages exceeding \$10,000.00. A police officer has been hired for evening security, but such has not solved the problem. It has been decided that the best solution to prevent further damage is to fence in the building.

President Ross then shared with the Board the location of the proposed fencing which consists of a six-foot black vinyl fence along the rear and sides of the property and a six-foot ornamental fence along the front of Terminal Station. There will be automatic gates, walk-through gates and drive through gates for access and security codes will be provided for employees. The estimated cost is \$130,000.00 and it will be funded with a portion of the funds previously allocated for the purchase of six cutaway buses. Only four buses will be purchased,

and the funds allocated for those two additional buses not purchased will provide the necessary funding. We are required to spend 1% of our budget annually for security.

The homeless have also caused additional problems with their unsanitary use of the restrooms and frequently dumping trash in Terminal Station. All restrooms are now locked, and access is only provided through our security officers who are on site. Security post are being set around the building which will require physical contact by the security guards when they are making their rounds to verify their physical presence at each location as scheduled. The estimated start date is after Christmas.

President Ross stated that exterior cameras will provide additional security for the building but there are several blind spots. Chairman Tompkins inquired as to when cameras could be purchased for those specific areas. President Ross indicated improvements in security will be an ongoing process and it is projected approximately \$2,000,000.00 will be spent on Terminal Station over the next couple of years with the combined costs of removing the smoke stack, replacing the roof, and elevators. President Ross added that he would be in touch with the Historic Macon Foundation to inform them of the ornamental fencing that would be installed around Terminal Station and address any questions or concerns they may have.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Lynn Farmer to approve the process to install the fencing around Terminal Station in order secure the building at an approximate cost of \$130,000.00. The motion was seconded by Dave Dickey and unanimously approved.

A motion was then made by Dave Dickey to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Lynn Farmer and approved at 5:55 p.m.

A motion was then made by Charles Howard to exit Executive Session and resume the Board meeting. The motion was approved following a second by Dave Dickey at 6:25 p.m.

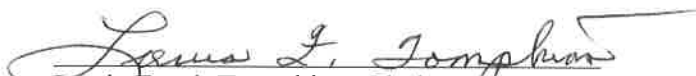
The meeting was adjourned following Ms. Farmer's expression of her appreciation to Chairman Tompkins for his hard work and time spent in organizing and processing all of the information concerning personnel evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,



Violet Poe, Secretary

Approved:



Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman