

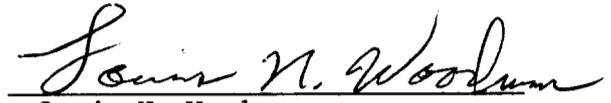
them as exhibits to the minutes. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #1999-63 & exhibit #1999-64

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to close the regular portion of the meeting to go into an executive session to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the purchasing of the land located on Highway 67, near Highway 46 for the amount of \$9,000 to develop a recycling center. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.


ATTEST


Louis N. Woodrum

January 4, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover present. Chairman Woodrum was absent.

Vice-Chairman Groover called the meeting to order and welcomed the media and visitors. Commissioner Alston gave the invocation.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 1999, and the minutes of the Executive Session held on December 21, 1999, were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, minutes of these two meetings were approved as presented.

Vice-Chairman Groover said the first item on the agenda was the Public Hearing for zoning matters and asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items. Mr. Dodgen said there were three zoning items on the agenda. He advised a number of people had signed up to speak on the second item and for that reason the agenda was being changed to hear this item last.

The first zoning item was a Conditional Use Request for Lehman E. McElveen. Mr. Dodgen said this was a request to allow a 330 foot guy tower to be placed on approximately 79 acres located on Old McElveen Road. He commented originally there was also a request for a variance to the set back requirements which was denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said denial of the variance is not being appealed to the Board of Commissioners because they have now secured enough property to meet all set back requirements. He advised approval of the Conditional Use Request was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission in a four to two vote. He said one person had signed up to speak on this item. Ms. Belinda Bodie of Faulk & Foster said, as Mr. Dodgen stated, enough property had been secured to eliminate any need for a

variance to the set back requirements. She asked for any questions concerning this tower. Vice-Chairman Groover asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Conditional Use Request. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodgen presented a Conditional Use Request for Dr. James Strickland. This request is to allow multiple businesses in one building on one parcel of land. The property consist of approximately 5.17 acres located at the intersection of Highway 301 south and Veterans Memorial Parkway. He said the plan is to build a Texaco Convenience Store, Waffle King and a Subway in one building. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this request. He said no one signed up to speak on this item but Mr. Chuck Perry of EMC Engineering, agent for Dr. Strickland, was present. Mr. Perry presented the plan for the development of the three businesses. Vice-Chairman Groover asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Hodges asked if Department of Transportation approval had been received. Mr. Perry said yes. Mr. Wood asked about water and sewer utilities. Mr. Perry said the City would provide water and there will be an on site waste system. Mr. Wood asked if there has been discussion of this property being annexed into the City. Mr. Perry said yes, there is an ongoing process to annex this property into the City. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the Conditional Use Request. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodgen presented a Conditional Use Request for James Lamon Williams Trust. The request is to place an International Hot Rod Association Drag Strip on property zoned AG-5. The property consists of 350.2 acres located on Highway 301 south and Highway 46. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of this request with a four to two vote. He advised several people have signed up to speak both in favor and against this request. He said Mr. Williams was present along with his attorney, Steve Rushing. Mr. Dodgen presented a petition in favor of the request. He said signatures on the petition have not been counted but he was told there was a total of 625 signatures. He was handed another petition with an additional 300 signatures. Petition – see exhibit #2000-1. He commented that the signatures on these petitions were not verified. Commissioner Hodges asked Mr. Dodgen to identify owners of adjacent property. Mr. Dodgen gave names of adjacent property owners. Vice-Chairman Groover reminded everyone of the time limits allotted each side on zoning issues.

The first person to speak in favor the request was Attorney Steve Rushing. He gave a history of this property prior to zoning. He said the request is for a conditional use in an AG-5 zone and an AG-5 zone is the only zone where a race track is permitted as a conditional use. He said the guidelines for conditional use is it must not be detrimental to use or development of adjacent property or to the general neighborhood and it must not adversely affect the health or safety of residents or workers. He presented a map detailing the property and gave the dimensions of the 350 acres. The map showed the proposed placement of the race track on the property and its size in relation to the 350

acres. Mr. Rushing discussed access to the property from Highway 301 and Highway 46 and said these are two major accesses which should be ample to handle traffic to the proposed site. He said the first concern everyone thinks of is the noise factor. He showed a drawing of a ½ mile radius circle around the track which included only one residence. He said at ½ mile the noise is hard to pick up on a decimal meter and is certainly not intrusive. He commented that a test race held recently was barely audible at the town hall of Register which is approximately one mile from the proposed track. He said there is a church which is also over a mile away. He said the church was contacted and it is not in favor of the track, but the church meets only on the fourth Saturday and Sunday mornings and of course there will be no races scheduled for those times. He said if the church has other special meetings, those could be coordinated and it would be rare that there would ever be any conflict with a church service over a mile away. He said the property has woodland and cropland around the track and, in considering the size of the property, it is hard to see how this track would be injurious to surrounding woodland use and cropland use. He concluded, in looking at these factors, you have to weigh the use of this property by the owner to produce income. Mr. Kelly Williams, property owner, said he believed there is a misconception that drag racing is coming and bringing a bad element with it. He commented, for the most part, drag racing is a family oriented sport. He said he carries children to drag races and children from eight years and up can start racing a junior racer. He said the crowds at drag races are typical of crowds at any event. Commissioner Hodges asked what group sanctioned this racing. Mr. Williams said the IHRA, which is the second largest drag racing association, sanctions this track. He commented that doesn't mean IHRA builds the track or runs the races, but their rules of safety and inspections are used for all aspects of racing. Commissioner Alston said the 900+ signers of the petition obviously do not live in a mile radius of the property. Mr. Williams said the petition was supposedly signed by voters of Bulloch County. Vice-Chairman Groover asked Mr. Dodgen for others who had signed up to speak in favor of this request. Mr. Dodgen advised twelve people had signed up to speak in favor. Vice-Chairman Groover said the time limit had already been exceeded, but he would allow Mr. Williams to choose three more to speak. Mr. Williams asked that Timothy Rushing, John Williams and the representative of IHRA be allowed to speak. Mr. Rushing said his was the residence within the ½ mile radius of the proposed track. He said if he thought the noise would have any impact on the operation of his trailer park, he wouldn't even consider being in favor of the track. He commented he was used to the traffic and noise from Highway 301 and Highway 46. Also, operation of the race track caused him no more concern than operation of an airport behind his property during crop dusting season. He said he thought the biggest factors were noise and lights. He commented the noise wasn't going to be a problem and the lights weren't either compared to the lights from industry already in the area. Mr. John Williams said he thought the race track would be beneficial for Bulloch County. He commented he owned about 800 acres in this area and had no problem with the race track. Mr. Ron Colson, IHRA representative, said he knew the question was what happens at the track and what kind of people would

be involved. He presented a handout showing national companies involved in this type of racing and a schedule of type of racing which would occur at this track. He also presented surveys of people who participate in this type of racing and those who attend. He said a survey of the economic impact to Bulloch County shows people spending over 6 million dollars.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for people who signed up to speak against this request. Attorney Sam Brannen said he represented several adjacent property owners. He reviewed the six guidelines to be considered in zoning issues. He said he couldn't think of anything that would be less compatible to adjacent property than a high powered race car under bright lights. He remarked there will be a tremendous impact on this area from increased traffic and noise. He said this property has many other economic uses and there is not much compatibility between AG-5 and a drag strip. He said the Town of Register is very near, Register is growing and this drag strip will have a negative impact on the town of Register. He commented that he represents the Town of Register and they have serious concerns. He concluded this track will have a negative impact on all surrounding property and, if this is approved, property owners and residents in this area will be subjected to noise and lighting which will be a nuisance to the use of their homes and their property. He asked the Board, on behalf of residents of this area who own property and who have had homes in this area for many years, to look at the issues and determine that this is not something in harmony with the surrounding property. Mr. John Emory Brannen said he has lived in Register all his life. He said he raises cattle, poultry and farms in the area and he was opposed to the track. Mr. Lofton Pitts said he was a member of the City Council of Register and said they have no vote on this track because it was not in their jurisdiction, but have grave concerns. He commented the track would be closer to the Town of Register than where the test race, which wasn't really a race, was conducted. He concluded he didn't think this was the best location for a drag strip. Mr. John Ed Brannen said he had property adjoining this property on the east, west and south side. He commented all his property is zoned AG-5 and it is a quiet neighborhood. He stated he was opposed to the drag strip. Mr. Lem Nevil said building a home is usually one of the largest investments a person makes and those in the neighborhood think this drag strip will devalue their property and homes. Mr. Don Suddeth said, in reality, one car traveling down a highway is not like 150 cars. He said he didn't have a petition with 900 names but he was opposed to the drag strip. He asked the Board to vote their conscience, to support and protect the property values and the environment. Mr. Neal Bowen said he was a deacon of the Lower Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He said the church's regular meeting dates are the fourth Sunday and the preceding Saturday. Also, other services are conducted all during the year and funerals are held at the church and the cemetery. He said the church objects to this track on the grounds that the church will be greatly disturbed by noise since the racing events are held, for the most part, at the same time the church meets.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Dodgen if this request involved the entire 350 acres. Mr. Dodgen said this is a

request for a conditional use in an AG-5 zone. Commissioner Smith asked if this request has any designation of a particular site on the property or could the site be anywhere on the property. Mr. Dodgen said the Board could designate a particular site on the property as a condition of approval. Commissioner Hodges clarified that the Board had the right to ask the track be located closer to Highway 301 and Highway 46 than it was presently proposed. Mr. Dodgen said yes, that was correct. Commissioner Smith said he had some concerns with this request. First, he raised cattle himself and he couldn't imagine a drag strip next to his field of cattle. Second, Mr. Williams made a statement that eight year olds are encouraged to drag race and to him this is inconceivable.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the conditional use request. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Groover voting in favor of the motion to deny the request. Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Simmons voted against the motion to deny the request.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit #2000-2.

Vice-Chairman Groover presented the items on the Consent Agenda; Beer and Wine License renewal applications for off-premise license for Gerald Forehand of Stilson Country Corner and Robert C. Lindsey for Clito Convenient Store and on-premise license for Curtis Ashburn for Eagle Creek Golf Club. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Item of new business was setting of qualifying fees for the 2000 election. Vice-Chairman Groover asked for discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, qualifying fees for the 2000 election were approved as presented. See exhibit #2000-3

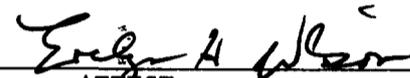
Vice-Chairman Groover said there was an item not on the agenda which Mr. Lamar Reddick would address. He asked Mr. Dodgen to give some background on this issue. Mr. Dodgen said a sketch plan of a subdivision was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission which had a 600 foot county road running through the middle of the proposed subdivision. He advised the road serves one residence. In designing the plan the property owner asked the owner of the residence if he would object to the county road being moved and the owner of the residence has no objection to the county road being moved. Mr. Dodgen said the relocation of the road was discussed with Kirk Tatum and John Roger Akins who do not have a problem with the road being relocated if the road is built to county specification. He said Mr. Reddick is present to ask if the Commissioners have any problem with the county road being relocated. Commissioner Hodges asked what road was involved. Mr. Reddick said the road is named McCoy Road. He said the one property owner on the road has no objection to the road being moved if the new road is a county maintained road. He explained the plan is to move the road 200 feet north and build it along the property line. He said the road will be built to county specifications at no cost to the county. He commented the property owner on the road was approached with the idea of having a 20 feet paved private road (driveway) to his property, but he has

said he would rather have a county maintained dirt road. Mr. Reddick said if Mr. Tatum or Mr. Akins think moving the road is not feasible, then the plan will have to be reconsidered. Everyone agreed on relocating the road if it meets with approval of Kirk Tatum, John Roger Akins and the property owner involved. It was also agreed it would be ideal for the property owner to accept the 20 feet paved private road.

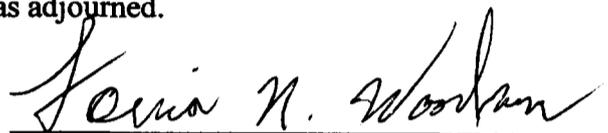
Vice-Chairman Groover said Mr. Wood had asked to make a comment. Mr. Wood advised an Executive Session was needed to discuss a pending law suit and personnel issues.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on a pending law suit and personnel issues. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened. Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other business or discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, the meeting was adjourned.



 ATTEST



 Louis N. Woodrum

January 18, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simmons gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2000. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2000 meeting. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item on the agenda under old business was the Amendment of the Qualifying Fee for the Tax Commissioner. Chairman Woodrum said the letter regarding the Tax Commissioner's Qualifying Fee explains how the fee is calculated. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Amendment for the Qualifying Fee for the Tax Commissioner as presented, which will reduce to qualifying fee to \$1,178.16. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Wood, County Manager said he had received letter from ACCG relating this Constitutional Officer's salary and it has been misinterpreted throughout the state. See exhibit #2000-5

Next item on the agenda was the Department of Transportation Contract – Highway 67 (Sidewalks). Commissioner Smith said the Department of Transportation has agreed to

furnish sidewalks on Highway 67 located by the Bypass if Bulloch County would maintain the sidewalks. Commissioner Smith said there would be little or no expense to the County. Chairman Woodrum said the sidewalks would be within keeping with the up keep and beautification of the County. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Department of Transportation Contract – Highway 67 (Sidewalks). Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2000-6

First item under new business was the Beer and Wine License Renewal Application – off-premise (Rajendra M. Patel - El Cheapo Service Station). Commissioner Hodges said Mr. Patel is not a resident of Bulloch County, and Mr. Patel has not designated a resident of Bulloch County to be responsible for matters relating to the license as required by the Alcohol Ordinance. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to deny the Beer and Wine License Renewal for Rajendra M. Patel – El Cheapo Service Station. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the Beer and Wine License – New Application – on premise for Travis Phillips (Krickets). Commissioner Alston stated that this application is for a change of ownership. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License – New Application-on premise for Travis Phillips (Krickets). Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Woodrum and Mr. Wood recognized the Mayor of Brooklet, Joe Grooms, and thanked him for attending the meeting.

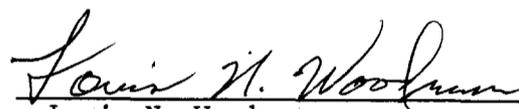
Mr. Wood said he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the local representatives in Atlanta within the next two weeks. The plan would be to leave around noontime, which that would give us time to meet with the representatives, have dinner and return that evening or early next morning.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.



 ATTEST

February 1, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia



 Louis N. Woodrum

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover present.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed the news media and guest. Commissioner Groover gave the invocation.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and carried, minutes of January 18, 2000 meeting were approved as presented.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Deal Contracting, Inc. He explained this request was to rezone approximately 16.34 acres on Willow Hill Road from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-80 (Residential-80,000 square foot lots). He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. He advised no one had signed up to speak on this item, but Mr. Deal was present. Mr. Tony Deal presented a plan of the proposed development and said each lot will be approximately 2 acres. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Deal Contracting, Inc. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for William and Joyce Kennedy. He said the property consist of 3.8 acres zoned AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) on Highway 80 west and the request is to rezone .50 acres of the property from AG-5 to HC (Highway Commercial). He explained the business on this property is grandfathered and the intent of the rezone is to allow the current commercial building to be replaced with a new metal constructed building which will be in a different location on the property. He said no one had signed up to speak on this item, but Mr. Kennedy and his son were present. Mr. Kennedy said they have outgrown the current building and a new building in another location will improve the appearance of the property. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the rezone request for William and Joyce Kennedy. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for B&C Developers. He said the property consist of 39 acres located on Highway 301 south and the front 600 feet along the highway is zoned Highway Commercial with the remaining property zoned AG-5. The request is for the entire property to be zoned Highway Commercial. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request with a five to one vote. He said one person has signed up to speak and Mr. Bill Bailey, representing B&C Developers, was present. Mr. Bailey said letters approving two decel lanes have been received from the Department of Transportation. He said at this time they only plan to have one decel lane but may have two later. He explained this development will basically be commercial type businesses. He presented a proposed plan and pictures of type buildings which they have planned. He said there was some question about the amount of runoff, but they will build a retention pond to prevent excessive runoff. Commissioner Hodges asked if lots 10-11-30 were right on the property line and is this the location of the retention pond. Mr. Bailey said the retention pond would be in another location. He commented these lots were right on the property line but they plan not to build right up to the property line. Commissioner Hodges asked

if the development will be similar to that behind Ogeechee Tech. Mr. Bailey said yes. Mr. Dodgen asked if the runoff will run into Lotts Creek. Mr. Bailey said eventually it will and explained it will run into a branch which runs into Lotts Creek. He said with the retention pond there will less runoff than there is right now. Mr. Dodgen advised that Lotts Creek is about one mile from the back of this property. Mr. Terry Bohler had signed up to speak on this item. He said his main concern was the runoff. He said he was also concerned about the type of development along Highway 301 and anything can happen and will happen once it is zoned Highway Commercial. He commented once it is zoned Highway Commercial you lose control and he only asked the Board do what they thought was best. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the rezone request for B&C Developers. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit #2000-7

Chairman Woodrum presented the Consent Agenda. Off-premise Beer and Wine License renewal applications for Mike Hatten for H's Foodmart and for Jimmy G. Eason for Time Saver #97,#88,#87,#80,#79,#54,#33,#26,#24,#22,#17,#9,#8,#77. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

An item of old business was a resolution for staggered terms and compensation for the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Wood to present this item. Mr. Wood said at a prior meeting the Board authorized a resolution that would allow for the staggering of Board terms of the Chairmanship and three other seats in the upcoming election would stand for two year terms, and then four year terms after that. The Board also authorized a request to the General Assembly to increase the individual Board compensation, excluding the Chairman, to \$7500 per year. He said the Staff Attorney believes it would be advisable to present this request to the Legislative Delegation in a formally ratified form. He said this resolution is just a formal reaffirmation of the Board's action in a prior meeting. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approved the resolution. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion. In discussion Chairman Woodrum stated he was elected by all of the people of the county and he believed that all people of the county have the right to have an individual that they can look to although that person may have limited powers. He said he thought entertaining any sort of action that leads to a change in the form of government is in error. Mr. Wood commented that this resolution doesn't have anything to do with changes in the form of government, it just relates to staggered terms and an increase in compensation. Commissioner Smith said this resolution was result of the Board's action concerning staggered terms and compensation in a prior meeting. Chairman Woodrum said he strongly opposed the Chairman being included in the two year term. Mr. Wood clarified that the two year terms would only be for this base period and after that two year term, all seven seats would be four year terms. The motion to approve the resolution was unanimously carried. See exhibit #2000-8

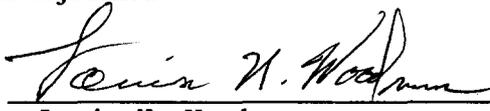
Commissioner Hodges asked for discussion of a matter of old business not shown on the agenda. He said a Beer and Wine License renewal application from Rajendra Patel for El Cheapo Service Station was denied at the last meeting. Commissioner Hodges asked if Mr. Patel had made another request for a license. He was told Mr. Patel had assigned a designee who has to be approved by the Sheriff and that process has started. Commissioner Hodges asked if the license has been issued. He was advised the license had not been issued and cannot be issued until approved by the Board and the Sheriff is aware of this fact. Commissioner Hodges asked if Mr. Patel could continue to sell beer and wine. Mr. Akins said no, he was advised by letter that he could not sell beer and wine until the license was issued.

An item of new business was a franchise renewal for Blackstone Cable. Mr. Wood said just a few days after Board approval of their transfer Blackstone Cable requested a renewal of the franchise agreement. He said, as previously noted, this is not an exclusive franchise agreement, it is basically just an authorization to do business in the county. He explained this is a ten year agreement and there is nothing to suggest the agreement not be approved. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the franchise renewal agreement for Blackstone Cable. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-9

Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or comments. Mr. Wood advised that Mr. Sam Brannen has requested to address the Board in Executive Session relative to a personnel issue. Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adjourn the regular session and move the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened. Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or comments. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the meeting was adjourned.


 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

March 7, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover present.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed the news media and guests. Commissioner Hodges gave the invocation.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 1, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, minutes of February 1, 2000 were approved as presented.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Jackie W. Anderson to rezone 0.85 acres located on Highway 80 West from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial). He explained Mr. Anderson has a peach stand on the property which he presently operates one to two months a year and he is considering expanding this operation for longer periods of time. Mr. Dodgen said the remaining five acres will remain AG-5 and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. He said no one had signed up to speak on this item but Mr. Anderson was present. Mr. Anderson commented he was considering expanding his operation to six to seven months a year. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the rezone request. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Ronald Deloach with Ann Stewart of Coastal Outdoor Advertising acting as agent. He said this request is a rezone from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial) on six parcels containing 12,000 square feet each. The property is located on I-16 and Old Black Creek Road and the intent of the rezone is to allow placement of billboards. He explained the reason for the separate 12,000 square feet parcels is to prevent the use of the property for any other permitted use in a Highway Commercial zone in the event the billboards are abandoned. He said a business could not be located on the 12,000 square feet parcel because it is not large enough to support a business and a septic tank. He said no one signed up to speak on this item but Mr. Lamar Reddick is present. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. Mr. Reddick said, after conferring with Mr. Dodgen and Mr. Akins, they all decided if property had to be zoned Highway Commercial for billboard placement, it would be best to have these parcels in 12,000 square feet parcels to prevent someone from coming back later and establishing a business on the property. Mr. Wood asked if there was any other use outside a use that necessitated a septic tank for this property except a billboard. Mr. Reddick said he, Mr. Dodgen and Mr. Akins think there is no other use for this property other than a billboard. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone request. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request and conditional use request for Jerry Jennings with Lovett Bennett as agent. The request is to rezone approximately 1.3 acres of property on Page Place Road from R-25 (Residential-25 square foot lots) to HC (Highway Commercial). The intent of the rezone is to allow application of a conditional use permit for multiple buildings and multiple businesses on one parcel of land. He commented the property is located in the development known as Page Place for which a commercial plan was approved prior to zoning. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request and conditional use

request. He advised no one signed up to speak on this item but Mr. Lovett Bennett was present. Mr. Bennett said this request does not detrimentally effect any of the adjoining property. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the rezone request and conditional use request. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Mathew Floyd with Ann Stewart of Coastal Outdoor Advertising as agent. The request is to rezone four parcels containing approximately 12,000 square feet each from AG-5 (Agricultural-5) to HC (Highway Commercial) for the placement of billboards. The property is located on Highway 67 and I-16. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of request. He advised no one signed up to speak on this item. Mr. Reddick commented this property has frontage on Highway 67 and I-16 and placement of billboards will conform to the Sign Ordinance. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit #2000-10.

Chairman Woodrum presented the Consent Agenda. Off-premise Beer and Wine License renewal application for David Mincey for David's Depot. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

An item of old business was an update for the Agribusiness Center. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Billy Hickman, Steering Committee Chairman. Mr. Hickman said he along with four others would present the committee's report on the Agribusiness Center. He said this was a very diverse committee and gave names of committee members. He gave a history of the committee's work to this point. Mr. Hickman commented on the importance of agriculture in Bulloch County and surrounding counties. He said one of the primary purposes of the Agribusiness Center is to be a "one stop shop" for farmers which is easily accessible. He presented the vision for the Center which is to be a multi-purpose agricultural and business center for agricultural and other potential users. The target markets for the Center are agriculture, agri-businesses, agriculture education groups, agriculture organizations, commodity groups as well as other groups. He presented a conceptual plan drawing of the complex consisting of an ag-office complex, multi-use building, covered arena and covered stalls. He gave the projected cost and said meetings have been held with federal and state representatives to secure funding in addition to sales tax proceeds allocated to this project. He said one thing the committee has not considered, because it was not given the charge, is a location. However, a location convenient to the bypass has been emphasized by the farmers. He commented on the report prepared by the steering committee and the time and effort the committee had devoted to this project. He said he hoped if Commissioners see fit to go forward with this project, they will leave this committee in place.

Mr. Wes Harris, County Extension Coordinator, presented a list of agencies which would be located in the ag-office complex. These agencies were UGA Bulloch County Extension Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources and

Conservation Service, USDA Rural Development, State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, First Congressional District Field Office of Congressman Jack Kingston. He commented on the number of personnel in each of these offices and said the personnel of all offices totaled forty-four. Mr. Harris discussed the services, mission, impact and mission enhancement for each of the agencies. In conclusion he gave a few of the benefits of an agribusiness center, not only to agriculture but to the community as a whole. Mr. Harris offered his office as a coordinating liaison with the other agencies to develop the needs and design characteristics of the building to fit agencies' requirements.

Ms. Michelle West, consultant, gave a background overview of Leisure and Recreation Concepts, Inc. which she represents. She presented a summary of the findings and conclusions regarding the potential feasibility of a multi-purpose agriculture and business center in Bulloch County. The basic conclusion is that Bulloch County and surrounding counties have sufficient population, growth and income to warrant the development of a center. The report covered market and potential demand, organization, structure and programming, proposed facility concept, a financial analysis and economic impact.

Mr. Wendell Brannen, agribusiness owner, said this project had been dear to him for a long time. He had thought years ago when some ag-facilities were built in adjoining counties that don't enjoy near the economic benefits from agriculture as Bulloch County it would be nice to have such a facility in Bulloch County. He said when work was started on this project it was understood it wouldn't be easy, it would take a lot of work, a lot of anticipation and a lot of understanding. He commented on the design concept developed by the committee and said it had been a give and take situation that has potential for benefit to everyone. He said he thought the Board had a tremendous opportunity to be a part of one of the greatest projects ever undertaken by Bulloch County.

Chairman Woodrum said the Board appreciated the effort put into this presentation and the Board now has a better understanding of the concept. He thanked the committee for its dedication to this project. He asked for comment from other Board members.

Commissioner Smith said there were sales tax funds now available for this project and asked where was the project as far as being ready to move forward. He said he realized funding sources were still some unknowns, but Ms. West had presented a proposal, which with some additional state and federal funds, will make it a workable project without a great cost to taxpayers.

Mr. Hickman said the goal from the beginning has been to develop a plan with no cost to taxpayers. He commented on efforts to obtain funds from other sources. He advised that no sales tax monies have been expended at this point.

Chairman Woodrum said he thought the Board was now prepared to be receptive to a starting point from which to move. He expressed appreciation to the Steering Committee.

Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or comments. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Erly H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
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21, 2000
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The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Deal gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2000 meeting. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for an Appeal Request from the First United Methodist Church. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator to present the agenda item. Mr. Dodgen said Pastor Don Adams, from the First United Methodist Church was present here today. Mr. Dodgen said Ms. Adams on behalf of First United Methodist Church applied for a sign permit for two signs, one on Highway 67 and Highway 301 South. The Department of Transportation is working on approving the sign request for Highway 67. The other sign for Highway 301 South does not meet the sign ordinance regulations according to Code Section 2115 (a)(5) which states no outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted to be placed within fifteen hundred (1,500) feet of another outdoor advertising sign on the same side of the road. Mr. Dodgen referenced a sketch drawing relating to Highway 301 showing two existing billboards and the proposed billboard. The staff of the Department of Transportation denied the request since it did not meet the requirements and that is the reason for requesting a variance said Mr. Dodgen.

Commissioner Smith said he does not have a problem with allowing the church to have a sign. However, the purpose of the sign ordinance is to prevent overabundance of billboards on the roads and if a variance were granted would the County be setting a precedent? Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney said the standard for granting a

March 21, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Deal gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2000 meeting. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for an Appeal Request from the First United Methodist Church. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator to present the agenda item. Mr. Dodgen said Pastor Don Adams, from the First United Methodist Church was present here today. Mr. Dodgen said Ms. Hopper on behalf of First United Methodist Church applied for a sign permit for two locations, one on Highway 67 and Highway 301 South. The Department of Transportation is working on approving the sign request for Highway 67. The other request for Highway 301 South does not meet the sign ordinance regulations according to Section 2115 (a)(5) which states no outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted to be erected within fifteen hundred (1,500) feet of another outdoor advertising sign on the same side of the road. Mr. Dodgen referenced a sketch drawing relating to Highway 301 showing two existing billboards and the proposed billboard. The staff and Department of Transportation denied the request since it did not meet the requirements and that is the reason for requesting a variance said Mr. Dodgen.

Commissioner Smith said he does not have a problem with allowing the church to place a sign. However, the purpose of the sign ordinance is to prevent over abundance of billboards on the roads and if a variance were granted would the County be setting a precedent? Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney said the standard for granting a variance is a hardship. Mr. Akins said that Ms. Hopper requested the sign permit shortly after the County placed a moratorium on billboards, and therefore he did not think granting this variance would set a precedent.

Commissioner Groover asked if the variance is granted, would they still have to obtain approval from the Department of Transportation. Mr. Dodgen said that is correct.

Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Deal stated they would have to abstain due to the fact they are members of the church.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to grant the variance request with the stipulation that it is a hardship variance due to the fact it was a planned item prior to the existing sign ordinance and was put on hold due to the moratorium the County placed on signs being erected. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Deal abstained. Next item on the agenda under new business was a Resolution – Keep America Beautiful. Chairman Woodrum asked Charles Brown, County Attorney to present the item. Mr. Brown said in January there was a meeting with Bulloch County, all the municipalities and private citizens at which time a Keep America Beautiful Program was established. Mr. Brown said the cost for the County would be \$1500 and the County would need to select two designees for the Keep America Beautiful Program.

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Keep America Beautiful Program. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2000-11

Next item on the agenda was a Quitclaim Deed to James P. Salinski. Chairman Woodrum asked Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney to present the item. Mr. Akins said the purpose of the Quitclaim Deed is to clear up a matter in a real estate closing for a local attorney, Laura Marsh.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Quitclaim Deed to James P. Salinski. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2000-12

Next item on the agenda was a Quitclaim Deed – Grace Branson. Chairman Woodrum asked Jeff Akins to present the item. Mr. Akins said the quitclaim deed involves the old Emit voting precinct property. The purpose of the deed is to clarify the real estate records.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Quitclaim Deed – Grace Branson. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2000-13

Next item on the agenda was a Board Appointment for the Southeast Coastal Regional MH/MR/SA. Chairman Woodrum said Dr. Hobb resigned from the Southeast Coastal Regional Board and he recommends that Gail Ansley be appointed.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to appoint Gail Ansley to the Southeast Coastal Regional Board. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda under old business is the Bulloch County Bar Association. Chairman Woodrum recognized Sam Brannen, Attorney. Mr. Brannen said on behalf of the Bulloch County Bar Association they have prepared a resolution for the consideration of the Bulloch County Commissioners concerning the Judge of the State Court of Bulloch County. Mr. Brannen said the resolution is requesting that the Board of Commissioners set and announce to the public the amount of any supplement to the annual salary of the position of Judge of the State Court and the Solicitor General of the State Court, prior to the qualifying period set forth above so that any and all persons interested in offering for either of the aforesaid positions will

know, prior to qualifying, the amount of the annual salary for each of the respective positions.

Commissioner Hodges asked if the Bar Association was just requesting a supplement of at least \$14,000 per year for the State Court Judge only? Mr. Brannen said that is correct. Commissioner Hodges suggested tabling the item to provide additional time to review the request. Chairman Woodrum said he is not opposed to the suggestion of tabling the item if the Board feels they need time to review the request. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to table the request for a supplement for the State Court Judge. Commissioner Smith asked if it should be tabled or should they try to come to some conclusion at this meeting. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Jimmy Franklin, attorney. Mr. Franklin said who ever the potential candidate would be, they will need to know the set salary so they can make a decision on running or not. Mr. Brannen said if you are considering running, you are basically closing your law practice and you are giving up your livelihood for 4 years and knowing the salary would make a difference in a decision.

Commissioner Groover said the Board of Commissioners is concerned about who the State Court Judge is and realizes the sacrifice they make, but believes the Board has been fair in the salary. Attorney, Mr. Dan Snipes said that setting the supplement after the election would appear to be unconstitutional by waiting to see who won the election. Mr. Franklin said he has confidence in the Bulloch County voters and feels the Board of Commissioners should make a decision prior to the election. Commissioner Groover said the County needs to set a base salary and forget about a supplement and feels the Board of Commissioners has the right to set a salary supplement and when it should be set.

Commissioner Hodges asked if a supplement is set could it be changed during the term. Mr. Akins, Staff Attorney said there is a provision in the Georgia Code that prohibits the Solicitor's supplement from being reduced during the term of office. Mr. Akins said that he was not aware of a comparable provision for the State Court Judge, but, as a practical matter, he did not think the Board would want to reduce the Judge's supplement unless there were extreme circumstances.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to set a supplement of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars for the Solicitor and ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars for the State Court Judge for the next four (4) years. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Alston opposed.

Chairman Woodrum thanked the Bulloch County Bar Association for their attendance. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mayor Grooms of Brooklet and thanked him for attending the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

The regular session was reconvened. With no further discussion the meeting of March 21, 2000 was adjourned.

Evelyn H. Whelan
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
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4, 2000
Westboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover present. Commissioner Deal was absent.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed the news media guests. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2000 were presented. A motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, that the minutes of this meeting were approved as presented.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Westboro, Inc. to rezone approximately 9.21 acres from R-25 (Residential-25) to HC (Highway Commercial). He explained a mistake was made in zoning this property R-25 when zoning was enacted. A commercial plan for this property was approved prior to zoning. He said the purpose of this rezone request is to zone the property according to its current use. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezone request. He said no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum asked for comments or questions from the Board. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Groover and carried, the rezone request for Westboro, Inc. was approved.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Julie T. Allen. He explained this tract had two parts. The entire tract consist of 140 acres and is located on both sides of U.S. Highway 80 west. One request is to rezone approximately 26 acres from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial). The second request is to rezone 16.26 acres from AG-5 to R-40 (Residential-40,000 square foot lots). He said the 26 acres is on the south side of U.S. Highway 80 west and the 16.26 acres is on the north side of U.S. Highway 80 West. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezone for 26 acres from AG-5 to HC and recommends approval of the request of the rezone for 16.26 acres from AG-5 to R-40. He asked that any action taken by the Board be in the form of two separate motions because the request is for two different rezones. He said petitions opposing this rezone had been presented in the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with another petition also presented tonight. He advised several people had signed up to speak on this item.

April 4, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover present. Commissioner Hodges was absent.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed the news media and guests. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, minutes of this meeting were approved as presented.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Westboro, Inc. to rezone approximately 9.21 acres from R-25 (Residential-25) to HC (Highway Commercial). He explained a mistake was made in zoning this property R-25 when zoning was enacted because a commercial plan for this property was approved prior to zoning. He said the intent of this rezone request is to zone the property according to its current use. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezone request. He said no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum asked for comments or questions from the Board. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Groover and carried, the rezone request for Westboro, Inc. was approved.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request for Julie T. Allen. He explained this request had two parts. The entire tract consist of 140 acres and is located on both sides of U.S. Highway 80 west. One request is to rezone approximately 26 acres from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial). The second request is to rezone 16.26 acres from AG-5 to R-40 (Residential-40,000 square foot lots). He said the 26 acres is on the south side of U.S. Highway 80 west and the 16.26 acres is on the north side of U.S. Highway 80 West. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezone for 26 acres from AG-5 to HC and recommends denial of the request of the rezone for 16.26 acres from AG-5 to R-40. He asked that action taken by the Board be in the form of two separate motions because the request is actually for two different rezones. He said petitions opposing this rezone had been presented in the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with another petition also being presented tonight. He advised several people had signed up to speak on this item.

Attorney Steve Rushing represented Ms. Allen. Mr. Rushing gave brief history of the property saying Ms. Allen's father purchased this property many years ago for investment purposes. He addressed the request for rezone of 26 acres on the south side of Highway 80 from AG-5 to HC. He presented maps showing location of the property and said it was currently planted in 12 year old pine trees. He pointed out that the adjoining property to the west owned by John Paul Ellis was previously rezoned

Highway Commercial as well as other property in the area being rezoned to Highway Commercial. He said this is a 140 acre tract and the request is to rezone 26 acres fronting on Highway 80. Mr. Rushing said the other request is to rezone 16.26 acres which is across Highway 80 from AG-5 to R-40. He presented maps of this property and said the property was also planted in pine trees. He pointed out adjacent property on the west owned by John Paul Ellis and property on the east owned by Ms. Carrie Mallard. He indicated a catfish farm located on Mr. Ellis's property and said the pine trees were important because they could be a buffer surrounding the residential area. He said one of the future uses of this area in the current land use plan is residential. He said Ms. Allen is aware that any development of more than 5 lots will require adherence to the Subdivision Regulations and presented a sketch plan for development. He explained the surveyor shows 10 lots because there is a 100 year flood plain at the rear of the property. He said, at the very most, only 17 lots could be developed on the 16.26 acres and this does not take into account a road and the 100 year flood plain. He remarked the concerns of a high density population are understood but that is not the case because only 10 or 12 lots can be developed and, because of the shape of the property, only two lots will be visible from Highway 80. He said the property has good access to Highway 80 which can handle the traffic. He asked for approval of both rezone requests.

The first speaker against the request was Attorney Sam Brannen. Mr. Brannen represented Ms. Carrie Mallard, an adjacent property owner. Mr. Brannen said Ms. Mallard is not opposed to the Highway Commercial rezone but is very opposed to the R-40 rezone. He said the original plan for this property was a mobile home park but that was not approved. He explained that R-40 allows a 975 square foot (mobile) modular home. He detailed six points to be considered which are suitable use, adverse effect, present economic use, burden on existing streets, conformity to land use plan, changes in conditions. He concluded the rezone to R-40 would adversely affect the adjoining property and asked this request be denied. Ms. Jane Howard said they owned eleven acres behind the Allen property on the south side of Highway 80. She said there were 25 families which own five or more acres in this area and they have a good neighborhood. She said there were concerns about a high density population and increase of traffic on Highway 80. She said they want to preserve their neighborhood. Ms. Lyree Harris said they have a quiet neighborhood and the development does not go along with the present use. Ms. Janice Lanier said she represented her father, John Paul Ellis, who has lived in this community all his life. She said her father's property zoned commercial was 600 feet deep fronting Highway 80 but the remainder was still regarded as farmland by her family. She concluded they have tried to maintain a good community and are concerned as to what a development will bring. Ms. Connie Jenkins said Ms. Allen did not live in the community and, as far as an investment, twelve year old pine trees are an investment.

Chairman Woodrum asked for questions or discussion from the Board. Commissioner Groover asked the depth of the commercial zone request for the 26 acres. Mr. Rushing advised the 26 acres encompasses the pine trees and is a depth of approximately 800 feet. Commissioner Smith asked if Highway Commercial has a

designated depth of 600 feet just in some instances or is it a standard. Mr. Dodgen said when zoning originated there was nothing put in writing but it was thought by those who developed the maps that 600 feet was more or less a standard. Commissioner Alston asked Mr. Brannen to summarize opposition to this development. Mr. Brannen said basic opposition is the concentration of people, the traffic involved and the development does not conform to surrounding property which is farmland and woodlands. Commissioner Smith asked, if a 600 foot depth has been a standard for Highway Commercial, is there a reason for the 800 foot depth. Mr. Rushing said the 800 feet was established because that is the area covered by the pine trees but he didn't think there would be any problem with the 600 feet.

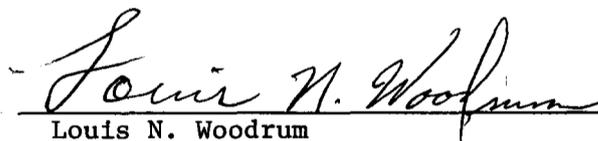
Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone request as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission from AG-5 to HC with a 600 foot depth for property on the south side of Highway 80 west. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Smith commented that Mr. Ellis has started a considerable size aquatic operation and many times it is not understood why a lot of neighbors are not wanted around farming operations, but the two just don't go together. He said this property has a farming operation owned by Ms. Mallard on one side and a large aquatic operation on the other side. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to sustain the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the request to rezone 16.26 acres from AG-5 to R-40. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Groover opposed the motion.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit #2000-15

Chairman Woodrum presented a Beer and Wine License Renewal Application for an off-premise license for John Lonnie Bradley for El Cheapo #89. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the license renewal application was approved.

There being no other business or discussion, Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.


Louis N. Woodrum

ATTEST

May 2, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to

order. Commissioner Alston gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2000. Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2000 meeting. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present these items.

Mr. Dodgen presented a conditional use request for Virginia B. Alexander requesting a conditional use permit to allow her and her two (2) sons to operate a home occupation out of her house. He said the property is located on the Stilson Lee field Road consisting of 1/3 acres in an R-15 (Residential-15) zone. Mr. Dodgen said Mrs. Alexander and her sons would like to operate an insurance agency from her home. He said there was no opposition and advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the conditional use request. Mr. Dodgen said no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum asked for comments or questions from the Board. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for Virginia B. Alexander. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone request and conditional use request for Walter Johnson. He said the property is located on Colfax Road [Miller Street Extension] and contains approximately 1.53 acres in an R-40 zone. Mr. Dodgen informed the Board that Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the rezone and conditional use requests. Mr. Dodgen said Lamar Reddick would speak on behalf of Walter Johnson. Mr. Reddick said Walter Johnson is requesting a rezone change from R-40 (Residential-40) to GC (General Commercial) and a conditional use permit to allow for multiple buildings and multiple businesses on one parcel of land. Mr. Reddick said the area has some commercial businesses and traffic should not be much of a problem. He also said there would be ample parking for the businesses.

Mr. Dodgen said two (2) people had signed in to speak regarding this request. The first person is Karen Lovett. Ms. Lovett said she is against the request because she would like to see the area remain residential. The next person to speak was Mr. Henry Rivers. Mr. Rivers said he was in favor of the request and feels with the new business it would help improve the area. Commissioner Hodges asked if any of the adjacent property owners spoke in favor of the request. Jimmy Dodgen said Mr. Rivers is an adjacent property owner.

Chairman Woodrum asked for comments or questions from the Board. Commissioner Smith said for years the area was in bad shape but it is in the process of being cleaned up. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone

request and conditional use for Walter Johnson. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it was approved. Commissioner Deal opposed.

Mr. Dodgen presented the next rezone request for Michael Mallard. Mr. Dodgen said the intent of the rezone is to divide 4.07 acres located on Metts Road into four (4) parcels. He said the property is zoned AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) and the rezone request is for R-40 (Residential-40). Mr. Dodgen informed the Board that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the rezone request. He advised several people had signed up to speak in opposition.

Mr. Mallard, property owner, said he would like to clean the property up and it would be easier to maintain one acre lots. The first speaker was Gordon Black. Mr. Black said he wanted it to be noted for the record he was against the rezone request. The next speaker was Bruce Reading who was also opposed to the rezone. Mr. Reading said water stands on his property now and he is concerned about additional problems if the surrounding land is disturbed. Ms. Helen Graf said she is opposed to the request and would like to keep the area the way it presently is. Ms. Jane Kennedy said water is always standing in the area and it could very well be that the area is wetlands. She said there are wells in the area that are contaminated. Ms. Kennedy was also opposed to the request. Mr. Dodgen distributed a letter to the Board from the Corp of Army Engineers. Chairman Woodrum asked for comments or questions from the Board. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to deny the rezone request for Michael Mallard. Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion to deny the rezone request was approved.

Mr. Dodgen presented a rezone and conditional use request for James. A Bunce. He said the property is located on Highway 67, past Bella Terra Road and Josh Deal Road, consists of 25 acres. Mr. Dodgen said the request is to change the zoning from AG-5 (Agricultural 5) to HC (Highway Commercial). Mr. Dodgen said the purpose of the request is to build mini-warehouses and to allow for multiple buildings on one parcel of land. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the rezone and conditional use request. Mr. Dodgen said several people have signed up to speak in opposition to the request.

Mr. Bunce said he would like to build some mini-warehouses on the property. The first person to speak in opposition was Mr. Lavone Anderson. Mr. Anderson said he was opposed to the request due to the fact it would decrease the value of the surrounding property. He said there already is a drainage problem in the area and this would create additional problems. Mr. Denton Rouse spoke in opposition to the request. He said this rezone request does not conform to the neighborhood and it would create additional traffic congestion. Mr. Rouse said there is definitely a drainage problem and this would make it worse. Ms. Susan Tremble spoke in

opposition and said it would not add value to the homes and land in the area. She said driving in the area would become more of a problem and would not preserve Highway 67 as it presently is. Ms. Ruth Green spoke in opposition to the request. She said eventually Highway 67 will be widened and if the rezone was approved, the mini-warehouses would more than likely be in the right-of-way. She said the farmlands should be preserved. Ms. Bobbie Butler said she was opposed to the rezone and concurred with everyone that was opposed. Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the request to rezone and conditional use permit for Mr. James Bunce. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion was approved to deny the rezone and conditional use request.

Mr. Dodgen presented the next public hearing item. Mr. Dodgen said Eric Novellie is requesting a conditional use for his property, which is located on Highway 301 South. He said the property consists of 2.91 acres in a Highway Commercial zone. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Novellie would like to be able to place a mobile office on his property for a business. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval and no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Mr. Novellie said the business would be a vehicle repossession business and only needs to have a mobile office to operate it. He said he would also like for the Board to consider a variance on the mobile (home) office size. Mr. Dodgen said the minimum requirement is 975 square feet. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the conditional use request without any variance from the minimum requirement of 975 square feet. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodgen presented a variance request for Kent and Karen Munsey. Mr. Dodgen said the property consists of 15.89 acres located off of Walter McGlamery Road on a private road. He said they are requesting a variance allowing the property to be divided into another lot. Mr. Dodgen said if this variance is approved, it would create eight (8) parcels on a private unpaved road. He said the Planning and Zoning commission recommend denial of the variance request.

Mr. Sam Dipolito, realtor, spoke on behalf of Mr. Munsey. Mr. Dipolito said Mr. and Mrs. Munsey would not be able to build a house if the lot cannot be split into two (2) separate lots. Commissioner Groover asked how many residents are living on the private unpaved road. Mr. Dodgen said there are seven (7) lots on the road. Commissioner Smith said that if this variance were to be approved it would be considered circumventing the subdivision regulations. With no further discussion, Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the variance request for Mr. Munsey. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented a conditional use request for Mr. Franklin Crenshaw. Mr. Dodgen said the property is located on Akins Anderson Road and consists of 62.9 acres. He said the purpose of the request is to allow Mr. Crenshaw to place a manufactured home on the property for security purposes. Mr. Dodgen said no one has signed up to speak in opposition to the request and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Mr. Bonnett, as agent for Franklin Crenshaw, said Mr. Crenshaw has high dollar equipment on the property and would like to place a mobile home on the property for security purposes only. With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for Mr. Crenshaw. Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dodgen presented the next item on the agenda for Mr. Willie Kirkland. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Kirkland has submitted a rezone request for his property, which contains 5.52 acres in an AG-5 zone located on Cody Lane. He said Mr. Kirkland would like to rezone his property to R-80 (Residential -80,000), to allow two (2) other family members to live beside him. Mr. Dodgen said this request was presented at the March 12, 1998, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at which time it was denied. Since that time Cody Lane has been paved. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the same rezone request at the meeting of April 13, 2000. Mr. Dodgen said two (2) people signed up to speak in opposition.

Mr. Kirkland presented a petition and a sketch drawing to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Kirkland said he would like to be able to have other family members live beside him and it would only be used for residential.

Ms. Bonnie Knight spoke in opposition to the request. She said there would be additional traffic in the area that would create problems. Mr. Vance Knight said with the additional residents in the area, traffic would be more of a problem. Mr. Knight stated his opposition to the rezone request. Mr. James Stevens, adjacent property owner, asked if he could speak in favor of the request because he was unable to be here earlier to sign up to speak. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Stevens. Mr. Stevens said he was in favor of the rezone and felt that Mr. Kirkland and his family were great neighbors to have. He said they are a helping family and does not see a problem with the request. Commissioner Hodges asked who owned the adjacent property? Jimmy Dodgen said Mr. James Stevens, Mr. Miller and Mr. McCloud were the adjacent property owners.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the request to rezone for Mr. Willie Kirkland. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously.

Mr. Dodgen presented a conditional use request for Peter C. Burriss. Mr. Dodgen said the property consists of 2.05 acres located on Grimshaw Lane. He said Mr. Burriss is requesting a conditional use permit to allow him to use the front section of his house for a ladies boutique. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval and no one had signed up to speak on this issue.

Mr. Burriss said his wife would like to operate a small ladies boutique open one or two days a week by appointment and the rest of the time the business would be done by the Internet.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for Mr. Burriss. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Dodgen presented the next agenda item for Mr. Robert Bell. Mr. Dodgen said Bob Bell has submitted a request to rezone property that is located on Highway 67 by Emitt Grove Road. He said the property consists of 9 acres located in an AG-5 zone and Mr. Bell is requesting it be changed to R-80. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the request and there are six (6) people that have signed up to speak in opposition. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Steve Rushing, attorney, will speak on behalf of Robert Bell.

Mr. Rushing said the purpose of the rezone request is to divide the 9 acres of land into four (4) parcels for residential use. He said presently there are seventeen (17) stick built and mobile homes in the area. Mr. Rushing said the property is approximately 4 miles from Burkhalter Road and the zone R-40 ends about one (1) mile before the property. He said the property borders on two roads and the lots would be consistent with the lots in the area. Mr. Rushing said the family rule would allow this property to be divided into five (5) lots, one- 5-acre tract and four-1 acre tracts.

The first person to speak in opposition was Mr. Rouse. Mr. Rouse said the property is wetlands and there would be a drainage problem and this request would not be in character with the neighborhood. Ms. Tremble spoke in opposition to the request. She said the small lots that are in the area have been grandfathered-in and the area needs to remain AG-5. Mr. Anderson said he was opposed to the request and concurred with Mr. Rouse. Mr. Troy Clifton said he was opposed and agreed with the surrounding neighbors that are also opposed. Ms. Ruth Green said she was opposed to the rezone and the area should remain as AG-5. Ms. Bobbie Butler said she was opposed to the rezone because there is a problem with the traffic and drainage already.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the rezone request for Robert Bell. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion was approved to deny the

rezone request for Robert Bell.

Mr. Dodgen presented the next agenda item for Ashley and Pam Milton. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Milton is requesting approval to rezone their property from AG-5 to Neighborhood Commercial to allow them to construct mini storage warehouses on the property. He said the property consists of 10.17 acres located on Cody Lane. Mr. Dodgen said currently on the property is their residence and their wrecker yard which was approved prior to zoning.

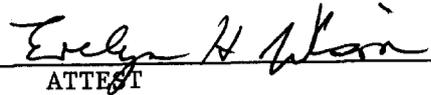
Mr. Milton said they would like to build some mini-warehouses on the back part of the property. He said they already have a salvage yard on the property. Commissioner Groover asked how many acres would be involved? Mr. Milton said there would be three (3) acres in the back part of the land. With no further discussion, Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Mr. Milton to rezone the back westerly three (3) acres of land to Neighborhood Commercial. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

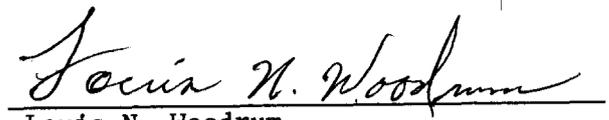
The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit # 2000-16

Next item on the agenda was the consent agenda for a Beer and Wine License Application-off premise (New) for David R. Deloach-Shortstop EL Cheapo. Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License Application-off premise (New) for David R. Deloach-Shortstop El Cheapo. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item under new business was an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority of Bulloch County. Chairman Woodrum asked Scott Wood, County Manager, to present the item. Mr. Wood said there is a possibility of construction of a warehouse to lease to Wal-Mart in the Gateway Industrial Park. He said originally the new construction was going to be a 200,000 square foot warehouse, but now it will be a 300,000 square foot warehouse. Mr. Wood said the annual rent would be \$3.50 per square foot for 1-2 years, \$3.75 per square foot for 3-4 years and \$4.00 per square foot for the 5th year. Commissioner Alston asked about the maintenance of the building. Mr. Wood said Wal-Mart would be responsible for the building maintenance. Commissioner Groover asked about the lease approval. Mr. Steve Rushing, attorney for the Development Authority, said Wal-Mart and the Development Authority have approved the lease. Mr. Jeff Akins, staff attorney, said if the Intergovernmental Agreement is approved, the lease would be attached to the agreement. Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority of Bulloch County. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-17

There being no other business or discussion, Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.


ATTEST


Louis N. Woodrum

May 16, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Simmons were present. Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Groover were not present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simmons gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda under new business was a QuitClaim Deed from Bulloch County to 1st District RESA. Chairman Woodrum said RESA currently has its office in the Old Brooklet Elementary School. Chairman Woodrum said RESA is a sizable outfit and means a lot to Bulloch County. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Wood, County Manager, to present the item. Mr. Wood said he would recommend approval of the transfer of property to RESA. Mr. Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney, said the property would be resurveyed and that the Quitclaim Deed could be signed after the new survey. With no further discussion, Commissioner Smith offered a motion to authorize the County Manager and the Clerk of Bulloch County to sign any Quitclaim Deed relating to the transfer of the property to RESA. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-18

Next item on the agenda was a revision of the County Manager's job description. Commissioner Smith said the revision of the job description is to make it more consistent with the personnel policy. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the revised County Manager's job description as presented. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-19

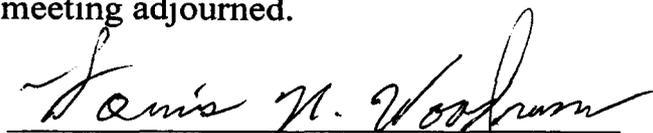
Next item on the agenda was a Beer & Wine License Application – off-premise (New) for Time Saver #105 / Jimmy Eason. Chairman Woodrum said this Time Saver is in the process of being built and the owners have applied for a setback variance. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License

Application – off-premise (New) for Time Saver #105 / Jimmy Eason subject to the setback variance being approved. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Woodrum said the agenda item for Ms. Julia Bragan has been withdrawn.

There being no other business or discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.


ATTEST


Louis N. Woodrum

June 6, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Groover gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Woodrum said there was a late minute addition to the agenda and asked Mr. Wood, County Manager, to speak on the item. Mr. Wood said that he would like to recognize Bob Hook, Building Inspector, who was hired in 1998. In May 1999, Bob Hook obtained the Certification for 1 & 2 Family Dwelling and now in May 2000 he has received the Certification for Building Inspector, said Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood and the Board members congratulated Bob Hook for his completion of the certification.

First Public Hearing item on the agenda was a rezone request for Dr. Richard Marz. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present the public hearing item. Mr. Dodgen said Dr. Marz has submitted a request to rezone from Ag-5 to R-80 (Residential 80,000) with the intention of selling the existing homesite with two (2) acres without breaking into the farmland. He said the property

is located on Buck Creek Road and consists of 135.32 acres of land but the request to rezone to R-80 only applies to approximately 2 acres where the house is located. Mr. Dodgen said Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning request and there was no opposition at the meeting. Mr. Dodgen said Dr. Marz was not able to be present for the Board of Commissioners meeting and presented a letter from Dr. Marz stating so. He said no one has signed up to speak in opposition to this request. With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the rezoning request for Dr. Marz to rezone 2 acres from the zone of Ag-5 to R-80. Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Public Hearing item was a Conditional Use Request for Rosa Dell Anderson. Mr. Dodgen said that American Towers, agent for Rosa Dell Anderson, has submitted a conditional use request to allow American Towers to place a 300-foot guy tower on the property. Mr. Dodgen said the property is located on Jo Dan Road and consists of 158 acres in an Ag-5 zone. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the request. Mr. Dodgen said some people have signed up to speak in favor of this item, not in opposition. Mr. Dodgen introduced Mr. Benjamin Gross, attorney for American Towers.

Mr. Gross said, American Towers chose the property of Rosa Dell Anderson due to the good location and there are no houses in the area. Mr. Gross said there is another tower within a mile; however, that tower does not have the capabilities of carrying three cellular phone carriers. Mr. Gross introduced Elizabeth Horky, agent of American Towers.

Ms. Horky said, American Towers does not sell phones, the company sells towers. Ms. Horky said this location would provide better service for the companies selling cellular phones. This tower would support three (3) carriers, said Ms. Horky. Powertell and Alltel's tower is not able to support three or more carriers. They can only provide service to one or two carriers, said Ms. Horky. Commissioner Hodges asked how many carriers would be on this proposed tower. Ms. Horky said there would be three carriers, but it is designed for six carriers.

Commissioner Smith said the purpose of the Tower Ordinance is to avoid having towers too close together and in everyone's back yard. This request would be defeating the purpose of the ordinance by allowing towers one mile apart, said Commissioner Smith.

Ms. Horky said the problem was when Powertell built their tower it was designed to only support one or two carriers.

Commissioner Smith asked Ms. Horky if she could provide a long-range plan for Bulloch County as to where they are planning on building towers. Ms. Horky said at this time it would only be speculation. Chairman Woodrum asked if this request was the starting point for American Towers. Ms. Horky said yes.

Commissioner Groover asked what is the radius of the tower. Michael Stewart, representative of American Towers, said the radius (range) for this tower would be three (3) miles. Mr. Stewart said presently there is approximately one mile of dead space on I-16. Commissioner Groover said he feels the Board should minimize the location of towers.

Commissioner Smith said there are presently ten (10) carriers in the area. Commissioner Alston asked if some companies are now digital instead of analog. Ms. Horky said more carriers are going to digital in place of analog, due to the poor connection and static.

Chairman Woodrum asked Ms. Horky to summarize the need for this tower. Ms. Horky said, if this tower is not approved, two (2) towers would be needed in place of one (1) tower.

Commissioner Hodges said the technology is rapidly changing, we have gone from wires to towers. Hopefully there will be some planning down the line to help Bulloch County make a long range forecast for five (5) years as to the needs of the county, said Commissioner Hodges.

Mr. Wood said there are some companies that could help develop a master plan. Ms. Horky said American Towers is now in the process of helping Liberty and Bryan County with their tower ordinance.

Mr. Eugene Jones, adjacent property owner, said he was in favor of the request and did not see a problem with the tower being placed there.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the conditional use permit for American Towers to place a 300-foot guy tower on the property of Rosa Dell Anderson. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Public Hearing item was a rezone request for Michael and Kimberly Duke. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Duke has requested a rezone for property located on Nevils Daisy Road and Twin Forks Road consisting of 5.73 acres from the zone of Ag-5 to R-80. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the request. Mr. Dodgen said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to deny the rezone request for Michael and Kimberly Duke. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a conditional use request for Donny and Neva Collins. Mr. Dodgen said Donny and Neva Collins are requesting approval to permit them to place a personal care home on the property, which is located on Josh Hagin Road and consists of 10.46 acres. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the request and there are five (5) people signed up to speak on this item.

Mr. Collins said they are in the process of building a house on the property and would like to use it as a personal care home. He said there would be no other buildings on the property. Mr. Collins said presently they take care of one person now and the EMS or other services have no problems entering the property. Mr. Collins said it is not a commercial business and there would not be additional traffic in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Neva Collins said personal care homes provide more individual care to the elderly that need special attention and there is a need for these kind of homes.

Mrs. Wanda Holloway spoke in favor of the request. She said there are not enough personal care homes in the area and it would be a benefit to the community.

Chairman Woodrum asked if the facility is certified. Mr. Collins said at this time it is not.

Faye Hagin spoke in opposition of the request. Mike Hatten said a personal care home is a good idea; however, it would set a precedent in the area.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to deny the request for a conditional use for Danny and Neva Collins. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item on the agenda under new business was the audit bids. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Wood to present the item.

Mr. Wood said information was sent to each member regarding the bid results. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to accept the low bid of Dabbs, Hickman, Hill & Cannon, LLP for \$94,200. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion. Commissioner Groover said he would like to make a comment regarding the bid results. He said that last year Franklin, Mikell & Deal, LLP had a low bid and he feels like there is some preferential treatment in the matter. The motion was approved. Commissioner Groover and Commissioner Deal voted in opposition to the motion. Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Smith voted in favor of the motion.

Next item on the agenda was a beer and wine application (New) for Fast Break II - off premises, Frederick Brodgon, Jr.- Barbara Jean Morris (designee). Chairman

Woodrum presented the item. Commissioner Hodges abstained from the agenda item. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the beer and wine application (New) for Fast Break II – off premises, Frederick Brodgon, Jr.- Barbara Jean Morris (designee). Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Smith said he had something he'd like to bring up to the Board. Commissioner Smith said that over the past several years it seems like some of the appointments the Board is charged with making have gotten bogged down, and it's not necessarily any one individual's fault because all the Commissioners, including the Chairman, are allowed to and responsible for making nominations for appointments and then acting on those nominations. Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to set up a system in which these appointments could be made in a timely and orderly fashion. Commissioner Smith suggested some time frames for notification and discussion, but said these were merely suggestions that might need to be modified. Commissioner Smith proposed that the Staff Attorney work on a draft of whatever is needed to set up a system to assure the timely and orderly making of appointments by the Board.

Commissioner Deal made a motion that the Staff Attorney look into this matter and draft whatever is necessary to establish a timely and orderly system for appointments as proposed by Commissioner Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith, and a discussion on the motion ensued.

Mr. Wood said that he wanted to make sure he understood the substance of the motion, and that his understanding is that the staff is being asked to develop a set of guidelines and time frames for appointments.

Commissioner Smith said he thought the process needed to start at least 90 days prior to the time a position becomes available, and then work toward appointing a person to fill that position at least 30 days before the position becomes available. Commissioner Smith said that during this process nominations for the appointment could be submitted by all Commissioners, including the Chairman, as well as the organization itself and members of the public. Commissioner Smith said that the nominations that were submitted could be discussed in executive session, and then the vote on the appointment could be taken in open session at the next meeting.

Mr. Wood said that in the past we have operated under the assumption that, while making appointments was a Board responsibility, it was the Chairman's role to submit nominations for an appointment. Mr. Wood asked if Commissioner

Smith was saying that the Board should take a more collective approach in submitting nominations for appointments, and, if so, then there may be some language in our ordinances and other documentation that might need amending.

Commissioner Smith said he felt that any member of the Board should be able to submit nominations, and in fact this has been the practice in the past. Commissioner Smith stated that his desire is to develop a process that would assure that appointments are made in a timely and orderly manner, and that the staff's involvement should be to inform the entire Board when an appointment is coming up and make sure the entire Board follows through on making the appointment.

Mr. Wood said that he thought there were some inferences contained in some of our ordinances and other documentation that probably ought to be clarified.

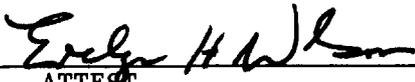
Commissioner Smith said anything that needed to be clarified should all be done at the same time.

Mr. Akins said that his understanding of Commissioner Smith's proposal is that the staff should coordinate the gathering of nominations and make sure they get presented to the entire Board in a timely and orderly fashion, and that he as Staff Attorney should draft whatever documentation is needed to accomplish that purpose.

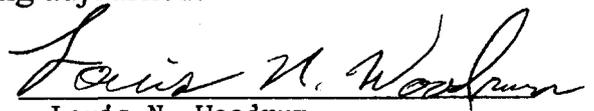
Commissioner Smith said that was correct.

After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business or discussion, Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.



 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

June 13, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

Public Hearing

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present. Commissioner Hodges was not present.

Chairman Woodrum called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed visitors and staff. Chairman Woodrum said the purpose of the public hearing is for the

proposed FY2000-2001 Bulloch County Budget. Chairman Woodrum said the County Manager and staff have compiled the budget very systematically and have kept the Board of Commissioners informed at all times on the budget preparation. He said the public hearing gives the public the opportunity to inquire about the budget and ask questions regarding their concerns. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were questions from the visitors. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Laverne Sanders. Mr. Sanders asked when the County was going to place an EMS station in the Stilson area and when would the recreation department complete the recreation center as far as the benches and a walking track the area in Stilson.

Mr. Wood, County Manager, asked Mr. Sanders to enlighten the Board regarding the permanent EMS station. Mr. Sanders said some Board members said there would be an EMS Station in the Stilson area for the residents. Mr. Wood commented that first of all the Board of Commissioners never made a commitment to have an EMS station in the Stilson area. He said the Board acts as one Board, not as an individual. Mr. Wood said the Board would first take into consideration the population in the area and how many EMS calls are from the area before deciding to place a permanent EMS station in the area. Mr. Wood recalled that the last countywide survey that was done found that there was insufficient calling activity from that area to warrant a permanent EMS station.

Mr. Ted Wynn, Public Safety Director, said there are approximately 3400 EMS calls per year and the majority of the calls are in the Statesboro area. Mr. Wynn said the call frequency determines what areas would need additional services. Mr. Jimmy Hayes said he shares the concerns of the Stilson area regarding the EMS services. He said the Baptist Church estimated that there are approximately 19,000 citizens in that area. Mr. Wood said the Census is being conducted and should be finalized and available in the beginning of next year with the population numbers.

Mr. Wood asked Mike Rollins, Director of Parks and Recreation, to speak on the recreation issue regarding the Stilson and Nevils area. Mr. Rollins said as far as the development of the park in that area, there are two (2) phases of the SPLOST and they are in the process of updating the master plan. Mr. Rollins said the completion of those items would be addressed in this phase II of the Master Plan.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any other comments or questions. Mr. Hayes asked if the budget is larger than last year. Mr. Wood said yes, by over a million dollars. Mr. Wood named a few items that contributed to the increase amount in the budget. He said, HB489 (State-mandated), extending the recycling services, full-time State Court, 5 countywide elections, management of the hospital property, updating the Comprehensive Plan and property revaluation just to mention some of the

items. Mr. Wood said even though the budget has increased by over a million dollars, there would be no tax increase. Mr. Wood commented that based on projections of the Tax Assessors office there would be a decrease of forty dollars based on a house valuation of one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wood added that Bulloch County is in the lowest 15% in the State of Georgia relating to the taxes.

Mr. Ray Akins asked if the Sheriff's cars are opened for bid. Mr. Wood said yes, providing they offer a police package in their bid package.

Mr. Wood said he had received requests for budget increases above those proposed in the draft budget from the District Attorney and the library. Mr. Wood said he wanted to make the Board aware of those requests, but was not recommending the approval of either one. He noted that the District Attorney's office would receive a 5% increase in the proposed budget, but that the District Attorney has now submitted a request for an increase of more than 5%. Mr. Wood pointed out that the 5% increase for the District Attorney's office in the proposed budget was already more than any other department, except for those increases required by compliance with House Bill 489. Mr. Wood said that the library had requested an additional \$8,000.00 to subsidize its employees' health insurance benefits. Mr. Wood noted that most of the library's employees are State employees, and he said the County should not be expected to subsidize their health insurance costs when the County is struggling to provide reasonable health insurance benefits for County employees.

Commissioner Smith commented that Bulloch County does have one of the lowest property taxes in the state and 53% revenues come from the property taxes. Mr. Wood said at the next Board meeting, the Board would act on the M&O Budgets along with the other budgets.

Chairman Woodrum thanked everyone for the interest in the budget hearing and adjourned the public hearing.

Evelyn H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
Louis N. Woodrum

June 20, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hodges gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2000 and the minutes from the Public Hearing of June 13, 2000. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing of June 13, 2000. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item on the agenda under old business was the Code of Ordinances amendment. Chairman Woodrum said this involved a request that came from the previous Board meeting to have the Board of Commissioners co-equally share the process of appointments to other boards and commissions. Chairman Woodrum said these documents consisting of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, an amended job description for Commissioners, and procedural guidelines for making appointments, will allow the Board of Commissioners to work co-equally in making appointments to other boards and commissions. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, the amended job descriptions for Commissioners, and the procedural guidelines for making appointments, all as presented. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibits #2000-21, 2000-22, 2000-23

Under new business the first item was a Board of Health issue. Chairman Woodrum asked Lamar Reddick, spokesperson for a group of builders, to present the item. Mr. Reddick said that in 1993 the Board of Commissioners recommended that the maximum allowable fill for septic tanks be set at twenty-four inches, at which time the State of Georgia required twelve inches of separation between a septic tank and the seasonal high water table. Mr. Reddick said the State later changed the separation requirement to twenty-four inches for the seasonal high water table, which resulted in a loss of twelve inches for septic tank fill. Mr. Reddick said they are requesting the fill requirement be changed to thirty-six inches to replace the lost twelve inches. Mr. Reddick said they are also requesting to be allowed to use the maximum amount of fill for septic tanks in the one hundred-year flood zone.

Mr. Glen Bray, from the Board of Health, said the flood zone issue couldn't be addressed at this time, because the Board of Health did not address this item and they did not vote on it. Mr. Bray said the only action the Board of Health voted on was the change in the fill requirement. Mr. Bray said the Board of Health approved the change with three provisions. Mr. Bray said the three provisions were as follows: (1) because the septic tank system will be installed entirely in the fill material if the fill is deeper than 24 inches, the fill dirt must be approved by the Health Department or a Soil Scientist prior to being brought on to the site; (2) the use of the six-foot bed system will not be allowed for those systems to be installed on lots requiring more than 24 inches of fill material; and (3) the required waiting period of ninety days after the fill is brought onto a lot and before the system can be installed will strictly be adhered to or, in lieu of the required waiting period, a soil

compaction test performed by an approved individual or company will be acceptable. Chairman Woodrum thanked Mr. Bray for the information from the Board of Health.

Mr. Jimmy Dodgen, zoning administrator, said he disagrees with increasing the maximum allowable fill for septic tanks to thirty-six inches. Mr. Dodgen said that if the Board decides to approve this change, there needs to be conditions to prevent the building of high mounds. Mr. Dodgen said regarding the flood zone, there are some places that should not be in a flood zone and they should be able to build there. He said that if they approved using fill in a flood zone it should be done on an individual basis.

Chairman Woodrum said this is only a discussion at this time and asked Mr. Akins to work with the staff and the Health Department on these items. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to have Scott Wood, County Manager, and the staff, work with the Board of Health on the issues of the fill requirement and using fill in a flood zone and develop the guidelines if needed. Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Woodrum said they would vary from the agenda to allow the Hospital Authority Report to be presented at this time. Mr. Arthur Howard, chairman of the Hospital Authority, presented an in depth financial report from the Hospital Authority. Chairman Woodrum thanked Mr. Bob Via and Mr. Arthur Howard for the presentation.

Chairman Woodrum said the next item on the agenda under new business was the adoption of the 1999-2000 Budgets. Chairman Woodrum said the first budget for adoption is the 1999-2000 Drug Education Fund - \$6,500. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the 1999-2000 Drug Education Fund for \$6,500. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. Next budget was the 1999-2000 Local Optional Sales Tax for \$27,000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the 1999-2000 Local Optional Sales Tax for \$27,000. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. Next budget item was the amendment of the 1999-2000 Extended Special 1% Sales Tax for \$3,438,135. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the amendment of 1999-2000 Extended Special 1% Sales Tax for \$3,438,135. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item on the agenda was the adoption of the 2000-2001 budgets. Mr. Wood said these budgets were developed with the Board of Commissioners during the budget work session and a public hearing was held for the public to have input on the budget. Mr. Wood recommended that the budget be adopted in two separate motions, one for the general fund and the other for special funds. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to adopt the 2000-2001 Bulloch County Budget-General Fund for \$17,181,194. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adopt the special funds. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-24

Next item on the agenda was the Recycling Center-Authorize Land Purchase. Chairman Woodrum said that Mr. Bobby Newman had offered to sell the County property for a recycling center located on Arcola Road in the Bay District consisting of one acre for a purchase price of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the authorization to purchase land from Bobby Newman located on Arcola Road in the Bay District consisting of one acre for the purchase price of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item on the agenda was the Speed Ordinance. Chairman Woodrum asked if any one had comments or concerns on the Speed Ordinance. Commissioner Groover said he is concerned

with the speed limit on Langston Chapel Road being 55 mph, when the speed limit is 45 mph on Burkhalter Road several miles north of Highway 80. Commissioner Groover asked why is there a higher speed limit in a school area and lower in the residential area. Chairman Woodrum said the Department of Transportation recommends the speed limits. Mr. Wood said that County engineer Kirk Tatum, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and Chief Deputy Lynn Anderson have reviewed the speed ordinance; however, the approval could be deferred until another meeting to have the staff revisit those concerns. Commissioner Hodges said he would like to have the staff look at those areas of concern.

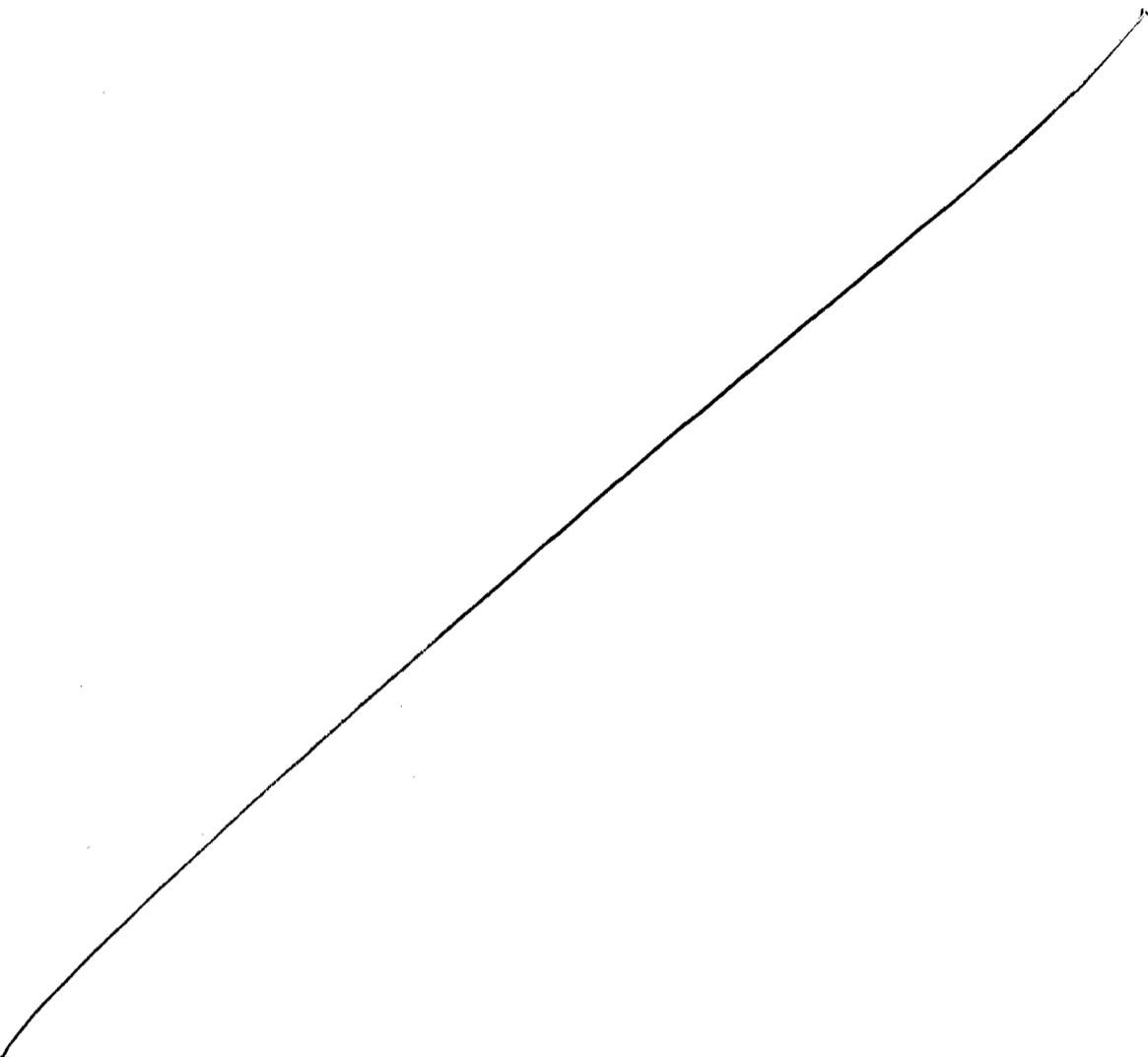
Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Speed Ordinance and have Kirk Tatum, Ted Wynn, and Chief Deputy Lynn Anderson review the roads with the concerns. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-25

Next item on the agenda was an application for a pouring license for the retail sale of distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages by the drink – (New)- Cavalier Country Club- James Mitchell Prince. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the application for a pouring license for the retail sale of distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages by the drink – (New)- Cavalier Country Club- James Mitchell Prince. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no other business or discussion, Commissioner Deal offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried. Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.

Edger H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
Louis N. Woodrum



July 5, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Groover were present. Commissioner Hodges and Commissioner Smith were not present

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Deal gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2000. Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the minutes with a minor correction. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item under public hearings was a zoning matter. Chairman Woodrum asked Jimmy Dodgen, Zoning Administrator, to present the public hearings. Mr. Dodgen said the first agenda item was a rezone and conditional use request for George Tracy Hendrix. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Hendrix is requesting a rezone from AG-5

(Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial) to allow the construction of a building for storage for his banking equipment business. He said Mr. Hendrix is also requesting a conditional use to allow for multiple buildings and multiple uses on one (1) parcel of land located at the intersection of Sinkhole Road and Union Church Road that consists of approximately 5.0 acres. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the requests and no one spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Dodgen said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Mr. Hendrix said he has a bank security business and would like to place a building on the property for storage and administration purposes only.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the rezone and conditional use request for Mr. George Tracy Hendrix. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item was a rezone and conditional use request for William D. Brannen. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Brannen's property is located on Cleary Road and consists of approximately 1.0 acres. He said they are requesting a rezone from Ag-5 to R-40 (Residential-40, 000 square foot lots). Mr. Dodgen said the intent of the rezone is to allow a parcel of land to be divided which was surveyed and a note was attached to the plat stating the property was to be adjoined to the adjacent piece and considered one tract and could not be sold independently of one another. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Brannen would like to give one (1) acre to his son to place a mobile home. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the requests and there was no opposition. Mr. Dodgen said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the rezone request for William D. Brannen. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item was a conditional use request for Cheryl Rushing. Mr. Dodgen said Cheryl Rushing is requesting a conditional use permit to allow them to construct a day care facility on the property. He said the property is located on Highway 67 and Emit Grove Road and consists of approximately 154.94 acres of land. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval and there was no opposition at the meeting. He said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Mrs. Rushing said her daughter-in-law would be operating the day care facility and will meet State requirements and they would be constructing a new building.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for Cheryl Rushing. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item was a rezone and conditional use request for Barney W. Stafford. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Stafford's property is located on Old Register Way and consists of approximately 46 acres, of which he is asking to rezone 8.6 acres from AG-5 to HC (Highway Commercial). He said Mr. Stafford is also requesting a conditional use permit to allow multiple buildings and multiple uses on one (1) parcel of land. Mr. Dodgen said currently there is an existing business on the property known as Bill's Place and a mobile home that has been there for 10 years. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Stafford does not want to change the uses of the property but wants to sell the balance of 37.4 acres. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request and no one spoke in opposition to the item. He said one person has signed up to speak on this item.

Mr. David Woods, adjacent property, owner spoke in opposition to the requests. He said the traffic in the area is a bad situation for the young folks and he would like to see either an accel/decel lanes or parking for Bill's Place.

Commissioner Alston asked for clarification as to what is presently on the property. John Dotson, agent for Mr. Stafford, said there is one mobile home that has been there for 10 years and a business called Bill's Place that has been in existence for 20 years, and he stated there would be no new business added to the property.

Commissioner Groover asked Mr. Stafford if he would consider putting parking on one side of the road and if 8.6 acres was the only amount to be rezoned. Mr. Stafford said he would consider putting parking on one side of the road and 8.6 acres was the correct amount.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the rezone and conditional use request for Mr. Stafford. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item was a rezone request for Kervin B. Smith. Mr. Dodgen said Mr. Smith's property is located on Wolf Pen Lane and consists of 10 acres in an AG-5 zone. He said Mr. Smith is requesting a rezone from AG-5 to R-80 (Residential- 80, 000 square foot lots) to allow him to refinance his house. Mr. Dodgen said Wolf Pen Lane is a private road which has the maximum number of lots to remain a dirt road; if this request is approved a sketch plan would be needed if they choose to divide the property and the road would have to be paved or a variance approved to allow for another parcel on an unpaved private road. Mr. Dodgen said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request and no spoke in opposition to the request. No one signed up to speak on this item.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Kervin B. Smith. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Groover opposed.

Next item on the agenda under new business was a resolution regarding grant funds. Mr. Wood, County Manager, said this resolution is part of the application process for a grant for the Agri-Business Center or some other recreational use and that Mike Rollins, Director of Parks and Recreation, had initiated the pre-application process for this grant. Mr. Wood said that in order to continue with the application process, the Board needs to approve the attached resolution, which states Bulloch County agrees to provide the local matching funds for the grant award.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the resolution for the grant for the Agri-Business Center or some other recreational use. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-27

Next item on the agenda under other business was Mr. Leroy McInturff. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. McInturff. Mr. McInturff said he was speaking on behalf of some military retirees regarding the promises which were made by Congress to provide adequate medical coverage to military retirees. Mr. McInturff said he was asking for two items from the Board. He asked if the Board of Commissioners would pass a resolution in support of the military retirees and grant approval to place signs in Bulloch County regarding this issue.

Chairman Woodrum offered to have Scott Wood, County Manager, and Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney, to meet with Mr. McInturff regarding this issue. Mr. Wood said Bulloch County has a Sign Ordinance and the placement of the signs would have to be in accordance with the ordinance. He said signs could not be placed in the right-of-way due to the liability; signs could be placed on private property, providing the owners gave permission and the signs met the requirements of the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Wood said that Bulloch County has been very supportive to all military veterans and suggested a letter be sent from the Chairman of the Commissioners to Bulloch County's three Congressional representatives regarding this concern. Mr. McInturff thanked the Board of Commissioners and staff for their time and interest in this matter.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to adjourn from the regular session and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to adjourn from executive session and to return to regular session. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to –

1. Reappoint Mr. Lonnie Simmons to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council for a two- (2) year term expiring on June 30, 2002
2. Appoint Mr. Charles Stokes to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council for a two- (2) year term expiring on June 30, 2002.

3. Reappoint Rev. Johnny Lewis to the Community Service Board for a two- (2) year term, expiring on June 30, 2002
4. Reappoint Mrs. Tappy Roesel to the Department of Family Children Services for a five- (5) year term expiring on June 30, 2005.
5. Appoint Dr. Lella Bonds and Mr. Brian Burke to the Library Board for a three- (3) year term expiring on June 30, 2003.
6. Appoint Cassius Osborne and Charlotte Hull to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a four- (4) year term expiring on June 30, 2004.

Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no other business or discussion, Commissioner Deal offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried. Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.


 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

August 1, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Groover and Commissioner Smith were present. Commissioner Hodges was not present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Sign in sheets for the public hearings to be recorded as exhibit #: 2000-29

First item under public hearings was a zoning matter. Chairman Woodrum asked Cheryl Tatum to present the public hearings. Mrs. Tatum said the first agenda item was a rezone request for Iretha Perkins. Mrs. Tatum said Mrs. Perkins' property is located on Club Road consisting of 6.54 acres. She is requesting a rezone from AG-5 to R-80 (Residential -80,000 square foot lots). Mrs. Tatum said the intent of the rezone is to allow her to divide the property into two- (2) acre tracts. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request and no one spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mrs. Tatum said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Mrs. Perkins said she would appreciate the Board of Commissioners' consideration.

Commissioner Smith asked how many lots would be created and what is the purpose of the rezone request. Mrs. Perkins said she would create three two- (2) acre lots to be divided among her children.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Mr. Iretha Perkins. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a Conditional use request for Clayton Walker. Mrs. Tatum said Ms. Myrtice Walker, agent for Clayton Walker, has submitted a request for a conditional use to allow them to have a personal care home on the property. Mrs. Tatum said the property is located on Peaceful Lane consisting of two (2) acres. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the conditional use request and no one spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mrs. Tatum said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Ms. Walker said the purpose of the conditional use request is to place a personal care home on the property. She said they would be using the mobile home that is presently on the property.

Commissioner Smith asked if any certification has been applied for. Ms. Walker said not at this time, because the state requires that they must obtain approval from Bulloch County to place the personal care home on the property first.

Commissioner Groover asked if they were planning on building a new home. Ms. Walker said they would be using the mobile home that is on the property and would have two residents in the home. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Groover asked for clarification as to the procedure on obtaining certification from the state. Ms. Walker said if Bulloch County grants approval on the conditional use request, then application for certification from the state would be the next step before they could operate the personal care home.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for Clayton Walker. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a rezone request for E.L. Anderson. Mrs. Tatum said Mr. Anderson has written a letter requesting this item be tabled. Karen Anderson said Mr. Anderson is unable to be here because he is out of town. Chairman Woodrum asked how many have signed up to speak on this item. Mrs. Tatum said four (4) people have signed up to speak on this item. Commissioner Smith said he feels that the request to table this item should be denied. Chairman Woodrum said the rezone request for E. L. Anderson would not be tabled.

Mrs. Tatum said Karen Anderson, agent for E.L. Anderson, has submitted a

rezone request for his property located on Langston Chapel Road. She said the property consists of approximately 13.1 acres and is zoned R-25 and R-80. Mrs. Tatum said the rezone request is to change the R-80 zone to R-2 (Two Family Residential) to develop duplexes on the property. Mrs. Tatum said this property is part of the Warren Ball plan that was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the rezone request and there were two (2) families present at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to speak in opposition to the request. Mrs. Tatum said there were four (4) people that have signed up to speak on this item.

Ms. Elaine Hapshe said she is opposed to the request because it would increase the traffic in the area, safety would become a problem and it would add more students to the schools.

Mr. Bobby White said he is opposed because the zone is for single family housing and if duplexes were to be allowed it would devalue the property in the area. It would also increase the traffic said, Mr. White.

Mr. Millard Martin spoke in opposition to the rezone request due to the amount of traffic that would be created and said that the area should remain as single family residential.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the rezone request for E.L. Anderson. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Commissioner Alston opposed.

Next item was a rezone request for Robert Murray. Mrs. Tatum said Jim Anderson, agent for Robert Murray, has submitted a rezone request to rezone property located on Burkhalter Road. The property consists of approximately 25.12 acres zoned R-80. Mrs. Tatum said Mr. Murray is requesting to rezone from R-80 (Residential-80, 000 square foot lots) to R-40 (Residential-40, 000 square foot lots) with the intent to develop this property into 22 lots. Mrs. Tatum said this property is a part of the Warren Ball sketch plan that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the rezone request and there were two (2) families present at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to speak in opposition. Mrs. Tatum said two (2) people have signed up to speak in opposition to the rezone.

Mr. Anderson said this property is located close to GSU, the hospital and schools. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan has this area as residential. The surrounding property is zoned R-25 and this request is to change it to R-40, said Mr. Anderson. He said the Comprehensive Plan states growth should remain around the cities and this property would be considered to be part of the infrastructure according to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Mr. Bobby White spoke in opposition to the request because it would create additional traffic in the area and would put strain on the schools in the area.

Mr. Millard Martin spoke in opposition to the request. He said it would increase the traffic in the area and would also devalue the surrounding property.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to deny the rezone request for Robert Murray. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a request to rezone for Johnnie McCorkle. Mrs. Tatum said Kim Fowler, agent for Mr. McCorkle, has submitted a rezone request for property located on Highway 24 to rezone from the present zone of LI/R-25 to HC (Highway Commercial). Mrs. Tatum said the property consists of approximately 3.19 acres and the intent is to allow Ms. Fowler to place a day care facility. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request and no one was present to speak in opposition to this request. Mrs. Tatum said no one has signed up to speak on this item.

Ms. Fowler said the property is located on Highway 24 and would be a good location for a day care facility. She said if approved, the day care facility would care for approximately 94 children.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Mr. McCorkle. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a rezone request for Ronald DeLoach. Mrs. Tatum said Lamar Reddick, agent for Mr. DeLoach, has submitted a rezone request for property located on I-16. The property consists of 75 acres zoned AG-5 and Mr. DeLoach would like to rezone the property to HC said Mrs. Tatum. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request and no one spoke in opposition to the request. Mrs. Tatum said no one has signed up to speak in opposition to the rezone request.

Mr. Reddick said Mr. DeLoach would like to place an outdoor advertising sign on the property and is requesting a rezone to Highway Commercial. He said Mr. DeLoach had requested a rezone to HC for 12,000 square foot lots that were approved; however, the Department of Transportation denied their request for outdoor advertising signs based on the zoning. The DOT stated that the HC must be contiguous, not spot zoning, so in order to comply with the DOT Mr. DeLoach is requesting a rezone on the north side of I-16, said Mr. Reddick.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Mr. DeLoach. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a rezone request for Grady and Lottie Johnson. Mrs. Tatum said Lamar Reddick, agent for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, has submitted a rezone request for property located on Highway 67 to HC (Highway Commercial). The property consists

of approximately 29 acres currently zone Ag-5, said Mrs. Tatum. Mrs. Tatum said the intent of the rezone is to provide three Highway Commercial sites directly on Highway 67 which would also include a 100-foot strip for the widening project on Highway 67. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the request and there were two people that spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mrs. Tatum said there are six (6) people that have signed up to speak.

Mr. Reddick said he spoke with Tony Collins from the DOT and they are planning on 4-laning Highway 67 with a 44-foot grass median. Mr. Reddick said the Johnsons would reserve 100 feet of the front property for the widening of the highway.

Anne Moore, attorney for the Johnsons spoke on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Ms. Moore said they would appreciate the Board of Commissioners' consideration for their request to rezone the property.

Ms. Bunce spoke in opposition to the request due to the fact the traffic would increase on the highway.

Mr. Roush spoke against the rezone request. He said there is no hardship here and it would be considered spot zoning.

Ms. Davidson spoke in opposition to the request. She feels it should be considered environmental destruction and would ruin the aesthetics of the area.

Ms. Trimble spoke in opposition. She asked the Board of Commissioners to deny the request. Ms. Trimble asked why all the property owners were not notified in writing. Mrs. Tatum said the adjacent property owners were notified in writing by certified mail.

Commissioner Smith said he feels the Board of Commissioners should look at this area, because eventually Highway Commercial would be all along Highway 67.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item was a rezone request for M.S. Brannen III. Mrs. Tatum said Don Marsh, agent for M.S. Brannen, has submitted a rezone request for property located off Burkhalter Road and Rushing Road. The property consists of approximately 17.6 acres zoned Ag-5. Mrs. Tatum said they are requesting to rezone the property to R-25 (Residential 25,000 square foot lots). She said the intent of the rezone is to allow Mr. Brannen to develop the property as the second phase of Berkshire Subdivision. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone and no one spoke in opposition to the request at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Mr. Don Marsh said the rezone request is to allow a second phase of Berkshire Subdivision that is located on Burkhalter Road and Rushing Road. Mr. Marsh said

there is some good land to build on and they would create twenty (20) lots in this phase.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the rezone request for M.S. Brannen. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item on the agenda was the consent agenda. Chairman Woodrum said under the consent agenda was the Hospital Authority Nominees. The nominees for the seat currently held by Mr. Turner were Buddy Anderson, Wendell Brannen and Anna Swicord. The nominees for the seat currently held by Dr. Tillman were Al Clarke, Buddy Rabitsch and Lynn Lee. Also on the consent agenda was a resolution for the Solid Waste Grant.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-30

Next item on the agenda was a briefing by Scott Wood, County Manager, on the County Probation Department. Mr. Wood said this year the General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 474, which provided that the State Department of corrections will no longer offer probation services for misdemeanor offenses beginning January 1, 2001. Mr. Wood said the counties would have two options for the provision of probation services: 1) contract with a private probation company; or 2) develop an in-house County probation department.

Mr. Wood said there has been a panel working on this matter assessing the entire picture that included Judge Gates Peed, Gary Mikell, Hub Powell, Arnold Ray Akins, Paula White, Jeff Akins and Evelyn Wilson. Mr. Wood said the panel unanimously agreed that the County should create and fund a probation department rather than contract with a private company.

Mr. Wood said the department would generate enough money with the funds that are raised by State Court; therefore there would be no tax increase for Bulloch County. Mr. Wood said there would have to be a budget amendment for the development of the department. He said he feels the public would be best served and so would Bulloch County.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the resolution establishing the County Probation Department. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See exhibit #2000-31

Chairman Woodrum said the Board would need to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no other business or discussion, Chairman Woodrum declared the meeting adjourned.

Louis N. Woodrum
 COUNTY MANAGER
 ON BEHALF OF

Louis N. Woodrum

Evelyn H. Wilson
 ATTEST

August 15, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present. Chairman Woodrum and Commissioner Deal were absent.

Vice-chairman Groover called the order and welcomed the news media and guests. Commissioner Alston gave the invocation.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 1, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Vice-chairman Groover presented the Consent Agenda consisting of a Resolution for the draft of the Water Supply Management Plan; ratify a contract with Mendola & Associates; ratify a contract with Motorola. He asked Mr. Wood to comment on these items. Mr. Wood said information on these items had been previously distributed to the Board.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibits #2000-33; #2000-34; #2000-35

Vice-chairman Groover asked for other business or comments. Mr. Wood commented on the events scheduled for the Courthouse dedication on Sunday. He also reminded the Board of nominations needed for expiring terms for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Louis N. Woodrum
 Louis N. Woodrum

Evelyn H. Wilson
 ATTEST

September 5, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Groover, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hodges were present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to

order. Commissioner Simmons gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2000. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Sign in sheets for the public hearings to be recorded as exhibit #: 2000-36

First item under public hearings was a zoning matter. Chairman Woodrum asked Cheryl Tatum to present the public hearings. Mrs. Tatum said the first agenda item was a rezone request for Patrick Mock. Mrs. Tatum said Mr. Mock has submitted a rezone request for property located on Old Riggs Mill Road consisting of approximately 5.0 acres. He would like to rezone from the zone of Ag-5 to R-2 (Two Family Residential) so that the property could be developed into duplexes, said Mrs. Tatum. Mrs. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the rezone request and no one spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and no one has signed up to speak in opposition to this request.

Mr. Mock said there are other duplexes in the surrounding area and he would like approval to build duplexes on the property.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the rezone request for Patrick Mock. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Groover abstained.

Next item on the agenda under old business was a resolution and Bylaws for Keep America Beautiful. Chairman Woodrum recognized Charles Brown.

Mr. Brown said that the Bulloch County Commissioners had passed a resolution endorsing training for the K.A.B. program, and now the next step to obtaining certification as a KAB affiliate is the establishment of a commission to act as the ongoing leadership and governing organization for the local KAB. This process involves a resolution adopting the Bylaws for Keep Bulloch Beautiful Commission.

Mr. Brown said some revisions were made to the bylaws. The Executive Director of Keep America Beautiful will be a Bulloch County employee, the financial management will be maintained by Evelyn Wilson, Clerk of the Board, and incident to and as a part of the annual audit of the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, all accounts of the Commission shall likewise be annually audited.

Mr. Brown said the Keep Bulloch Beautiful Commission Bylaws allow for sixteen (16) appointments consisting of eight (8) by Bulloch County, seven (7) by the local municipalities and one (1) by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brown said he and Bob Smith would submit a list on the eight names for the Board's consideration.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the resolution for Keep America Beautiful. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adopt

the Bylaws for Keep Bulloch Beautiful Commission. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-37, #2000-38

Next item on the agenda under new business was the formal adoption of the Bulloch County Flag. Chairman Woodrum said he was very pleased when the flag was presented at the Courthouse Dedication. Mr. Wood, County Manager, said Bulloch County has never had a flag. Mr. Wood said the flag was presented at the Courthouse Dedication, and the three Latin words on the flag mean "Past, Present, and Future". Mr. Wood said that he thought that everyone would agree that those are valued qualities and sentiments throughout our community.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to formally adopt the "Bulloch County Flag". Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the Cooperative Agreement & Joint Working Agreement, Workforce Development Services. Chairman Woodrum said this program has been in the works for sometime now. Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney, said it is a new federal law to help bring job training into the work force.

Mr. Joel Martin, from the Department of Labor, said the Workforce Investment Board would monitor any businesses or companies that receive any federal monies for training and employment services. The Department of Labor has encouraged counties to form a workforce investment area similar to their "service delivery regions", said Mr. Martin. He said Bulloch County is in Service Delivery Region 12, which includes Effingham, Long, Liberty, Bryan, McIntosh, Glynn, Chatham and Camden. Mr. Martin said that in order to implement the Workforce Investment Act, these agreements need to be approved.

Commissioner Groover asked about the clause relating to financial liability. Mr. Martin said the Workforce Investment Board and Council will monitor the financial distribution of the federal money and make sure the job training and services are being provided properly with no duplication in training.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement for the Workforce Development Services and the Joint Working Agreement. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2000-39, #2000-40

Next item was a Resolution of Support, State Prison Facility for Screven County. Mr. Wood said this resolution is to provide co-support of a surrounding county, as they helped support Bulloch County.

Commissioner Groover offered a motion to approve the resolution of support. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smith asked if this facility would affect Bulloch County's

Correctional Institute regarding the inmate capacity. Mr. Wood said there should be no effect in the amount of inmates that Bulloch County has.

With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. See exhibit #2000-41

Next item on the agenda was the Portal/Willow Hill Community Development Committee. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Reginald Mosely.

Mr. Mosely said the Portal/Willow Hill Community Development Committee would like to take over a Portal school; however, the Board of Education said they could not turn the property over to a private group. The Board of Education said that Bulloch County Board of Commissioners could take over the school and then the Portal/Willow Hill Community Development Committee would be able to lease it from the County.

Commissioner Hodges said he would not mind leasing it, but would like to see a budget and also that there would be no cost to the county.

Mr. Wood said at this time Bulloch County is not in the market for acquiring property.

Commissioner Smith said he feels the Board of Education should be helping with this matter because it seems to be more of an education program.

Mr. Wood said he would have the Staff Attorney explore some options and talk with the Board of Education and they would meet with Commissioner Simmons with the findings.

Mr. Mosely thanked the Board for their time and help with this matter.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to adjourn the regular session of the meeting and to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the executive session and to return to the regular session. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Evelyn H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
Louis N. Woodrum

October 3, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Groover were present.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and the news media. Commissioner Groover gave the invocation.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 5, 2000 were presented. Upon motion made by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

The first order of business was a Public Hearing for presentation of zoning matters. Chairman Woodrum asked Cheryl Tatum to present the zoning items.

Ms. Tatum presented a rezone request for Henry Rivers, Jr., etal. She advised that Mr. Rivers, Ms. Eva Mae Drummer Rivers, Ms. Katie M. Drummer and Lee Drummer are requesting a rezone from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial) for approximately 2.15 acres on Highway 80 west. She said there is a building on the property which was utilized in the past as a commercial type business but the grandfathered rights have been lost because a business has not been conducted in the building for the past six months. She stated the purpose of the rezone is to allow sale of the property for commercial use. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Mr. Rivers was presented but no one had signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Rivers if he had any comments. Mr. Rivers said he had nothing to add to Ms. Tatum's presentation and asked the Board for their consideration of this request.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Smith asked the location of the property. Mr. Rivers said the property is located on Highway 80 west about four miles from Statesboro. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the rezone request for Henry Rivers, Jr., etal was approved.

Ms. Tatum presented a rezone request for Daniel Lee. She explained the property being considered for rezone consist of two parcels containing approximately 6.54 acres each and another parcel containing approximately 5.345 acres located on R.L. Lee Road. She said the request is a rezone from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-80 (Residential-80,000 square foot lots). She remarked the purpose of the rezone is to allow the property to be divided into two acre lots for family members. Ms. Tatum advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this rezone request. She said Mr. Lee is present and no one signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee said this request for rezone was for family members.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, the rezone request for Mr. Daniel Lee was approved.

Ms. Tatum presented a text amendment and conditional use request for Barney Culp. She stated the request is to amend Section 503(b)(9) of the Zoning Ordinance to read "A family non-profit cemetery on a minimum of ½ acre lot in an AG-5 zone". She advised that currently the Zoning Ordinance requires a five acre tract. She stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the text amendment. She said Mr. Sam Brannen, agent for Mr. Culp, was present and no one signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Brannen. Mr. Brannen said zoning presently does not allow for small family cemeteries in an AG-5 zone. He commented that Mr. Culp has a rather large family and would like to take a little over ½ acre of his property for a family cemetery. He said Mr. Culp has created a Family Cemetery Trust with a Board of Trustees and the property will be deeded to the Trust to manage and maintain the cemetery. He said the requests are for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and a conditional use to allow the cemetery. He added that he didn't know of any adverse impact on any person, business, or enterprise.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Hodges questioned the ½ acre and said he thought there was some action by the State in the last legislative session which requires one acre for a family cemetery. Mr. Brannen said he was unaware of any State requirement. Commissioner Hodges asked Mr. Akins if he knew of any requirement. Mr. Akins said he couldn't find any State requirements and he had called the Secretary of State's office to confirm if there is any requirement.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the text amendment request. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. In discussion Commissioner Smith said he had no problem with family cemeteries but if this text amendment is approved could it open the way for a multitude of family cemeteries which could become a problem if there are no controls. He said there was some question on potential legislation and perhaps Mr. Akins needs to research this issue before the Board takes any action. He remarked he had no problem with this cemetery but once a cemetery is established it lasts forever and he thought more planning is needed before any action is taken. Mr. Groover asked if there are any perpetual care requirements for family cemeteries. Commissioner Smith said often these cemeteries are not maintained and many are totally neglected. Commissioner Hodges comment that he thought there were also some Health Department requirements for family cemeteries. Commissioner Alston asked Mr. Brannen to repeat his statement on perpetual care and their responsibility to maintain the cemetery in the future. Mr. Brannen said the Board of Trustees consist of four trustees and there is a provision that if for some reason a trustee is no longer actively involved, a new trustee will be appointed within sixty days. After further discussion, Commissioner Deal withdrew his motion and Commissioner Hodges withdrew his second.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to table action on the text amendment request until the first meeting in November to allow time for further research. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Because of action to table the text amendment, it was understood that the conditional use request for Mr. Culp was also tabled.

Ms. Tatum presented a conditional use request for Westboro, Inc. to allow multiple buildings and multiple businesses on one parcel of land. Mr. Jerry Jennings, agent for Westboro, Inc., has submitted this request for Lot #7 Page Place consisting of .99 acres in an HC zone located on Page Place Road. Mr. Jennings wants to combine this lot with an adjoining lot in order to build two additional buildings with three businesses in each building. She advised that Mr. Jennings has already been informed that a conceptual site plan, approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, will be required. Ms. Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use request.

Ms. Tatum said Ms. Jennings was present but no one had signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum asked Ms. Jennings for her comments. Ms. Jennings said she had nothing to add but would try to answer any questions.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the conditional use request was approved.

Ms. Tatum presented a rezone request for Omie Hagan. She advised the property consist of 6.5 acres on Highway 301 North and Peanut Lane. The request is to rezone the property from HI (Heavy Industrial) to R-40 (Residential-40,000 square foot lots). The intent of the rezone is to allow the placement of a mobile home on the property and to allow the property to be divided among Ms. Hagan's children in the future. She advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request. She said Sheryl Hagan, agent for Ms. Hagan, was present and no one had signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum recognized Ms. Hagan. Ms. Hagan said she was present to represent Ms. Omie Hagan and asked the Board consideration of this request.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, the rezone request was approved.

Ms. Tatum presented a rezone request for John E. Dekle, Jr. to rezone property consisting of approximately 63 acres located on Highway 67. The request is to rezone approximately 19.21 acres from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to HC (Highway Commercial) and rezone approximately 43 acres from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-2 (Two Family Residential). The intent of the rezone is to allow the property to be developed for commercial use and duplexes. She advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of both requests with a three to one vote. She said

Ms. Lorriane Dekle, agent for Mr. Dekle, was present and no one had signed up to speak on this item.

Chairman Woodrum recognized Ms. Dekle. Ms. Dekle commented that approval of a previous rezone request on Highway 67 necessitated this request. She pointed out that no new houses have been constructed on Highway 67 from the by-pass to I-16 during the past five years.

Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Groover asked the depth of the proposed commercial property from the highway. Ms. Dekle said it was about 450 feet from the highway. Commissioner Smith asked if plans have a delineation for the proposed widening of Highway 67. Ms. Dekle said yes.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve both rezone requests. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded. Sign-in sheets for zoning issues are exhibit #2000-43.

Chairman Woodrum presented the Consent Agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, an off-premises Alcoholic Beverage License Application for James E. Warren for The Country Store was approved.

The first item of old business was Keep America Beautiful Board of Directors. Chairman Woodrum said in a previous meeting the Commissioners had ratified the by-laws of Keep Bulloch Beautiful. He said these by-laws call for the Commissioners to make eight appointments to Keep Bulloch Beautiful and the following people have been recommended: Richard Armstrong, David BoBo, Charles Brown, Sally Daniel, Lee Deloach, Sally Hodges McKinney, Bob Smith and Grace D. Smith.

Upon motion by Commissioner Groover, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, the eight people recommended for appointment to Keep Bulloch Beautiful were accepted as presented.

The first item of new business was presentation of the Recreation Department Master Plan. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mike Rollins, Recreation Director. Mr. Rollins said about one year ago the Board gave the Recreation Department the opportunity to engage Lose & Associates to complete a county-wide master recreation plan. He said some intense information was provided in a pre-meeting but there a few items they wanted to present in the public meeting. He recognized Dr. Grant, Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Dr. Grant commented on the process of the development of the Master Plan and emphasized that this Plan is the result of expressed help of the citizens of Bulloch County. He said this Plan will serve as a guide for the future in recreation for Bulloch County. He introduced Mr. Chris Camp, Vice President of Lose & Associates.

Mr. Camp said, as Dr. Grant has stated, that these are the recommendations which came from the Citizens Steering Committee. He reviewed the list of recommended facilities and programs in the Plan. He covered the overall areas of need and recommendations for the entire county and said acquisition of land will be the biggest

challenge. He commented on the accomplishments in expansion of recreation in the county since 1990. He said the Parks and Recreation Department in Bulloch County is one of most respected in the state and this Plan raises the mark for recreational development. He advised the Plan covers all areas of recreation including organization issues, staffing and other specific recommendations. He said this is a good Plan which should serve the county well for the next ten years and he encouraged its adoption in principle as a guide for future recreational development.

Chairman Woodrum asked for any questions or comments. Mr. Wood said it should be emphasized that this is a broad, all encompassing, far reaching plan, but there is no expectation that any specific provision of this Plan or the Plan in its entirety will be achieved. He said these are goals and general direction to work toward, subject to funding and the wishes of future Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith commented that some years ago the county had a Master Plan that had a lot of discussion and this Master Plan, for the greatest extent, had been implemented. He said the county has a great deal to be gained by implementing a Master Plan and setting goals for the future. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to adopt the Recreation Master Plan as presented by the Recreation Advisory Board as a guide for future development of recreational programs. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it was carried.

The next two items of business were amendments of the 2000-2001 General Operating Budget and the 2000-2001 E911 Emergency Service Budget. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Wood to present these items. Mr. Wood said that budgets are simply a guide and are subject to change as new information becomes available. He said, after some thorough analysis with various staff members, he recommended amendment of the 2000-2001 General Operating Budget to \$17,484,955. He also recommended amendment of the 2000-2001 E911 Emergency Service Budget to \$811,595.

Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and carried, the 2000-2001 General Operating Budget and the 2000-2001 E911 Budget were amended as recommended.

Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or comments. Mr. Wood advised an Executive Session was needed to discuss land acquisition, a legal matter and a personnel matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Groover and carried, the meeting was moved into Executive Session for the reasons stated.

The regular meeting was reconvened. Chairman Woodrum asked for further comments. Commissioner Hodges said that three or four people have asked about the old hospital building, specifically about the feasibility of tearing down the old part of the building and doing a study on the cost of renovating the building to serve county offices as well as the Board of Education. He stated he wasn't saying he was in favor of this

concept, but to spend a little money to study the cost to put the county offices and the Board of Education in that building.

Mr. Wood said a couple of weeks ago a group of state wide developers were here and he and Mr. Akins were looking at a proposal from a company referred by the Department of Industry and Trade. He said he realized a lot of evidence of activity concerning the hospital building couldn't be seen, but that did not mean the process was not ongoing. Mr. Wood said if things are taken in incremental fashion, the first thing to look at is the feasibility of tearing down the old building and whether or not that enhances the marketability of the remaining building. His thought is to have an architectural analysis and a reasonable plan for demolition of the old section, not proceed with the plan at this point but at least spend the money to have a plan for demolition of the old building.

Commissioner Smith asked, while doing the analysis to tear down the old building, how much of an additional cost would be involved to include the whole structure in case it is decided to take down the entire building.

Mr. Wood said we probably need two separate plans, one to tear down just the old building and another to tear down the entire structure.

It was agreed to engage an architect to develop the two plans of demolition for the old hospital building.

Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or comments. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Evelyn H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
Louis N. Woodrum

October 17, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

Public Hearing

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Vice-Chairman Groover, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Deal were present. Chairman Woodrum was not present.

Vice-Chairman Groover called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed visitors and staff. Vice-Chairman Groover said the purpose of the public hearing is for the consideration of the exclusion of certain categories of property from the transfer of tax executions to third parties.

Tax Commissioner James Deal said he is recommending that the specific types of fi.fa.s. listed in the resolution be excluded from purchase by third parties. Mr. Deal referred to the resolution stating the five terms and conditions that he is requesting to be approved.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked if there were any members or the public present that wish to comment on this issue. No one wished to offer any comment, and Vice-Chairman Groover adjourned the public hearing.

Evelyn H. Wilson
ATTEST

Louis N. Woodrum
Louis N. Woodrum

October 17, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Vice-Chairman Groover, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hodges were present. Chairman Woodrum was not present.

Vice-Chairman Groover welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hodges gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2000 and the minutes from the Executive Session of October 3, 2000. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the regular minutes and the executive session minutes of the October 3, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item on the agenda was a Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week. Vice-Chairman Groover said the Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in Georgia and is sponsored by the National Federation of Parents. The week of October 23rd through October 31st has been designated as Red Ribbon Week.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Proclamation for the Red Ribbon Week Campaign. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

Vice-Chairman Groover presented the Proclamation to Ms. Joyce Stubbs and Mr. Smith from the Bulloch County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

Next item on the agenda was a discussion on the Family Cemeteries (Zoning Ordinance). Vice-Chairman Groover said at the October 3rd meeting the Board voted to table a request for a text amendment and conditional use concerning family cemeteries until the November 7th meeting.

Commissioner Hodges said he had contacted the Secretary of State's office and was informed that there are no State laws governing private family cemeteries nor does the Health Department have any regulations. Commissioner Hodges said he would like to recommend five issues to be considered for the text amendment. He said that - (1) ½ acre minimum be required, (2) 100 foot setback from the county right-of-way, (3) a permanent sign be required, (4) a fence should be placed around the family cemeteries and (5) the grave should have a permanent marker over it.

Mr. Sam Brannen, attorney, said that his client would not have a problem with these recommendations.

Mr. Wood County Manager said he would have additional research done to see if other counties have any requirements regarding family cemeteries.

Next item on the agenda under new business was a resolution for Exclusion of Transfer of Tax Executions. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-45

Next item was a resolution for Wavier of Penalties. Vice-Chairman Groover recognized James Deal, Tax Commissioner.

Mr. Deal said the purpose of the Resolution regarding Wavier of Penalties would be to delegate the authority to the Tax Commissioner to waive penalties for delinquent ad valorem taxes in certain situations that arised. Mr. Deal said each circumstance would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Resolution.

Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-46

Next item was the Formal Adoption of the Millage Rate. Vice-Chairman Groover asked Mr. Wood to present the item. Mr. Wood said the Millage Rate had been publicly advertised accordingly.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Millage Rate as presented. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-47

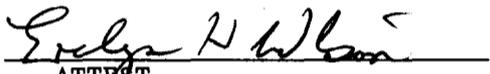
Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the regular session to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and a personnel matter. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

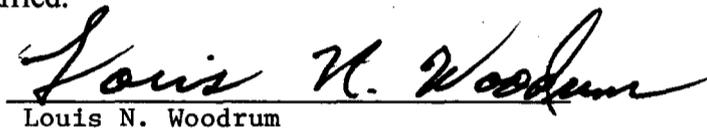
Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn executive session and return to regular session of the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve Gene Rogers to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the term of Johnny Parrish. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to re-appoint Bryan Darley to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another term. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.


ATTEST


Louis N. Woodrum

November 7, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

Public Hearing

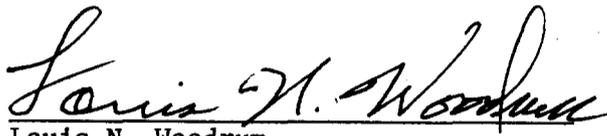
The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hodges were present. Commissioner Groover was not present.

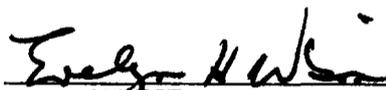
Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media and guests and called the Public Hearing to order. Chairman Woodrum said the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss a new State law requiring all County and local government vehicles not bearing County decals be legally exempted. Chairman Woodrum asked Scott Wood, County Manager to speak on this issue.

Mr. Wood said the General Assembly passed a law that will become effective on January 1, 2001 that will require any County vehicles not bearing County decals to be legally exempted from doing so. Mr. Wood said this would apply to any vehicles used for law enforcement or prosecution purposes or any vehicle excepted from the requirement by a resolution or ordinance adopted by the Board. He said the purpose of this public hearing is to allow for any other comments from the public or the Board.

Commissioner Hodges asked if the new probation department would be excepted under this law. Mr. Wood said at this time the department does not have any vehicles, but the employees of the department would be Post-certified.

Chairman Woodrum asked if there were any member of the public present that wished to comment on this issue. With no further discussion or comments, Chairman Woodrum adjourned the public hearing.


Louis N. Woodrum


ATTEST

November 7, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hodges were present. Commissioner Groover was not present.

Chairman Woodrum welcomed the media, guests and students from Georgia Southern University and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simmons gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2000, the Public Hearing minutes of October 17, 2000 and Executive Session minutes of October 17, 2000. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the regular minutes, public hearing minutes and the executive session minutes of the October 17, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibit #2000-49

First item on the agenda under public hearings was a Text Amendment Request /Cemeteries. Chairman Woodrum asked Cheryl Tatum to present the agenda item.

Cheryl Tatum said the first item on the agenda is a Text Amendment to Appendix C-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances that was originally requested by Barney Culp requesting approval to have a cemetery on private property. She said this Board due to some concerns of the request tabled the request in October. Since that time, an amendment has been drafted relating to cemeteries. Mrs. Tatum briefly reviewed the proposed text amendment.

Mr. Sam Brannen, attorney for Mr. Culp said he and his client would agree with the Text Amendment for cemeteries.

With no further Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Text Amendment to Appendix C-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances relating to cemeteries. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-50

Next item on the agenda was a conditional use request for Raymond Todd. Cheryl

Tatum said Mr. Todd has submitted a conditional use request for property located on Doe Run Road consisting of 18.17 acres in an AG-5 zone. Cheryl Tatum said Mr. Todd would like to place a 300-foot lattice tower on the property. She said this request comes with a recommendation of denial from the Planning and Zoning Commission and we had received several letters in opposition and several people spoke in opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Cheryl Tatum said no one is here to speak in favor of or in opposition regarding this agenda item.

Mr. Akins, staff attorney, said the zoning ordinance allows deferral of a vote for up to 45 days from the time a request is presented. The deferral does not necessarily imply that the Board intends to deny the application; rather, it allows time for more careful consideration of the item, said Mr. Akins.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to defer the conditional use request for Mr. Todd until the next night Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to defer all conditional use requests regarding towers for 30 days after its initial presentation and that the applicant must be represented by someone to answer any questions if needed. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Next item on the agenda was a conditional use request for Hines Smith. Cheryl Tatum said Mr. Smith has submitted a conditional use request allowing him to place a machine shop on 5 acres of land located on Harville Road. Cheryl Tatum said this request comes with a recommendation of denial from the Planning and Zoning Commission. She said several people have signed up to speak on this item.

Mr. Steve Rushing, attorney for Mr. Smith, said the property consists of 139.26 acres. Mr. Rushing said this is the first conditional use request for a machine shop in an AG-5 since the Board of Commissioners amended the zoning ordinance, and that prior to the amendment someone would have to apply for a rezone request. Mr. Rushing discussed the standards that must be considered for a conditional use, and said that this request met those standards.

Mr. Rushing said the machine shop would be a metal building and the equipment would not create a lot of noise because it would be high-tech laser technology. He said the equipment would not generate any waste and there are no health concerns or hazardous materials. He also said there would be no additional traffic in the area due to the business.

Mr. Harville, an adjacent property owner, agreed with Mr. Rushing. Ms. Barbara Reid said the area would be threatened by commercial businesses in the area and there would be no guarantee that another conditional use request for a business would not be granted. Ms. Cowart said there should not be businesses in the area, because it is primarily farmland. Mr. Carter said he feels that businesses should be in another area. Ms. Crobsy said she agreed with the other surrounding neighbors that the business should be placed in other areas.

With no further discussion, commissioner Hodges offered a motion to deny the

conditional use request for Mr. Hines Smith. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to one (1). Commissioner Deal opposed the motion.

Next item on the agenda was a rezone request for Curtis and Marlene Woleslagle. Cheryl Tatum said Mr. and Mrs. Woleslagle have submitted a rezone request to rezone from an AG-5 zone to R-80. She said the property is located on Cash Road and consists of approximately 5.56 acres. The intent is to allow them to divide the property into 2 parcels of land so their son and daughter-in-law can move on the property. Cheryl Tatum said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the rezone request. She said there is no one here to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to deny the rezone request for Mr. and Mrs. Woleslagle. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a four (4) to one (1) vote. Commissioner Deal opposed.

Next item under the Consent Agenda was the Resolution for Decal Exemption, Resolution for ACCG Deferred Compensation, Planning and Zoning Commission Board Appointment for Ernest Lee and Jean Ann Marsh and the Board of Health Appointment for Dr. Leslie Pollard.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-51, 2000-52

Next item under old business was the Health Department Ordinance Amendment-Septic Tank. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Akins to speak on the agenda item.

Mr. Akins said the ordinance amendment is based on the consensus of the Board of Health to allow the fill for septic tanks to 36 inches and allowing fill in the flood plain.

Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Health Department Ordinance Amendment-Septic Tank. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-53

Next item on the agenda under new business was the Greenspace Conceptual Plan. Chairman Woodrum asked Mr. Wood to address the item.

Mr. Wood said during the 2000 session the General Assembly adopted the Governor's Greenspace Program. Mr. Wood said the question for you as the Board of Commissioners is to discuss the merits of this program and to decide whether or not to proceed with the Greenspace Plan.

Commissioner Smith asked what the cost would be for the County. Mr. Wood said there is no cost to develop a plan.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to develop a Greenspace Conceptual Plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Wood told the Board of Commissioners that he had attended an award ceremony recently and the Parks and Recreation Department received awards and Mike Rollins also received an award.

Mr. Wood informed the Board of Commissioners of a petition from Laverne Sanders that was included in the Board packages for the information.

Chairman Woodrum recognized Ray Hendrix. Mr. Hendrix invited the Board of

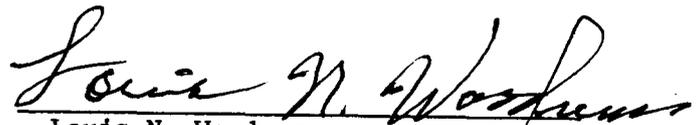
Commissioners to attend a Veteran's Ceremony on November 11, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., at the Bulloch County Judicial Annex.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the regular session to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried.

Commission Hodges offered a motion to adjourn executive session and return to regular session of the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further discussion, Chairman Woodrum adjourned the meeting.


 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

November 21, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Vice-Chairman Groover, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hodges were present. Chairman Woodrum was not present.

Vice-Chairman Groover welcomed the media and guests and called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Groover gave the invocation.

The first order of business was the minutes from the Public Hearing Meeting of the November 7, 2000 and the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2000. Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the public hearing minutes of the November 7, 2000 meeting as presented. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 7, 2000. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item on the agenda under the Consent Agenda was the Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for: Off-premises- Michael R. Hatten (H's Food Mart), Jimmy Eason (Timersaver, Inc. #'s 8, 9, 17, 22, 24, 26, 33, 54, 77, 79, 80, 87, 88, 97 and 106), John Wayne Lindsey (The Eagle's Corner), David Deloach (Shortstop El Cheapo #74), Barbara Jean Morris (Fast Break II), Robert Lindsey (Clito Convenient Store) and David Mincey (David's Depot). On-premises- R. Stacy Webb (Forest Heights Country Club) and Mary Beth Stafford (Bill's Place). Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda under old business was the Agri-business Center Architect. Mr. Wood, County Manager, referred to a letter from the Bulloch County Agricultural-Business Center Steering Committee. He said the committee is requesting that the Board of Commissioners recommend approval to enter into a contract with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, Inc., for architectural and engineering services on this project.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to negotiate a contract with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, Inc. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda under old business was the Master Transportation Plan. Mr. Wood said Bulloch County had the Public Hearings required and had meetings to review the 25-year Master Transportation Plan. He said the plan is a strategic plan for Bulloch County to help guide in the direction regarding roads and improvements.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Master Transportation Plan. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibit # 2000-55

Next item on the agenda under new business was the 2001 Road Improvement. Mr. Wood presented the 2001 Road Improvements.

Commissioner Hodges asked if there are any plans to rework Burkhalter Road between Highway 80 and Highway 67 because there are some concerns from residents. Mr. Wood said that he would have Kirk Tatum, County Engineer, review that matter.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the 2001 Road Improvements. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibit #2000-56

Next item on the agenda under new business was an Ordinance Amendment - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. Mr. Jeff Akins, Staff Attorney, said the amendment would replace the current ordinance. He said that Georgia Soil and Erosion Conservation Commission had requested that Bulloch County amend the ordinance. Vice-Chairman Groover asked what are the new changes. Mr. Akins said the penalties and strengthening the buffers are primarily the changes.

Commissioner Deal offered a motion to approve the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Alston

seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibit #2000-57

Next item on the agenda under new business was an Indigent Interment Resolution. Mr. Wood said the resolution basically states that if the deceased indigent person has been interred in a concrete vault Bulloch County would pay five hundred dollars, if the deceased person has been interred without a concrete vault or cremated Bulloch County would pay two hundred dollars. He said the resolution also states that the County Manager, in administering the policy, would be authorized to request any documentation he may deem necessary to assure compliance with the policy.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Indigent Interment Resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See Exhibit #2000-58

Next item on the agenda under new business was an Alcohol Beverage License Application for Charles J. Jones. Mr. Wood said the Sheriff's department has forwarded their findings on the applicant.

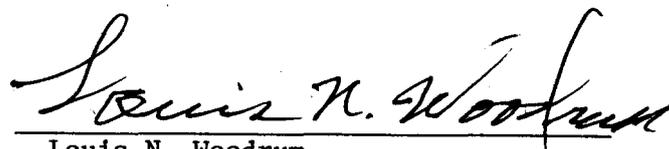
Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to deny the Alcohol Beverage License Application for Charles J. Jones. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda under other business was road issues in Stilson. Mr. Wood said this agenda item has been resolved.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to adjourn the regular session to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to adjourn the executive session and to adjourn the regular session. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

November 28, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

CALLED MEETING

The Board met at 12:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex for a called meeting. Vice-Chairman Groover, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Smith were present. Chairman Woodrum and Commissioner Hodges were absent.

Vice-Chairman Groover called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of this called meeting was to discuss Bulloch County Community Greenspace Plan.

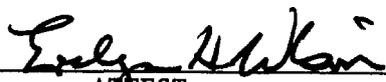
Mike Rollins presented a draft copy of the Plan and gave a brief overview of the program on the state wide level and on the local level. Bulloch County's allotment for this Plan will be \$140,763 with the county's share being \$80,000+ and the City's share being \$60,000+. Mr. Rollins reviewed the process of developing the Plan and said there are nine goals in the Plan. One long term goal is that Bulloch County devote 20% of land area (88,628 acres) for protection to green space. A separate Green Space Trust Fund is another requirement. Mr. Rollins commented that the Plan will be a document which will change over time as circumstances and the county changes.

There was some discussion on the amount of land area to be devoted to green space and the type of areas which could be considered for greenspace.

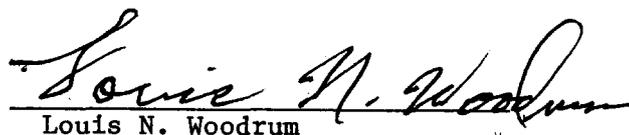
Mr. Wood presented the resolution authorizing the establishment of a Community Greenspace Plan for Bulloch County for participation in the Georgia Greenspace Program.

Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the resolution authorizing the Community Greenspace Plan for Bulloch was approved. See exhibit #2000-59

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other comments. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the meeting was adjourned.



 ATTEST


 Louis N. Woodrum

December 5, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Woodrum, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Groover, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Smith were present. Commissioner Hodges was absent.

Chairman Woodrum called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and the news media. Commissioner Deal gave the invocation.

Minutes of the regular meeting on November 21, 2000 and minutes of the called meeting on November 28, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, minutes of these two meetings were approved.

The first item of business were Zoning issues. Chairman Woodrum asked Ms. Tatum to present these items.

Ms. Tatum said that a decision on Conditional Use Request for a tower permit for Raymond Todd was deferred at a previous meeting. She advised that this request has

been officially withdrawn. Also, a Rezone Request for Joellen Lesense has been withdrawn.

The first item on the agenda was a Conditional Use Request for Ronnie Lewis. Ms. Tatum explained that Mr. Lewis was requesting a conditional use permit to allow him to build a recreational facility, specifically a water-slide park, for public use. Mr. Lewis's property consists of approximately 20 acres and is located on Ranch Road. Ms. Tatum advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the conditional use request. She said petitions both for and against this development have been received. She said Mr. Lewis was not present but two people have signed up to speak against this request. Chairman Woodrum recognized Ms. Mary Stewart. Ms. Stewart said she has lived in this area for 27 years and this is primarily a quiet rural residential community. She said she is most concerned with the traffic, noise and other problems this development will bring to the community. The next person to speak was Alex Jordan. Mr. Jordan said he lives 1/10 of a mile from the proposed site and he is also concerned with the traffic and noise. He said property values and water usage of such a park are other concerns to be considered. Chairman Woodrum asked for discussion by the Board. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the Conditional Use Request for Ronnie Lewis. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The next item was a Rezone Request for W.L.Holloway. Ms. Tatum said Lamar Reddick, as agent for Mr. Holloway, has requested a rezone of 2.86 acres on Kennedy Bridge Road from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-80 (Residential-80,000 square foot lots). She explained that Mr. Holloway owns a total of 43 acres and the intent of this rezone is to allow Mr. Holloway to sell the 2.86 acres which is all the property he owns on the left side of Kennedy Bridge Road. She advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Mr. Tom Lewis from Mr. Reddick's office was present on behalf of Mr. Holloway and no one has signed up to speak on this item. Mr. Lewis explained that Mr. Holloway had approximately 9.86 acres on the west side of the road of which they had surveyed and platted a 7 acre tract leaving approximately 2.86 acres. He said, since this is all the property has remaining on the that side of the road, he is asking for a rezone to R-80 to allow him to sell the property. Chairman Woodrum asked for discussion from the Board. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the Rezone Request for W.L.Holloway. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The next item was a Rezone Request for Lorene Brown Carter. Ms. Tatum said this property located on South Wynn Road consist of approximately 1.93 acres and Ms. Carter is requesting a rezone from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-40 (Residential-40,000 square foot lots). The intent of the rezone is to allow Ms. Carter to divide the property into two lots so she can build a house next to her daughter. Ms. Tatum advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Ms. Carter was present and no one had signed up to speak on this item. Chairman

Woodrum recognized Ms. Carter. Ms. Carter said she just wanted to build a house next to her daughter so, as she gets older, her daughter can care for her. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Rezone Request for Ms. Carter. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

The next item was a Rezone Request for Steve and Emily Cordell. Ms. Tatum said this request is to rezone approximately two acres of a 234 acre tract from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to R-80 (Residential-80,000 square foot lots). The property is located on Old River Road and the intent of the rezone is to allow them to sell a house and two acres to another family member. She advised the family member who wants to acquire this property cannot do so under the family provision of the AG-5 zone and that is the reason for the rezone request. Ms. Tatum advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Mr. & Mrs. Cordell were present and no one had signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. & Mrs. Cordell. Mr. Cordell said they purchased this property which has been in the family for many years and now wanted to sell the house and two acres to a cousin. He explained they have no plans for any change in the remaining property. Mrs. Cordell said her aunt had previously lived in the house which was now vacant. She added they had no plans for the house and selling it would mean an improvement to the property. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Rezone Request for Steve and Emily Cordell. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The next item was a Rezone Request for Joseph Lundy. Ms. Tatum said Douglas Jones, as agent for Joseph Lundy, was requesting a rezone of approximately 4.5 acres from R-40 (Residential-40,000 square foot lots) to R-3 (Multi-family residential). The property is located on Simons Road and the intent of the rezone is to allow for the development of approximately six apartment buildings containing four units in each building. Ms. Tatum advised that Mr. Lundy has previously requested a rezone to R-2 which was denied by the Board of Commissioners. She said presently there is an abandoned manufactured home, junk, trash and scrap tires on the property. She said at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting she advised Mr. Lundy that the abandoned manufactured home will have to be removed from the property. She said that, as of 4:45 P.M. today, the manufactured home was hooked to a truck but has not been removed. She advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request with a four to two vote. Ms. Tatum presented pictures of the abandoned manufactured home, trash and other debris on the property. She said Mr. Jones was present on behalf of Mr. Lundy and four people had signed up to speak in opposition to the request. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said the plans were for a small complex with 2 car parking spaces for each apartment and street paving. He said this complex would be a plus for the community and the present road system will handle the traffic. He commented that decent housing is needed in this area. Chairman Woodrum recognized Ms. Rebecca Williams. Ms. Williams said there is already a

problem with traffic in this area. Simons Road has the School Bus Garage, Recycling Center, High Hope and is also a connector for traffic to William James School on Highway 80. She added other items to be considered are water and sewerage. She said she didn't feel this is the type of complex this community needs. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Robert Williams. Mr. Williams said there is already a problem in the area with 20-25 manufactured homes adjacent to this property. He said children play in the road, one has already been killed and another injured. He asked the Board to take a close look at this situation before taking action. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Thomas Joyner. Mr. Joyner said he has a pecan orchard in an AG-5 zone near this property and an improvement of a more concentrated nature would encroach on the area. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mr. Bill Stubbs. Mr. Stubbs said he built a home in the area about 8 years ago and what attracted him to the area was the rural setting, neighbors, farm community and the emphasis on single family dwellings. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to deny the Rezone Request for Joseph Lundy. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it was carried with a three to two vote. Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Groover voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Simmons voted to oppose the motion.

The next item was an Appeal Request for Ruby Bacon. Ms. Tatum explained that Ms. Hazel Sykes, agent for Ruby Bacon, has submitted an appeal to the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny a variance request on Ms. Bacon's property. She said the property consist of 2 acres of land in an AG-5 zone and the variance request was to allow another manufactured home on the property. Currently there are two manufactured homes and a house on the property with the manufactured home in question. The manufactured home in question has been on the property for several years but a manufactured home permit was never obtained and this manufactured home has never been occupied. When a site inspection was performed it was discovered this manufactured home did not meet setback requirements of the AG-5 zone. Ms. Tatum advised the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the Variance Request and this decision is being appealed to the Board of Commissioners. She said Ms. Sykes was present on behalf of Ms. Bacon and no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum recognized Ms. Sykes. Ms. Sykes said the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the Variance Request, but it was her understanding that if there was room on the property, the manufactured home would be allowed. She advised the property has been measured and there is room for a 12'X60' manufactured home. She said this variance was being requested for medical reasons. Ms. Ruby Bacon, property owner, is on dialysis three days a week and needs medical attention at other times. Ms. Sykes said Ms. Bacon's daughter, Ms. Cunningham, is able to give Ms. Bacon that attention because of the flexibility in her job. She said the grandfather clause could be enforced in this case because a manufactured home (not in the same position) was on the property in 1991 and then it was removed. She advised she placed the manufactured home in question on the property in 1994 or 1995 and Ms. Cunningham began repairing it. Ms.

Cunningham was told that electricity could not hook up to the manufactured home and so she went through the process of obtaining a permit for a septic tank. Ms. Sykes said the manufactured home can move back for the clearance and the septic tank which was previously installed can be utilized. She asked the Board to consider approval of the Variance Request. Chairman Woodrum asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Groover asked Ms. Tatum, with the situation as it is described, why was the septic tank permit approved. Ms. Tatum said at first it was thought that this was approval of a septic tank to replace an existing manufactured home, but when Ms. Cunningham came back several months later to obtain a manufactured home site permit, it was discovered that she was not replacing an existing manufactured home but rather permitting a manufactured home that had been on the property for some time without a permit having been issued. The manufactured home that Ms. Sykes had put on the property in 94-95 had never been occupied. Commissioner Smith said he visited this site and the manufactured home is in very poor condition. He said at the time of his visit it apparently was not being used because an electric wire was run to it from an adjacent dwelling because, as prohibited by law, EMC would not run the electricity. He said, as it has been stated, there were also no septic tank connection. He explained another concern was an adjacent neighbor's property, where junk which should have been in a landfill, has spilled over from this property. He said this neighbor had to have a survey done just to prove where the property line is. He said this is a small tract with three residents already on the property and there is not room for another. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The next item was an Appeal Request for Frederick and Gracie Hill. Ms. Tatum explained that Mr. and Mrs. Hill were appealing the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny a Variance Request. Their property located on Key Akins Road consist of approximately five acres in an AG-5 zone. This request was to allow another manufactured home, without a kitchen unit, to be attached by a covered walkway to the existing structure. Ms. Tatum said at the time the request was made to the Zoning Administrator it was indicated the intent of the variance was to allow for someone to live there to help care for them. She said it was explained that Ms. Hill has some medical problems but they did not wish to asked for a medical hardship variance because they wanted the unit to be permanent. Ms. Tatum said when the request was presented at the time of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting they stated the intent of the variance was to use the unit for storage for their mission work. She advised the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the Variance Request and this decision is being appealed to the Board of Commissioners. She said Mr. and Mrs. Hill are present and no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Woodrum recognized Mrs. Hill. Mrs. Hill said she would like to have this manufactured home on her property so someone can care for them in order to avoid the nursing home. Chairman Woodrum asked for other statements. He recognized Ms. McLachlan for a limited statement. Ms. McLachlan said she lived across from Mr. and Mrs. Hill and she knows Mrs. Hill is sick. She said she

understands that no one wants to go to a nursing home and she feels they should be able to have this done. Chairman Woodrum asked for discussion by the Board. Commissioner Groover said he was little confused with the request because the initial variance request was for medical reasons and then it was changed to allow storage. Ms. Hill said the statement for storage was a misunderstanding, she didn't want to store anything. She explained the addition would be part of their living facilities now and later, when needed, someone would be there to take care of them. Commissioner Groover said the drawing provided indicated storage. Ms. Hill said there would be no storage, unless you consider furniture or clothes in a closet as storage. Commissioner Smith said the Ordinance has adequate provisions for medical hardships so they may be applied for, but this was not done. Commissioner Smith said, considering the application as it was submitted, he offered a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried with a three to two vote. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Deal, and Commissioner Alston voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Groover and Commissioner Simmons voted to oppose the motion. Commissioner Alston said the confusion was with the two requests. He suggested Mr. and Mrs. Hill confer with the staff and apply for a medical hardship.

Sign in sheets for Zoning items - See Exhibit #2000-60

Chairman Woodrum presented the items on the Consent Agenda. These were Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for off-premises licenses for Glenn Womack for Glenn's Mart; Joseph Collins for Flash Foods #4; John Lonnie Bradley for El Cheapo #89. Chairman Woodrum advised that these applications met all requirements and had been approved by Sheriff Akins. Upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

There was no old business on the agenda but Chairman Woodrum said Mr. Laverne Sanders, who was on the previous agenda, was present. He asked Mr. Sanders if he would like to make a brief statement. Mr. Sanders said people in the Stilson area filed a petition to keep a road open which has been closed. The reason to keep the road open is for the safety and welfare for elderly people when voting. There is no adequate access or no parking at the voting precinct and this road needs to be open to handle the parking problem.

Chairman Woodrum asked for comments from the Board. Commissioner Alston said the local Department of Transportation engineer and the county road supervisor had recommended closing the road in question.

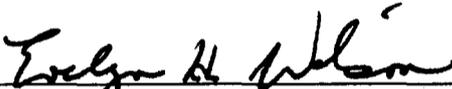
Chairman Woodrum said the Board would take Mr. Sanders' information under advisement.

There was no new business on the agenda. Chairman Woodrum said Mr. Wood had an item to present to the Board. Mr. Wood said that he had a Resolution to suggest to the Board. He said there was a standing rule not to ask the Board to take action on an issue not on the agenda, but sometimes events occur which need attention. He advised that this information on Northland Cable News was received yesterday. He read the Resolution which, in part, stated the fact that Northland Cable Television, Inc. has

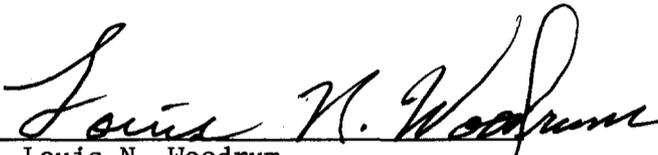
decided to discontinue or substantially curtail Northland Cable News local news programs and the affect this will have on information about local news and events to Bulloch County citizens and urged Northland Cable Television, Inc. to continue its production of Northland Cable local news.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Groover seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-61

Chairman Woodrum asked for other business or discussion. Upon motion by Commissioner Groover, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the meeting was adjourned.



 ATTEST



 Louis N. Woodrum

December 19, 2000
 Statesboro, Georgia

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chairman Groover called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of this Public Hearing was for public input on the abandonment of County Road #378, also known as Stilson Road. He asked Mr. Wood to make a statement before receiving public comments. Mr. Wood said there has been a prior commitment by the Board of Commissioners to close this short road and there was a recommendation on file to this effect from the area Department of Transportation engineer. He commented any statements from the public were welcomed and that was the purpose of the hearing. He said any action the Board takes would need to occur in the formal session.

Vice-Chairman Groover welcomed the members of the public and said there was no set order for comments. He asked each person to keep their comments to the point and be as brief of possible.

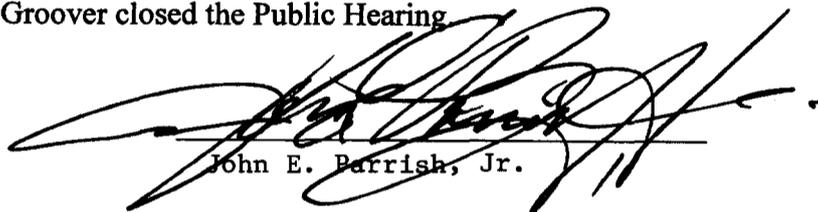
Mr. Steven Driggers said his property adjoined this road and he had originally asked for the road to be closed because he didn't see any use for the road being open. He said apparently now some use has been proposed and he had no objection to the road being open. He stated that if the road is reopened, he had a few suggestions such as ditching for drainage and a driveway for his yard.

Mr. Buck Sherrod said they had started a petition for the road to be opened, but they decided not to pursue having the road reopened when they learned that Mr. Driggers had asked the road be closed. He said he discussed the problem of parking at the voting precinct with Probate Judge Lee Deloach after learning that Mr. Driggers now has no opposition to the road being open. Mr. Sherrod said anyone would know it's necessary to have a way in and a way out if they saw the situation when people went to vote this year. He commented, now that Mr. Driggers doesn't care if the road is open and all he

wants is a drainage ditch, the people of the area need the road reopened. He said the Community Center is there and the road needs to be opened so people can get in and out.

Mr. Laverne Sanders said he agreed with Mr. Sherrod that the road needs to be open for the safety and welfare of people who use the Center to vote and for other activities. He said with this road open people could get in and out without having to park on Highway 119. He said the road is also part of the old historical section of Stilson.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for any other public comments. With no other public comments, Vice-Chairman Groover closed the Public Hearing.



John E. Parrish, Jr.



ATTEST

December 19, 2000
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 8:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Groover, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Smith present. Chairman Woodrum was absent.

Vice-Chairman Groover called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and the news media. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

Minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, minutes of the meeting on December 5, 2000 were approved.

Vice-Chairman Groover presented the Consent Agenda, an Alcoholic Beverage License renewal of an on-premise license for Andrew M. Pittman, Sr. for Southern Links Golf Club. Upon motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

There were no items of old business. The first item of new business was a resolution on the abandonment of County Road #378. Vice-Chairman Groover said he would recognize anyone who had not had an opportunity to speak on this matter.

Mr. Sherrod introduced Mr. Whitney who gave the Community Center to Stilson. Mr. Whitney said he wasn't sure about the location of the Stilson Road. Location of the road was clarified for Mr. Whitney.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Alston said Probate Judge Lee Deloach had expressed some comments to him that there was a need for the road during times of voting, possibly as few as once every four years. Commissioner Alston said he did share the letter from the Department of Transportation engineer that recommended closing the road with Judge Deloach.

Commissioner Smith said he had some comments from one of the Stilson precinct workers who said that there was a real problem with people having a place to park when

they came to vote during the last election. He said they wished to see a culvert installed and at least enough area opened up to give adequate parking for voters coming to that precinct. He said this person signed the petition, not necessarily to open the road, but primarily to get better access to the Community Center. He said this person's main concern was a lot of people could not get off and onto the highway or have adequate parking. He thought it would be better if at least the first section of the road was open.

Commissioner Hodges asked County Engineer Kirk Tatum to respond to the reference to having the first section of the road open and the letter from the Department of Transportation that referenced safety concerns for traffic getting onto Highway 119 from this dirt road. Mr. Tatum said the Department of Transportation didn't see the need for the road coming out onto the paved road. He explained the Stilson Road comes out at an angle onto Highway 119 and the Department of Transportation wants to eliminate roads that intersect at an angle. He said the County has installed more pipe so access to the road has been improved. He commented that there is still access to that road for parking but there is no access to Flat Ford Road.

Mr. Bob Smith said parking has been available at the recycling center during the past two elections. He said he would be happy to do anything to accommodate parking in that area during voting days.

Commissioner Smith remarked that Mr. Buie Miller, the precinct worker, said people didn't recognize the recycling center as an option for parking and very few people used it.

Commissioner Hodges said he thought there needs to be room for parking but the Department of Transportation has recommended closing the road because of safety reasons. He said everyone is concerned with the parking situation but he thought everyone was against opening the road up to Flat Ford Road. He asked Mr. Tatum if something could be done for parking without getting out onto Flat Ford Road.

Mr. Tatum said if the road is opened up and the road is ditched as needed, there would be no parking except for parking in the road because no one can cross the ditch.

Vice-Chairman Groover said that he was concerned with people parking and access to the Community Center but he would have a problem opening the road to Flat Ford Road. He said allowing traffic to come back through seemed to him to defeat the purpose of the accessibility or the convenience for voting. Traffic would come through and enter Highway 119 at an angle, which he thought was the issue the Department of Transportation addressed for safety reasons at that intersection.

Mr. Sherrod commented the Community Center is used a great deal by several groups and everyone has to back out into the Highway 119 to turn around, which is dangerous.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked Mr. Tatum if that area was utilized for parking, how feasible would it be and what would have to be done if the road was left accessible to Flat Ford Road only during elections and there was a barrier there otherwise. Mr. Tatum said this could be done but there are problems with barricades being stolen.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked to whom the property would revert. Mr. Wood said it would depend on the Board's action. If the road was abandoned, it would revert to the adjoining property owners. If it was closed as a thoroughfare but maintained as dedicated parking area, then it could be maintained by the county for that purpose. He asked Mr. Akins if that was correct.

Mr. Akins said the road has a prescriptive easement because it has been maintained by the County for so many years.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked if that easement would expire if it was used for parking or is the prescriptive easement for through traffic only. Mr. Akins said it's a prescriptive road easement and we would probably need to obtain an easement for parking.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked if any Board members wanted to consider further options before making any decision today. He said his question was would the easement expire if it's used for parking.

Commissioner Smith asked could an easement be obtained if there was adequate property for parking. Mr. Driggers said he wasn't sure because it is part of an estate and he is just one of the executors. Mr. Driggers said his position on the road would be to open it and maintain it or leave the road closed. He said the road as a parking area is not very useful because the area is not wide enough for a car to turn around.

Commissioner Smith said the main concern he has heard is for parking at the voting precinct. He said, in closing the road, options for parking need to be studied to see if something can be worked out. He asked if this would be satisfactory. Mr. Sherrod said no. He remarked there is a lot of activity at the Community Center and people would be driving all over Mr. Driggers' property.

Vice-Chairman Groover said he couldn't conceive it being safe as a through road and also for parking. People would be parking on both sides of the road and trying to get in and out of vehicles with traffic going through.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other discussion from the Board. Commissioner Alston said he didn't want to ignore the parking situation but he also wanted to be cautious and not ignore the Department of Transportation engineer's advice to close the road.

Commissioner Alston offered a motion to close County Road #378 and continue efforts to correct the parking issue. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion and it carried with a four to two vote. Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Hodges, Commissioner Groover and Commissioner Simmons voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Deal voted to oppose the motion. See exhibit #2000-62

The next item on the agenda was a Utility Easement for the City of Statesboro. Vice-Chairman Groover asked Mr. Wood to present this item. Mr. Wood said the City and County jointly own the landfill and the City is requesting an easement for a sanitary sewage line across some of the landfill property.

Commissioner Hodges offered a motion to approve the Utility Easement for the City of Statesboro. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried. See Exhibit #2000-63

Vice-Chairman Groover recognized Bob Smith, Environmental Manager. Mr. Smith introduced "Chipper", the character that symbolizes the Christmas tree recycling program. Mr. Smith advised the event "bring one for the Chipper" will be Saturday, January 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Statesboro City Hall parking lot. He said this program has been in place since 1991 and since that time over one million seedlings have been handed out over the state in exchange for Christmas trees. He said the program has two purposes, one is to keep trees out of the landfill and another is to recycle the trees by grinding them into mulch. He advised that all the County Recycling Centers will begin recycling Christmas trees on December 26, 2000 where coupons will be exchanged for trees up until January 5th.

Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other business or discussion. Commissioner Deal said a citizen, who made extensive contributions to Bulloch County, passed away this pass weekend. He asked that the Board adopt a resolution to be presented to the family of Mr. Byron Dyer to honor his contributions to Bulloch County. Commissioner Smith said Mr. Dyer was instrumental in the 1940s and 1950s in establishment of organizations in Bulloch County. He was one of the earlier Presidents of the Rotary Club and one of the earlier Chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to adopt a resolution to honor Mr. Byron Dyer for his contributions to Bulloch County. Commissioner Deal seconded the motion and it carried. Resolution will be prepared and presented to the Dyer family. See exhibit #2000-64

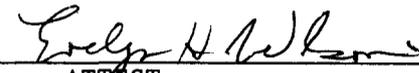
Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other business. Mr. Moseley said the Willow Hill Community Development Center had come to the County for help in obtaining surplus furniture for the Center but seemed to get nowhere. He asked the procedure for disposing of surplus furniture and equipment. Mr. Wood explained the procedure is that surplus items owned by the county are usually auctioned annually so people in the community have an equal opportunity to acquire these items. He said the County's Staff Attorney has informed him that there are laws which prohibit the County from giving items away unless it is to another governmental entity. He said the County has stricter legal limitations than other entities in disposing of surplus property.

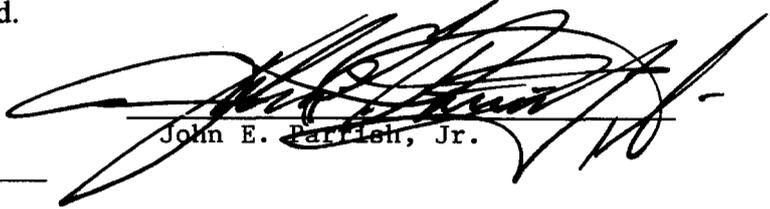
Vice-Chairman Groover stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss personnel matters. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, the regular meeting was moved into Executive Session.

The regular meeting was reconvened. Vice-Chairman Groover asked for other business or comments. Mr. Wood said the term of Mr. Raymond Waters on the Board of Tax Assessors expires on December 31st and Mr. Waters has agreed to serve another six year term if reappointed. Upon motion by Commissioner Hodges, seconded by

Commissioner Smith and carried, Mr. Raymond Waters was reappointed to serve a six year term on the Board of Tax Assessors.

There being no further business or comments, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.


ATTEST


John E. Parrish, Jr.

January 2, 2001
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex with Chairman Parrish, Commissioner Alston, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Tankersley present.

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and the news media. Commissioner Alston gave the invocation.

Minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 19, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Deal and carried, minutes of the Public Hearing were approved. Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2000 were presented. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried, minutes of this meeting were approved.

Chairman Parrish declared this portion of the meeting as a Public Hearing on zoning matters. He asked Ms. Tatum, Zoning Administer, to present these items.

Ms. Tatum presented a Rezone Request for Jack Martin with Bobby Rogers as agent. She said Mr. Rogers, as agent for Mr. Martin, has submitted a request to rezone 5.0 acres (map 163-31) on Highway 80 East from AG-5 (Agricultural-5 acres) to LI (Light Industrial). The intent of the rezone is to allow a tree barking business on the property. She advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Mr. Rogers was present and no one signed up to speak on this item. Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin said they were trying to obtain a rezone for a tree bark bagging business. Chairman Parrish asked for Board discussion. Commissioner Deal offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the rezone request for Jack Martin. Commissioner Alston seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Tatum presented a Rezone Request for Owen and Lucille Zetterower. She said Mr. Tom Lewis, as agent for Owen and Lucille Zetterower, has submitted a request to rezone 13.024 acres (map 120-35) from AG-5 (Agricultural-5) to R-15 (Residential-15,000 square foot lots). The property is located on Highway 24 and Franklin Road. The intent of the rezone is to allow the development of Phase III of Timberline Pointe Cottages. Ms. Tatum advised the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezone request. She said Mr. Lewis was present and no one signed up to