

August 15, 2006
Statesboro, GA

The Board met at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

Chairman Nevil welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gibson gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Evelyn Wilson, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of commissioners and staff. The following commissioners and staff were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Thompson, County Manager Tom Couch, Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Deputy Clerk Regina Smith, and County Attorney Charles Brown. Commissioner Smith was absent.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Mr. Couch stated three items needed to be added to the agenda. An Executive Session was needed to discuss pending and potential litigation. Two items were needed under New Business- a resolution for the annexation of 106 acres in Brooklet and a resolution for the annexation of 10 acres on Route 24 East. Commissioner Gibson asked if Mr. Bobby Smith could be moved to speak before the approval of the Consent Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda with the three changes. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the changes. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss pending and potential litigation. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Gibson, Jackson, Simmons, Tankersley, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 - 127.

Mr. Bobby Smith had to leave and asked to be rescheduled for a later date.

The first order of business was the approval of the regular minutes of August 1, 2006. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2006. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the executive summary and financial report. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under the Consent Agenda were the following items for consideration: (1) a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute a quitclaim deed with Olan & Diane Blair– see exhibit #2006 - 128; (2) a resolution authorizing acceptance of various subdivision roads within Irongate and Cambridge – see exhibit #2006 - 129; (3) a resolution for a renewal agreement for consulting services with RWL Benefits – see exhibit #2006 - 130; (4) a resolution to award a bid to Ellis Wood Construction for the paving of Josh Deal Road, Frink Road and Brooks Hendrix Road – see exhibit #2006 - 131; (5) an agreement with Continental Mapping & Appraisal – see exhibit #2006 - 132; (6) a contract with Jarell Jones to purchase approximately 23 acres of land adjacent to George Roebuck Park in Brooklet for \$200,000 – see exhibit #2006 - 133; (7) a bid for the purchase of 8 solid waste roll-off containers from RJM Waste Equipment, Inc. for \$26,888.00; and (8) approval of the revised fee schedule for Bulloch County Environmental Health Fees – see exhibit #2006 – 134. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Mallard, District Attorney for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, spoke to the Board concerning his budget. He expressed concerns about different budget requests that were cut in half for the new fiscal year and how it affects his office. Afterwards, the Board asked Mr. Mallard and Mr. Couch to get together and figure out exactly what can and cannot be revised and present the information back to the Board.

First item under New Business was a resolution to approve the annexation by the Town of Brooklet of 106.27 acres of land on Buie Road. The property is to be developed as a residential subdivision. The question was brought up about who will maintain the road. Mr. Couch stated that was still being worked out but it wouldn't affect the approval of the resolution. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the resolution for annexation. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 135.

Next item under New Business was a resolution to approve the annexation by the City of Statesboro of two 5-acre tracts of land. The Trinity Presbyterian Church asked to annex their sanctuary property and an adjoining vacant lot. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the resolution for annexation. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 136.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments or staff comments.

Commissioner Tankersley stated that the Board should review the tower ordinance. She has a concern about the distance from the tower to the adjoining neighbor's home. She felt the setback distance should be from the cell tower applicant's property line instead of from the nearest residence. She asked that this issue be discussed in the next workshop.

Mr. Couch stated that a workshop needed to be scheduled for the week of August 21st. The Board agreed to meet on August 22nd at 8:00 am.

Mr. Couch stated there will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education on September 12th in the evening. The exact time is not known. Also, he stated that the Driver Services spoke to him about acquiring control of the GSP building.

Lastly, he spoke about allegations from vendors about the unfairness with the bidding process the county uses. He was having problems with the vendors for purchasing a copier for Public Works, but in his opinion all purchasing procedures have been properly followed.

Chairman Nevil asked for other business or comments. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.