

June 24, 2008  
Statesboro, GA

#### CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. County Manager Thomas Couch gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance, and introduced Maggie Fitzgerald as the new Clerk of Board.

Ms. Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Simmons. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney and Parliamentarian Jeff Akins, Financial Director Harry Starling, and Fire Chief Randy Walker.

Chairman Nevil asked for any changes or modifications to the general agenda. Neither the County Manager nor the Commissioners had any changes. Commissioner Tankersley made a motion to approve the general agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments or petitions to the board. There were none.

The first item under new business was the Authorization to Renew Inmate Excess Medical Insurance with Lexington Insurance Company. After discussion, Commissioner Tankersley made a motion to authorize renewal based on Plan 1 on the insurance quote. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (See Exhibit 2008-93)

The second item under new business was a Resolution Authorizing the FY 2009 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil asked County Manager Thomas Couch to present the FY 2009 Budget. Mr. Couch reviewed the highlights of the FY 2009 budget. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the budget as presented. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (See Exhibit 2008-94)

The third item under new business was a presentation on the Status Update regarding the Rural Fire District Implementation. Fire Chief Randy Walker discussed the updates on the Middleground sub-station. He stated that the trees on the property are being cleared in order to prepare the site for the concrete foundation and the steel erection. Mr. Walker discussed the Nevils sub-station, and stated that the project is moving along at a good pace. Mr. Walker stated that he does not have a fire truck for the Middleground sub-station. Mr. Walker located six used trucks in Florida and after negotiating with Bradford Tri County Marketing, an agreement was made for: (1) 1995 Pierce Pumper, 1,250 pump, 750 gallon booster tank, loose equipment included, \$75,000 (Delivery will be October of 2008, pumper still in use), Bonita Springs Station. (2) 1993 Pierce Pumper, 1,250 gpm pump, 750 gallon booster tank, loose equipment, \$65,000, Bonita Springs Station. (3) 1993 Pierce Pumper, 1,250 gpm pump, 500 gallon booster tank, \$25,000, Tampa Engine. (4) 1993 E-One Hush, 1,500 gpm pump, 750 gallon booster tank, \$55,000, Pompano Beach Engine. (5) 1994 E-One, 1,250 gpm pump, 1,500 gallon booster tank, \$55,000. (6) 1999 Dodge 4x4 Brush Truck, \$15,000. Total \$290,000. Mr. Walker stated that he discussed lease financing options with W2 Finance Company, which included a 4.42% interest rate for five years and the first payment due August 2009. After additional discussion, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to authorize a sole source procurement of the trucks and authorized the lease financing as proposed by Fire Chief Randy Walker. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any additional comments from the Board or Staff. Without any further comments, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board