

December 18, 2007
Statesboro, GA

The Board met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Thompson gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Marcia Collins, Deputy Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of commissioners and staff. The following commissioners and staff were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, County Manager Tom Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, and County Planner Andy Welch.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2007. Chairman Nevil asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Marcia Collins had one change to the minutes on page two under Consent Agenda, item (2) Exhibit #2007-116 changed to Exhibit #2007-118. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2007 as stated. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments. There were none.

The Consent Agenda had six (6) items for consideration: (1) an alcohol beverage license application of an off-premises license for Vikash Chitroda for Quick Stop; (2) Authorization of Chief Financial Officer as Signatory; (3) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education (See Exhibit #2007-119); (4) Renewal of Agreement for Janitorial Services (See Exhibit #2007-120); (5) Agreement for Baseball Academy Services (See Exhibit #2007-121); and (6) Resolution endorsing reelection of Raybon Anderson to the State Transportation Board (See Exhibit #2007-122). Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The first item under New Business was a Resolution to change the due date for payment of Ad Valorem Taxes. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to initiate this discussion. Mr. Couch said as indicated by the resolution, Tax commissioner James Deal is requesting that the due date for Ad Valorem Taxes be changed to December 1 beginning with calendar year 2008 which is allowed by and in compliance with Georgia law. Commissioner Thompson asked if the due date can be changed to December 10. James Deal said that statutes would not allow that. Chairman Nevil asked if there was a problem with farmers not being able to pay taxes because of farm rent. James Deal said that was not a problem. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the change in due dates. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. See Exhibit #2007-123.

The next item was a Resolution concerning the Board of Education's General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch said the Board of Education has asked the Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution to comply with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Georgia constitution, which requires that at or before the time of incurring bonded indebtedness, provision must be made for the assessment and collection of an annual tax in constitute a debt of and are not underwritten by the full faith and credit of Bulloch County. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Resolution to the Board of Education. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. See exhibit #2007-124.

The next item was a change order for the Hospital Demolition Project. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch said the contract was approved and executed with Thompson Wrecking Company to demolish the old hospital in the amount of \$332,400.00. A change order was issued for the sum of \$51,025.00 due to unanticipated presents of asbestos. However, the contractor is requesting another change order in the sum of \$54,000.00 due to unforeseen footers that were in the ground for structural support. Architects Berney Martin and Franklyn D'Arcangelo were present to answer questions. Mr. Martin advised the Board that the contractor has completed the job of removing the footers. He has exceeded his initial cost of \$54,000.00 by \$134,000.00 and is requesting \$54,000.00. Mr. Martin suggested not approving the change order because the contractor did not comply with the conditions in the contract.

He said there is still about two weeks worth of cleanup work left to do. Jeff Akins reviewed the conditions of the contract. After in depth discussion with the architects Mr. Akins requested a deferral of this matter until the January 3, 2008 meeting for further review. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to defer until January 3, 2008 and have Mr. Thompson present. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. See Exhibit #2007-125.

Chairman Nevil introduced Mr. Heath Seymore, Director of the Downtown Development Authority.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Commissioners and staff. There were none.

Chairman Nevil asked for other comments. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn into Workshop to discuss calendar reminders, monthly reports, County Fire Department, and Comprehensive and Transportation Plan updates. Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Rushing voted in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil

Attest