

December 04, 2007
Statesboro, GA

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. County Manager Tom Couch 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, Clerk of the Board Evelyn Wilson, County Planner Andy Welch, and County Attorney Charles Brown.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch requested one change to the General Agenda: (1) substitute for item #2, US Antennae Settlement under New Business the discussion only of a model Commercial Waste Handling Ordinance. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 20, 2007. Chairman Nevil asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments. Mr. Danny Ray Bennett was present to speak on Harmony Church Road. He said the petition for paving Harmony Church Road from Old Harville Road to the church was completed two (2) years ago. Since then one of the land owners has passed away. Chairman Nevil suggested speaking with the land owner's son and get his signature on the petition. Commissioner Thompson suggested changing the eighty foot Right Of Way to a sixty foot Right Of Way since it does not connect to Highway 67. Mr. Kirk Tatum agreed to make the change.

Chairman Nevil introduced Ms. Brooke Carney of Keep Bulloch Beautiful to brief the Board on the Solid Waste Plan update. She said every ten years the Solid Waste

Plan has to be updated. June 30, 2008 is the next update which will be a joint plan between the county and all four municipalities. The plan will include the following: (1) a Waste Stream Analysis; (2) plans to collect and store waste, dispose of the waste long term and ensure we have the capacity to store it for the next ten years; and (3) plans to reduce waste. The City of Statesboro will host the next public hearing on December 11, 2007 and will announce the time and location.

The Consent Agenda had six (6) items for consideration: (1) a purchase order based on the lowest bid to Peach State Ambulance for the purchase of two ambulances for \$205, 156.00 and a budget transfer for the expenditure in the SPLOST account from Undesignated Funds and create Project #PS-08-04 (a) EMS Ambulances; (2) a Resolution to amend the Bulloch County Administrative Policies manual by adopting new policies for credit card use and purchasing card use (See Exhibit #2007-118); (3) a contract with Hofstadter and Associates for the A.J. Riggs Road construction project (See Exhibit #2007-117); (4) appointment of Ms. Marcia Collins as Clerk of the Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2008; (5) reappointment of Planning and Zoning members Mr. Andy Hart and Ms. Ann Henderson; and (6) an alcohol beverage license application for an off-premises license for Tony Nessmith, Sr. for The Store. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

The first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the purchase order to Stewart & Associates in the amount of \$114,900.00 for a metal storage building at Mill Creek Park. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Mike Rollins what the size of the building will be. Mr. Rollins said it will be 50 feet by 100 feet with a 30 foot by 100 foot open section on the back. Commissioner Tankersley made a motion to approve the purchase order. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of New Business was the discussion of a Commercial Waste Handling Model Ordinance. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch asked that each Commissioner review the ordinance.

The next item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the notification to the City of Statesboro as to the County's intent to cancel the Agreement for Fire Protection dated September 11, 1985 said cancellation to be effective June 30, 2008, and to proceed with establishing professional fire services to enhance volunteer services and enhance fire protection and suppression county-wide. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch said the staff and the County's fire consultant have a preliminary plan for improving fire protection that will not impose a tax burden on the citizens of Statesboro. This plan can also benefit many rural home owners with lower insurance premiums or better insurance coverage. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the request to cancel the contract as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for other business or comments. Mr. Tom Couch presented Commissioner Thompson a gift of appreciation for allowing the staff to use his building for the County Retreat.

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

J. Garrett Nevil

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