

February 17, 2009  
Statesboro, GA

## Workshop

The Board of Commissioners reconvened for a Workshop at 9:55 a.m. following the regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioners present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Tankersley.

Staff present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Human Resource Director and Recording Secretary Heather McNeal, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, County Planner Andy Welch, County Engineer and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Eddie Smith, and Shop Superintendent Jay Beasley.

Chairman Nevil called the Workshop to order, and turned over the floor to County Manager Thomas Couch for his presentation regarding the proposed Airport Overlay Districts for the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Couch stated that the Commissioners received a draft of the proposed Airport Overlay Districts, and that information included in the draft was based on substantial studies completed by Staff, the Airport Committee, and the Airport's primary consultant, Burns & McDowell. Mr. Couch stated that the scheme they proposed primarily involves height limits and land use regulations within the overlay districts. Mr. Couch explained the three Airport Zones listed as: (1) AO-1, Operations Zone, (2) AO-2, Approach Zone, and (3) AO-3, Overflight-Vicinity Zone. Mr. Couch continued to summarize the different sections of the proposed districts.

Next, Mr. Couch discussed the problem of mapping the districts, especially considering property owned by Mr. Robbie Bell and Gates Peed, which needs to be assigned to an airport overlay zone. After Mr. Couch's discussion, Planning Director Andy Welch explained how the Airport Overlay Districts would impact the future development map growth boundary. Following discussion from Mr. Couch, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Mr. Welch, Mr. Bell was given the floor to address his issues and concerns with the proposed districts in regards to his property. Mr. Bell discussed the issues concerning the future development of his property if it is located within one of the three proposed zones.

After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that there is a consensus to include Mr. Bell's property in the AO-3 Zone, and that Mr. Couch would consult with Mr. Peed about dividing his property in the AO-2 and AO-3 Zones. Mr. Couch stated that he would talk to Mr. Peed in order to gather more information to put together a more definite proposal. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Couch's plan. Chairman Nevil asked for further comments or questions from staff or the Board. Hearing None, Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to introduce the next item on the Workshop Agenda.

Mr. Couch introduced the next topic as the potential options to equipment acquisition with SPLOST funds for the Roads and Bridges Department, and turned over the presentation to County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Eddie Smith, and Shop Superintendent Jay Beasley. Mr. Smith discussed the funding differences between purchasing and leasing, guaranteed buy back prices, and the potential profits from auctioning equipment. Mr. Smith and Mr. Beasley explained the current condition of several different motor graders, excavators, grass tractors, and other equipment. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the equipment Buy, Sell, and Lease proposal as explained by Mr. Smith and Mr. Tatum (See Exhibit #2009-18). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The Board adjourned the Workshop at 11:35 A.M.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board