

February 21, 2006
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. 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 Smith, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Thompson, County Manager Tom Couch, Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Deputy Clerk Regina Smith, and County Attorney Charles Brown.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Mr. Couch stated that according to legal advice, the board appointment under Executive Session needed to be moved into open session and therefore asked for it to be placed under New Business. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda with the one change. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the one change. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first order of business was the approval of the regular minutes of February 2, 2006 and the executive session minutes of February 2, 2006. Commissioner Tankersley stated that a correction was needed on Page 2 in Paragraph 3 of the regular minutes of February 2, 2006. "Chairman Parrish" needed to be changed to "Chairman Nevil." Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2006 and the executive session minutes of February 2, 2006 with the correction. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda were the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. James Ingrham from IPG Architects concerning the jail project. He stated the jail needed an additional 250 – 300 beds. The new design study has 281 new beds. During the expansion process, the existing system

will be updated and a new metal roof will be placed over the entire facility. The total estimated cost of the project is \$9,500,000. The longer the project is delayed the higher the cost will be. Mr. Couch stated that the County could have short-term debt financing in place after the July referendum to extend SPLOST.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Glenn Durrence, District Engineer for GA DOT. Mr. Durrence discussed information about the state aid programs for resurfacing of roads and replacement of bridges. He also went over future projects for Bulloch County roads and bridges.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Bernie Martin, an architect with Martin & Rule Architects, concerning the design for the old hospital. Mr. Martin presented the designs for the old hospital, in which it would be referred to as the Service Center. The Recreation Department, Public Safety, Elections, and a multi-purpose room would be on the first floor. There are also a few spaces on the floor that are undeveloped. The second floor will be renovated but sealed off for future use. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,743,000. The timeline for the project is 3½ months for document preparation, 1 month for bidding, and 10 – 12 months for construction. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to move forward with the project. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under the Consent Agenda were the following items for consideration: (1) a resolution to approve and authorize execution of an Agreement for Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Funds with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority – see exhibit #2006 - 29; (2) a Business Associate Agreement with RWL Benefits, Inc. – see exhibit #2006 - 30; (3) a Business Associate Agreement with Industry Buying Group, Inc. – see exhibit #2006 - 31; (4) a Business Associate Agreement with Fringe Benefits Management Company – see exhibit #2006 - 32; (5) a resolution to amend the 2002 SPLOST budget to reflect the reallocations in the amendments to the 2002 SPLOST agreements with Brooklet and Register – see exhibit #2006 - 33; (6) a resolution to approve bid awards of resurfacing contracts to the following contractors: (a) Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$697,854.80 to resurface 12.5 miles and (b) Reeves Construction Co. in the amount of \$789,652.90 to resurface 13.8 miles – see exhibit #2006 – 34; (7) to approve bid award to Southern States Coop. in the amount of

\$8,130.00 to provide 7.5 tons of Spring Fertilizer & Herbicide; (8) to approve a bid award to purchase 1 workstation and 5 touchscreen monitors for SPLASH from Wiggins in the amount of \$3,489.00; (9) to approve a bid award to purchase the Premium Point of Sale software for the SPLASH from Active Network in the amount of \$5,793.75; (10) approve annual contract with BoanArt Graphics for t-shirts for recreation programs – see exhibit #2006 - 35; (11) approve an agreement with Doyle Academy for spring baseball/softball school – see exhibit #2006 - 36; and (12) to approve a bid award to Tomark Sports in the amount of \$14,816 for portable sports fencing. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under Old Business was a resolution to approve the amendment to the FY06 General Appropriations Budget to be increased by \$15,000 to accommodate one full-time employee for the Probate Court. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 37.

First item under New Business was a discussion/action regarding a proposed list of road improvement projects to submit to the GA DOT for county contract for calendar year 2006. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the list for submission to the DOT. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 38.

Next item under New Business was a discussion/action regarding Lake Collins Road and the CDBG Road Improvement Project. Mr. Charles Brown discussed a memo that he wrote to the Board members concerning eminent domain to pave a road. He also described the three methods of condemnation: Declaration of Taking, Assessors Method, and Special Masters Proceeding. He recommended the Board use the Declaration of Taking method. Mr. Jeff Akins reiterated the list of property owners who have not signed a right-of-way deed for the paving of W.D. Peacock and Lake Collins Roads. After a few minutes of discussion, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion for Mr. Akins to send a letter to the remaining property owners with a March 31st deadline of signing the deeds. After the deadline, the condemnation process will begin. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Last item under New Business was the board appointment to the Historic Preservation Advisory Council. Mr. Charles Brown went over the policy of Open Meetings and passed out a few articles concerning this matter. He stated that decisions could not be made in executive session. All decisions and votes must be done in open session. A discussion may be held in executive session but the actual vote must be taken in open session. The Board stated that that was the procedure they have been following. After more discussion, the Board agreed to defer this board appointment to another meeting.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments or staff comments.

Commissioner Simmons stated he received a letter from PRIDE Youth program asking for funding to help with a trip for the young people. Commissioner Simmons stated the purpose and goals of the PRIDE Youth program. Mr. Couch and Ms. Wilson stated that the funds come out of the drug education fund and it is budgeted for every year.

Mr. Couch stated that he would be meeting with a bridge consultant for the Akins Pond Road bridge replacement project. He reminded Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Tankersley that they were invited to the Development Authority meeting that is being held today. They will be discussing the economic incentive policy and the base flood elevation issue. The Commissioners are on a rotation basis for attending the meetings.

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