

January 17, 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 Tankersley 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 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. Commissioner Jackson was absent.

A presentation was made to the Board by Lt. Col. Mark Davis from the 648th Engineering Battalion. He presented the battle flag that the unit used in Iraq.

Chairman Nevil made the annual announcement of certain officials for 2006 as prescribed by section 2-26(d) of the Code of Ordinances: Vice-Chairman Jan Tankersley, County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Charles Attorney, County Auditor Richard Deal, and County Clerk Evelyn Wilson. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to accept the names of these officials. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Given the fact that all Commissioners did not receive their packets in the mail due to the holiday, Mr. Couch stated that the items under Consent Agenda should be moved to New Business so they may be discussed individually for the Commissioners' benefit. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda with the one change. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the one change. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first order of business was the approval of the regular minutes of January 3, 2006 and the executive session minutes of January 3, 2006. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to defer the approval of these minutes until the next meeting. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda were the monthly staff reports. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to defer the approval of the monthly staff reports until the next meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under Old Business was discussion of the administrative policies. Mr. Couch stated that the vehicle policy and the computer/telecommunication policy needed a few more revisions. He stated that the administrative policies should be ready for approval at the February meeting.

First item under New Business was an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article II, for the Board of Health. Mr. Brad Wiggins stated the changes make the Magistrate Court accessible to the Health Department. Using the State Court to prosecute violations is more expensive and inaccessible. There are also changes concerning tourist accommodations, public swimming pools, spas, recreational water parks, rabies control, land disposal of domestic septage, drinking water supply, solid waste, special on-site sewage management systems, and GA Smoke Free Air Act of 2005. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 8, Article II of the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 7.

Next item under New Business was a contract sales services agreement for advertisements for the Recreation Guide. Mr. Rollins stated that Melissa Chambers will be selling the advertisements for the recreation guides. They will pay her 15% of the sales and for any future web ad sales. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the sales services agreement with Melissa Chambers. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 8.

Next item under New Business was a bid request approval for the recreation guides. These guides are printed four times a year and are the main marketing outlet for the year. This year, advertisements will be sold in each book, which should offset the majority of the printing costs. Out of two bidders, Lewis Color had the lowest bid in the amount of \$7,980. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the bid from Lewis Color. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item under New Business was a bid request approval for water park inner tubes at the Aquatic Center. Bids were received from three companies in which Sunco

Products was the lowest bidder. Sunco Products provided a substantially lower cost, \$3,269.78, for the same quality product than the other two bidders. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion approve the bid from Sunco Products. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item under New Business was a request from Roads to purchase a Tigerclaw harrow. The harrow will be used in rebuilding the shoulders on newly paved and resurfaced roads. It takes existing dirt and pulls it up to the edge of the pavement. It reduces the need to truck in dirt. The sole source of this item is from Adams Equipment Co. of White Plains, Georgia. The estimated cost is \$6,200 which is to be paid for out of SPLOST funds. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the purchase of the Tigerclaw. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item under New Business was the approval of permits for traffic signals. Mr. Couch stated that traffic signals were being placed at the intersection of Hwy 46 and Hwy 301 South and the intersection of Hwy 80 East and Burkhalter Road. He stated there may be a cost share from SPLOST roads, and perhaps operational costs from electricity for operations. Other than those costs, maintenance will be taken care of by the State. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the County Manager executing the traffic signal permits. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 9.

Next item under New Business was an amendment to a grant agreement with the Georgia DNR concerning the George Roebuck Park expansion and acquisition. The amendment would extend the project period by one year to December 31, 2006. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the amendment to the grant agreement. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 10.

Next item under New Business was the amendments to the employee health care plan. The amendments of the health plan included clarifications of when coverage ends when an employee is no longer employed, changing the definition of dependent to comply with State of Georgia Code, clarification of no coordination of benefits for prescription drug coverage under the Plus Plan, and elimination of coordination of benefits for prescription drug coverage under the Basic Plan. Commissioner Tankersley

offered a motion to approve the amendments to the employee health care plan. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 -11.

Next item under New Business was the approval of the following 2006 alcohol licenses: Mr. Ronnie Rawls for Southern Links Golf Club – on premises; and Mr. Kenneth Meinhardt for Meinhardt Vineyards – wholesale license. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the alcohol licenses. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item under New Business was the approval of board appointments: Ms. Karen Manahan for the Bulloch County Alcohol & Drug Council, and Ms. Ann Henderson for the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the board appointments. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The last item under New Business was the qualifying fees for the 2006 General Primary. The fees are set at 3% of the salary. The Commissioners' seats up for election this year are Seats 1B, 2B, and 2D. The qualifying fee for these seats is \$242.88. The Board of Education seats up for election this year are Districts 2, 4, 5 and 6. The qualifying fee for these seats is \$72.00. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the qualifying fees. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments or staff comments.

Commissioner Thompson stated that Mr. Bacon was here and wanted to know where the county was concerning the text amendment for hobby animals. Mr. Couch stated that they were still working on the details of the amendment. Mr. Bacon reminded the Board that he needed to have the pigeons mating by February 14.

Mr. Mike Rollins asked if the Board could make a request to the General Assembly for funds to upgrade the Nevils Park.

Mr. Couch stated that the disposition of the old State Patrol building needed to be taken care of in the near future. He has had a few inquiries from State agencies about the building. Another issue of concern is the renewal of the sales tax in the 2006 General Primary. The money from the sales tax would go into the expansion of the jail. He has

to sit down with the cities of Bulloch County and discuss this plan with them. Also, the FY'07 budget packets will be going out within the next month.

Chairman Nevil stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Gibson, Simmons, Smith, Tankersley, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 – 12.

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