

January 20, 2009
Statesboro, GA

Workshop

The Board of Commissioners reconvened for a Workshop at 9:15 a.m. following the regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Staff present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Statesboro Bulloch County Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, and Public Safety Director Ted Wynn.

Chairman Nevil called the Workshop to order, and turned over the floor to County Manager Thomas Couch for his presentation regarding the FY 2009 and FY 2010 Budgets. Mr. Couch gave the Board a summary of the Mid-Year review for Fiscal Year 2009, and stated that the County's budget is in good shape considering the down turn of the economy. Mr. Couch stated that all of the departments have spent conservatively, and that the General Fund, Employee Insurance Fund, Aquatic Center Fund, and Airport Fund are all stable. Mr. Couch reminded the Board that a few of the Funds are below projected levels because there is a need to collect funds from other entities, especially for E-911 and the Solid Waste Fund.

With regard to the FY 2009 budget, Mr. Couch recommended: (1) Issuing a directive to all county departments to avoid making any unnecessary expenditures; (2) Reimburse Solid Waste and Recreation Fund for only what they need to maintain expenditures, versus giving these funds a set allocation each month; and (3) Make every effort to collect any outstanding revenues.

Mr. Couch then proceeded to discuss preliminary results of the FY 2010 Budget Priority Survey completed by the Board. Mr. Couch stated that given the unknown variables of the current state budget and the economy, the opportunity for service expansion would be restricted. Also, Mr. Couch indicated that the survey results reflected this sentiment. Mr. Couch further stated that unless the Board differed, that he would issue departmental budget packages with status quo assumptions, pending the outcome of the state budget being adopted.

After some discussion from the Board, Chairman Nevil stated that he appreciated all the hard work from the County Manager and Bulloch County Staff. With no further discussion, the Board adjourned the workshop at 10:20 A.M.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board