

July 18, 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 news media. Commissioner Tankersley gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Regina Smith, 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 Thompson, and Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins. Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Smith, County Manager Thomas Couch, and Evelyn Wilson, County Clerk, were absent.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing held on June 29, 2006 and the regular meeting on July 6, 2006. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing held on June 29, 2006 and the regular meeting on July 6, 2006. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for any comments or questions concerning the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Reports. Upon motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Jackson and carried unanimously, the summary and report were accepted as presented.

Under the Consent Agenda were the following items for consideration: (1) an amendment to the Land Use Element and Short Term Work Program – see exhibit #2006 - 112; (2) contract with GA DOT for the Airport Layout Plan – see exhibit #2006 - 113; (3) resolution authorizing sale of airport refueling truck – see exhibit #2006 - 114; (4) resolution to approve lease agreement with Pineland Mental Health – see exhibit #2006 - 115; and (5) board appointments: Airport Advisory Committee- Mr. George Hitt and Mr. Greg Daughtridge. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

An item of Old Business was an amendment to the code of ordinances for commercial truck traffic on Highway 46. Mr. Akins stated that he came up with two versions of an amendment to the commercial truck traffic ordinance. Version One would restrict truck traffic on Highway 46 between Route 67 and Route 119. Version Two would restrict truck traffic on Highway 46 between Route 67 and Ash Branch Church Road. Ms. Donna Mobley stated that there are a lot residents located from Route 119 to Highway 67. She had no problem with the no thru traffic sign so that it wouldn't affect the trucking business located along that stretch of highway. She stated that the trucking business is 5 miles from Ash Branch exit and 2 miles from Route 119. Ms. Jennifer Mobley stated that trucks are speeding excessively and putting children in danger. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve Version Two of the amendment with extra road coverage being placed in the area to monitor it. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 116.

An item of New Business was a resolution adopting formal policies and procedures for petitions and application submittal requirements for proposed residential streetlight tax districts. A streetlight tax district ordinance was created in 1993 but the process for considering applications to create or terminate districts has not been properly followed. The proposed application fee covers the cost of review activities to verify petitions, check engineering drawings and other duties. Commissioner Thompson asked who has been designing the layout of the street lights. Mr. Akins stated that Georgia Power and EMC have been designing the layout. Commissioner Thompson also asked if additional employees will be needed. Mr. Akins stated that no new employees were needed. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006-117.

Mr. Harold Pict commented about the dumpsters at Old Groveland Road & Denmark/Nevils Road. The trash is picked up regularly but some of it blows up in the woods onto private property. People dump their trash alongside the dumpsters instead of putting it inside. He spoke to Bob Smith about the problem. He asked for a fence to be put up or either eliminate the dumpsters. He showed pictures of the dumpsters with the trash around it. Commissioner Tankersley stated the same problem is occurring at the

dumpsters located in Brooklet. Chairman Nevil stated that the dumpsters that are un-manned are having problems of this sort. The problem will be looked into and taken care of. See pictures as exhibit #2006 - 118.

Ms. Sunshine Bird commented about several problems that she and adjoining neighbors are having with their property on Bird Road. She gave a presentation that included a list of concerned residents and property owners, a brief history of Bird land, the list of concerns, pictures of items found on properties, violation of ordinances, and expectations of the Board of Commissioners. See exhibit #2006 – 119.

Chairman Nevil asked were there any more comments from the staff or public. Commissioner Simmons stated that a citizen asked him about parking pads at Mill Creek Park and why the County did not have any. Commissioner Simmons asked Mike Rollins to discuss for a few minutes the possibility of putting parking pads for RVs and trailers at Mill Creek Park. Mr. Rollins stated that the park is limited in size and space at the moment. Also, the addition of parking pads would require additional staffing.

Chairman Nevil stated that an executive session was needed to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Jackson, Simmons, Tankersley and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 - 120.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.