

June 20, 2006
Statesboro, GA

The Board met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

Chairman Nevil welcomed the guest and news media. Commissioner Jackson 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 Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Smith, County Manager Thomas Couch, Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, and Deputy Clerk Regina Smith. Commissioner Tankersley was absent.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Mr. Couch stated that an Executive Session needed to be added to discuss personnel matters and Lake Collins Road condemnation update needed to be added under Old Business. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the two changes. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 6, 2006. Commissioner Gibson stated a change was needed on Page 2. Decel "land" needed to be changed to decel "lane". Upon motion by Commissioner Gibson, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 6, 2006 meeting were approved as corrected.

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) board appointments: Bulloch County Alcohol & Drug Council- Mr. Lonnie Simmons, Mr. Charles Stokes & Mr. Maurice Hill; Coastal Workforce Investment Board- Mr. Doug Lambert; (2) an off-premise alcohol license – S&S Food Mart – Mr. Mahendrabhai Patel; and (3) a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation accepting the \$300,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant for the S&S Greenway – see

exhibit #2006 - 101. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

An item of Old Business was a discussion by County Attorney Charles Brown on the update for the Lake Collins Road condemnation. Mr. Brown stated that three of the landowners have been paid the appraised value for their land and the cases have been closed. Two landowners didn't file an appeal in time and therefore will have default orders against them and will be paid the appraised value for their land. One landowner's case is still open. His property is valued at \$400 but he's trying to negotiate for a higher value. Mr. Brown stated that everyone will be treated equal. Therefore, the County will not negotiate with him against the appraised value of the land. Commissioner Thompson asked for the name of the holdout. Mr. Brown stated that it was Coastal Properties, LP. Mr. Lehman Franklin was the principal in the firm.

The first item of New Business was a resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for administrative services with Fringe Benefits Management Company. FBMC has provided administrative services for the County's Employee Health Benefit program. This agreement also renews the requirements of HIPAA and COBRA regulation. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006-102.

The next item of New Business was the approval of a pay plan for part-time employees for the Recreation Department. Mr. Chad Avret stated a few changes were made concerning the 90 day review. Also, the pay plan added a seasonal (May & December) one step increase for the employees. Upon motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Gibson and carried unanimously, the pay plan was approved. See exhibit #2006 - 103.

The next item of New Business was the approval of a renewal quote for inmate excess loss medical insurance. There are three plans to choose from. Plan 1 is the coverage the County currently has, which includes a \$35,000.00 specific deductible per inmate and a \$500,000.00 limit of coverage per inmate. The medical insurance reimburses the County for a specific claim when it exceeds \$35,000.00 and reimburses a maximum of \$500,000.00 for a specific claim with an aggregate limit of \$750,000.00.

The differences between Plans 1, 2, and 3 are in the amount of the specific deductible (\$35K, \$40K, and \$45K) and the corresponding reduction in premium for the higher specific deductibles. Last year's premium was \$18,542.00. This year's premium for the same coverage is \$24,250.00. The number of inmates increased from 203 to 253. Commissioner Smith asked if this covered any medical need of an inmate. Mr. Akins stated that it did. Mr. Couch recommended Plan 3. The premium is the lowest even though it has a higher deductible. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and carried unanimously, the renewal quote for Plan 3 of the inmate excess loss medical insurance was accepted as presented. See exhibit #2006-104.

The last item of New Business was a resolution to approve an agreement with the Department of Transportation for the I-3/I-14 Information and Outreach Project. Mr. Muldrew with the Interstate Highway Development Association Inc provided information about the two new interstates that have been proposed in Congress. Neither highway will run through Bulloch County. He would like to perform a study on this project, which will take 2 years, to determine the effects of these two new highways. The General Assembly appropriated \$100,000.00 to fund this project. However, DOT cannot contract directly with Mr. Muldrew's corporation without going through a formal bid process. Bulloch County is being approached about contracting with DOT for the project. The County would then contract with the Corporation as a subcontractor to perform the project. The Augusta RDC was first approached with this but they turned it down because of differences on verbiage in the contract. Mr. Muldrew stated that I-3 is not very popular in the northern part of Georgia. I-14 has more popularity. Chairman Nevil asked if there was the possibility of any negativity coming back on Bulloch County for partaking in this project. Mr. Muldrew stated that it was possible but more than likely it would come back on the organization. Commissioner Thompson asked if the DOT was for the study, why not go through the formal bid process. Are there other companies that can provide these services? Mr. Muldrew stated that his organization was approached with carrying out the project. Mr. Couch asked how many counties would be impacted by I-3. Mr. Muldrew stated that approximately 20 counties would be impacted. A decision needed to be made today because the timeframe was closing on using the funds. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the resolution for the agreement with

the DOT for Information and Outreach project. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass with a two to three vote. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Simmons, Jackson and Thompson opposed the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked were there any comments from the staff or public. There were none.

Chairman Nevil stated that the meeting was to be adjourned after the executive session, followed by a brief recess before proceeding into the budget workshop.

Chairman Nevil stated that an executive session was needed to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Gibson, Jackson, Simmons, Smith, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 - 105.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and proceed into the budget workshop. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.