

June 29, 2006
Statesboro, GA

Public Hearing

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Tankersley, and Commissioner Thompson were present. Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Smith were absent.

Vice-Chairman Tankersley welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. She stated that this public hearing was for the proposed 2006 – 2007 budget. She turned the floor over to Mr. Couch.

Mr. Couch discussed the FY 2007 highlights from each department, the makeup and process of the budget, and the areas/issues that were focused on, which were the following: internal and external issues, funding priorities by budget unit and function, and general fund review. He stated that in order to bring the budget into balance, the difference needed to accomplish this would be taken from reserves. He stated that he did not want to raise taxes this year and felt spending could be cut back even more.

Vice-Chairman Tankersley asked if the public would like to ask any questions or make any comments. With there being no further discussion or questions, Vice-Chairman Tankersley stated that the public hearing for the 2006 – 2007 budget was closed.