

March 20, 2007
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 Thompson 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 Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, County Manager Tom Couch and Staff Attorney & Parliamentarian Jeff Akins.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch requested two (2) changes to the General Agenda: (1) remove the presentation by Mr. Ray Hendrix, Mr. Hendrix had a conflict and will make his presentation at a future meeting; (2) add authorization to purchase an infield prep machine from Kilpatrick Turf at a cost of \$15,855.73 as item five (5) on the Consent Agenda. Staff Attorney Jeff Akins requested that pending litigation be added to the Executive Session. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2007. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 6, 2007. Commissioner Simmons seconded the meeting and carried, unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Chairman Nevil asked for any discussion of this report. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to accept the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Nevil recognized Ms. Michelle Canon of the Coastal Regional Development Center office located in Statesboro. Ms. Canon commented she has been in Bulloch County for about a month and said she wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce herself to the Board. She stated she has been in local government but having moved from Indianapolis, she has a lot to learn about the state and counties.

The Consent Agenda had five (5) items for consideration: (1) approval of the purchase of 4 exmark rotary mowers for the Recreation Department from Durden Rental & Service Center at a cost of \$27,897; (2) approve new floor covering for the DFACS Building from Baxley Carpet at a cost of \$18,200; (3) approve a contract with L.T. Annum for GASB34 Valuation Study in the amount of \$5,580 (see exhibit #2007-31); (4) alcohol beverage license applications for an on-premise license for Ernest Kelly of Southern Links Golf Course and an off-premise license for Ojash Shah of Chevron Food Mart; (5) approve purchase of infield prep machine for the Recreation Department from Kilpatrick Turf at a cost of \$15,855.73. Commissioner Thompson asked that item five (5) be removed from the Consent Agenda and added as item four (4) under New Business. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The first item under new business was a budget amendment in the amount of \$33,180 to allow the employment of an additional building inspector. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch said in a previous meeting it had been brought to the Board's attention of the probable need for an additional building inspector/code enforcement officer because of Bulloch County being included in the new requirements for hurricane standards. These new hurricane standards will go into effect on July 1, 2007 and these new standards require an additional two to three inspections. Mr. Andy Welch added that the county will also begin permitting pools as well as other changes made by the State. He said the new Zoning Administrator was performing code enforcement but he has taken on additional responsibilities and this new position will fill the gap left in code enforcement. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approved the budget amendment in the amount of \$33,180 for the employment of an additional building inspector. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. (See exhibit #2007-32)

The next item was a resolution to approve a non-contiguous annexation by the City of Statesboro. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to discuss this item. Mr. Couch advised the City of Statesboro has proposed an annexation of 87.3 acres by the 100% method along U.S. Highway 301 with a petition for rezoning from the County's Light Industrial Zone to zoning form municipal districts including R-10 and Highway Oriented

Commercial. He said the staff did consult with the City of Statesboro pertaining to some conditions that the staff felt was appropriate for the type of development planned. These conditions have been imposed by the City of Statesboro: (1) The developer will have a traffic study prepared, which must be reviewed by the City staff prior to granting approval of a preliminary plat for any portion of the property. Approval of the preliminary plat may be conditioned upon the developer implementing the recommendation of the study; (2) Access to the proposed lots fronting on Highway 301 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Shared access or access from internal streets may be required; (3) The entrance into the development will be designed with a landscaped median in the center; (4) Any additional right-of-way necessary for the widening of Highway 301 immediately adjacent to this property will be provided prior to approval of a preliminary plat for any portion of the property; (5) All final plats and deeds for each lot within the subdivision will include a note regarding the proximity of the property to the airport and the possibility of negative impacts from air traffic. The exact language must be approved by the Airport Committee and City staff. Mr. Couch said it's anticipated that the City of Statesboro will attempt to negotiate with the County for a series of other non-contiguous annexations in the future. He commented that he would advise the Board to try to have some base Annexation Agreement in place with the City of Statesboro before giving any consideration of additional non-contiguous annexations. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the resolution for non-contiguous annexation by the City of Statesboro. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. (See exhibit #2007-33)

The next item was discussion regarding future adoption of the Capitol Project Management Policies to be added to the Bulloch County Administrative Policy Manual. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to initiate this discussion. Mr. Couch said a draft of the proposed Capitol Project Management Policies had been provided for the Commissioners' review over the next few weeks. This policy will be a good procedure to monitor and track capitol projects. He said the policy would probably be reviewed once more by the staff and the goal would be to consider the policy at the second meeting in April if the Commissioners agree.

The next item was consideration of approval of the purchase of an infield prep machine for the Recreation Department from Kilpatrick Turf at a cost of \$15,855.73. Chairman Nevil asked for discussion or questions. Commissioner Thompson questioned if specifications on some particular items are becoming so ridged that it makes these items a sole source purchase limited to one bid. He asked why these particular specifications were used for this piece of equipment. Mr. Mike Rollins said his staff looks at the different machines available and in this particular case there are only three machines of this nature manufactured. These machines have differences and the staff looked at the differences and determined which machine would be best for the overall operation. These specifications along with the staff's information were provided to the Purchasing Agent. Mr. Couch said this purchase had been discussed with the Purchasing Agent who did concur with the staff's evaluation. Commissioner Thompson asked if the lesser machine (John Deere 1200A) would do the same job as the Smithco Super Star. Mr. Rollins said he didn't know the end results. There are a number of factors to be considered and it isn't just the question of will the machine do the job. Mr. Rollins said he depends on the people who operate this type equipment every day to recommend the best equipment for the job. Mr. Couch reviewed the process for developing specifications and said he thought the process would get better with experience. He said the process used and the recommendations made for this particular bid appear to be sound. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the purchase of a infield field prep machine from Kilpatrick Turf at a cost of \$15,855.73. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Chairman Nevil asked for Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Jackson said he had received a call from Mr. Anderson about assistance in cleaning up an area in the Portal. The land was given to the Turpentine Society by the Board of Education. They want to develop a park and expand the Turpentine Society. He said he thought it would be good for the County to offer assistance to expand that area in Portal. Mr. Couch asked if this area was private or public property. Commissioner Jackson said it was his understanding that it was public property. A formal letter on details of the property and the request for assistance will be obtained by Commissioner Jackson.

Commissioner Tankersley asked for consideration to move the Public Comments from near the end of the agenda to near the beginning of the agenda. It was agreed to make this change in order of the agenda.

Chairman Nevil reminded everyone of the annual Swing into Spring festivities beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday at Mill Creek Park with the main ceremonaries to begin at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Nevil advised that the Statesboro Exchange Club will hold a rededication ceremony of the Freedom Shrine located in the Judicial Annex at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27th.

Chairman Nevil announced that an Executive Session was needed to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. (See exhibit #2007-34)

The regular meeting was reconvened. Chairman Nevil asked for other business or comments. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.