

March 21, 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 called the meeting to order. 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 Gibson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Thompson, County Manager Tom Couch, Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, and Deputy Clerk Regina Smith.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Mr. Couch stated the fifth item under the Consent Agenda – bid for concession equipment – needed to be removed and placed under New Business. Also, a joint resolution with the City of Statesboro honoring the accomplishments of the Statesboro High Football Team as the 2005 Class 4-A Champions needed to be added under the Consent Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda with the two changes. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the changes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The first order of business was the approval of the regular minutes of March 7, 2006. Commissioner Gibson stated that a correction was needed on Page 3. Mr. William Torrance is on the PTA Board and not the school board. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006 as corrected. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Mr. Couch stated that due to time constraints, the full report will be forthcoming. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the executive summary and financial report. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Lenwood McNure from the Georgia Forestry. He gave an annual report concerning fire suppression, control burning, burning

permits, rural fire defense, forest management, landowner and forest education, and interagency cooperation. See exhibit #2006 - 52.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Richard Deal of Thigpen, Lanier, Westmoreland and Deal. He briefed the Board on the FY05 audit. Ms. Kay Proctor from the firm went over the 11 findings concerning internal control over financial reporting. See exhibit #2006 - 53.

A presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Mike Stewart of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. Mr. Stewart discussed different options and issues relating to financing the proposed jail expansion. See exhibit #2006 - 54.

Under the Consent Agenda were the following items for consideration: (1) a permit application to the GA DOT for a traffic signal at Pulaski Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway – see exhibit #2006 - 55; (2) an agreement with the Statesboro Council of the Arts to allocate hotel-motel tax proceeds for tourism related activities – see exhibit #2006 - 56; (3) an agreement with the Georgia Properties Commission to renew a lease for the Soil and Water conservation office at the Agribusiness Center – see exhibit #2006 - 57; (4) a purchase order to Contract Furnishings International for 72 chaise lounge chairs in the amount of \$4,966.77 to be obligated from the capital outlay budget ; and (5) a joint resolution between Bulloch County and the City of Statesboro honoring the accomplishments of the Statesboro High School Blue Devil Football Team as the 2005 GHSA Class 4-A Champions – see exhibit #2006 - 58. Commissioner Thompson asked if the lounge chairs for the SPLASH were replacement chairs or new chairs being added. Mr. Rollins stated they were being purchased to replace some and to add to ones already there. More chairs were needed to accommodate the crowd. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were no items under Old Business.

First item under New Business was a resolution to adopt a Cable Franchise Enabling Ordinance. Mr. Couch explained that the Cable Franchisees had an opportunity to review the ordinance and the only revision from the review is the removal of the density requirement for service of 25 subscribers per linear mile. This ordinance will establish rules consistent with existing franchises and provide review and compliance

procedures for new franchises and renewals of existing franchises. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Cable Franchise Enabling Ordinance. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 59.

Next item under New Business was a resolution to implement the revised county administrative policies for purchasing and travel and business expenses. The purpose for these revisions is to develop more comprehensive policy guidance for purchasing responsibilities, methods, thresholds, and for other purposes. These policies will also facilitate the movement toward centralized purchasing. The purpose for new policies concerning business travel and expenses are needed to update procedures for travel for employee purposes inside the County. Commissioner Thompson stated that the evaluation process of sealed proposals needs to be looked into. Personal opinions should be taken out of the process. After a few minutes of discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adopt a resolution for the revised administrative policies for purchasing and travel and business expenses. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 60.

Next item under New Business was a resolution to implement recommendations of the Bulloch County Transportation Plan. This document was completed in 2000. However, it was never adopted. In addition to a long-term project improvement program, the document also includes recommendations for: (1) adopting a functional road classification network; (2) implementing a paving prioritization process; (3) authorizing traffic impact studies; and (4) access management program. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to adopt the resolution to implement recommendations of the Bulloch County Transportation Plan. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 61.

Next item under New Business was a resolution to amend the Bulloch County Personnel Policies. Ms. Kymberly Kuebler, Human Resources Director, went over the areas within the policy that were being revised. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to adopt the resolution to amend the personnel policies. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 62.

Last item under New Business was the discussion of the bid for concessions equipment for the SPLASH. Mr. Rollins stated that two bids were received: Underwood's and U.S. Foods. The purchasing of the items will be split between the two vendors. U.S. Foods will supply the fryer and end warmer while Underwood's will supply 3 hot dog streamers, 2 popcorn poppers, and 2 oversized warmers. Mr. Rollins stated that these two vendors have split bids before and they didn't have a problem with doing so. After a few minutes of discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the bids to Underwood's and U.S Foods. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments or staff comments.

Chairman Nevil stated that Commissioner Tankersley has been appointed by an Executive Order from the Governor to serve on the Georgia County Leadership Academy Board for a term of office ending July 1, 2006, to succeed the Honorable Martha Opal Chance.

Commissioner Thompson mentioned he would like to have a workshop in the near future to discuss some issues, especially the river landings.

Chairman Nevil stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Gibson, Jackson, Simmons, Smith, Tankersley, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 - 63.

Mr. Couch briefly discussed the new organization chart with the Board.

Chairman Nevil asked for other business or comments. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.