

May 15, 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 Gibson 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 Simmons, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, County Manager Tom Couch and Staff Attorney & Parliamentarian Jeff Akins. Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Rushing were absent.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as written. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 1, 2007. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 1, 2007. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it 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 Thompson referenced the Employee Committee Report and asked for an explanation of what was meant by Animal Control would like open enrollment to be changed. It was explained that they were requesting the open enrollment period for the Employee's Health Insurance Plan to be changed. Commissioner Thompson also asked Andy (Welch) if he was having good participation from employees to attend the Sandnats game in Savannah. It was explained that the employees of the Correctional Institute plan to attend a Sandnats game and Andy (Waters) gave an invitation for other county employees to join them. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to accept the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda had six (6) items for consideration. (1) a resolution for a quitclaim deed for BeeBee Road (see exhibit #2007-48); (2) a contract renewal for a personnel contract for the County Extension Service (see exhibit #2007-49); (3) a contract with the Department of Corrections for the County Correctional Institute (see exhibit #2007-50); (4) approval of bids for purchase of three copiers (a copier for State Court and a copier for E911 in the amount of \$3,567 each from Imagistics of Savannah and a copier for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$7,999.99 from Digital Office Equipment); (5) approval of a vehicle purchase for EMA in the amount of \$17,271 from Hardy Chevrolet; (6) approval of Alcohol Beverage License Applications for Umesh Patel for an off-premises license for Fast & Easy III and for Jin Yah Wang for an

on-premises license for Shogun Restaurant. Chairman Nevil asked for questions or comments concerning the Consent Agenda. Mr. Couch asked that a copier for Magistrate Court from Imagistics of Savannah in the amount of \$3,567 be added. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition as requested. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The first item of new business was a contract with the City of Statesboro for animal control services. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to present this item. Mr. Couch said this contract transfers the animal control within the city to the county with compensation. He advised that this contract was initiated by the city which feels it to be more cost effective to contract with the county. He explained the provisions of the contract and said this arrangement should benefit both the city and the county. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the contract with the City of Statesboro for animal control services. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. (See exhibit #2007-51).

The next item was discussion of the Livestock Barn and Arena. Chairman Nevil stated this was for discussion and/or action to accept the action by the 2006 session of the General Assembly which proposed transfer of ownership of the livestock barn at Kiwanis Fairgrounds from the State of Georgia to Bulloch County. He asked Mr. Couch to discuss this item. Mr. Couch said he thought Senator Hill was prompted by someone to promote this action and the State probably wanted to defer the ownership of the building to the County. There was some discussion of how the State's ownership of the building and its use by the County originated. There was also some question of who is responsible for maintenance of the building. Mr. Couch said if the county accepts ownership of the building it will be the county's responsibility to maintain it, insure it, etc. Commissioner Gibson suggested discussing the transfer with the County Extension Service before taking any action. Action on the transfer of the livestock and arena was deferred pending obtaining additional information.

Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch for the County Manager's discussion items. Mr. Couch gave an update on the Airport Zoning Overlay District. Burns & McDonnell, airport consultants, have present a draft of the Airport Master Plan and a potential draft of an airport overlay zoning district. The draft gives types of compatible uses and incompatible uses around airport. The Airport Committee will need to focus on the Airport Master Plan and the airport zoning overlay district draft to establish what they consider to be incompatible uses around the airport.

Mr. Couch advised that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the proposed FY 2008 budgets have been received. The only two significant budgets yet to be submitted are for the Sheriff's Department and the Jail. They are trying to estimate the transition cost of housing inmates in the new jail facility possibly in April or May 2008. A budget of \$28.5 million is projected to deliver the current level of service. Mr. Couch said his goal was to try to have a recommended budget submitted on May 29th with a tentative budget adopted on June 15th and a public hearing on June 19th with final adoption on June 26th. He said he felt it was necessary to have at least one lengthy workshop or two shorter workshops.

After some discussion, a workshop was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21st with an additional workshop to be scheduled if needed. Mr. Couch asked if anyone had questions concerning the budget. Commissioner Thompson said he would like to see in very simple form an explanation showing the reasons why the difference in increased amounts from this year to next year. Mr. Couch said that could be done.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Board or the Staff. Commissioner Thompson asked that the monthly report include the county's shop vehicle maintenance records identifying the vehicle on a monthly basis.

Andy Welch advised a meeting was scheduled this afternoon with Architects Martin & Rule to finalize the bid document for demolishing of the old hospital.

Ted Wynn advised the county was sending two trucks and four people to assist in the fire fighting efforts in Ware County.

Chairman Nevil announced that an Executive Session was needed to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. (See exhibit #2007-52).

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

J. Garrett Nevil

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