

## PUBLIC HEARING

May 16, 2006  
Statesboro, Georgia

Chairman Nevil called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public views and comments on the proposed financing for the expansion of the Bulloch County Jail. He asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Tankersley, seconded by Commissioner Simmons and carried.

Chairman Nevil asked County Manager Thomas Couch to present the information pertaining to the proposed financing. He said that the expansion of the jail was included in the proposed SPLOST referendum to be on the July 18<sup>th</sup> ballot and \$10,500,000 is designated for this project. He advised several proposals were received in the bid process for financing of this project and BB&T (Branch Banking & Trust) was the apparent low bidder. He explained this was a lease purchase arrangement with the principal of approximately \$9,235,000 and land sale to ACCG of \$1,400,000. He said the effective interest rate is 4.27% with a 15-year installment payment with a provision for pre-payment with penalty. The penalty is one-half of one percent (.005%) of the unpaid principal at time of payment. Mr. Couch said the plan is to pay-off the debt with SPLOST proceeds within 18 months or less. He said the evaluation of the bids for this financing was available for anyone's review.

Chairman Nevil asked if there was any public comment or questions. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Smith asked if the pre-payment penalty was a one time penalty and if the pre-payment can be partial payment or a total payment. Staff Attorney Jeff Akins responded that yes, it was a one time penalty and the pre-payment could be partial or total.

There were no further comments or questions. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jackson and carried, the Public Hearing was closed.