

January 15, 2008
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. Marcia Collins, 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 Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, County Manager Tom Couch, and Staff Attorney and Parliamentarian Jeff Akins.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch had the following three changes under New Business: (1) Capital Projects Manager Maurice McDowell will present to the Board action and/or discussion regarding the change order for the hospital demolition, and (2) consideration for bids for a used truck that exceeds \$10,000.00 for Solid Waste; (3) delete item four Discussion and/or Action regarding the February Planning Calendar. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2008. Chairman Nevil asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2008 as stated. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments. Ms. Laretha Best extended an invitation to the Board of Commissioners to participate in the following Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday activities: (1) breakfast on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church; (2) parade on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The Consent Agenda had five (5) items for consideration: (1) Uniform proposal bid Anaconda Sports for Spring Youth Baseball/Softball Uniforms for Recreation in the amount of \$23,162.75; (2) Approval of the annual T-Shirt Contract to Boanart Graphics for Recreation (See Exhibit #2008-4); (3) Grant Resolution for the Department of

Natural Resources Georgia Recreational Trails Grant Request (See Exhibit #2008-7); (4) Resolution to fix and publish qualifying fees for county elected offices (See Exhibit #2008-5); and (5) Resolution authorizing acceptance of conveyance of property from State of Georgia (See Exhibit #2008-6). Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The first item under New Business was discussion and/or action to approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor from Hendrix Machinery of Savannah in the amount of \$26,816.00. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Mike Rollins to present this item. He presented a memorandum of explanation for his request on the tractor bid. He recommended not going with the low bid of \$24,961 to Jenkins Tractor for a Kubota due to past problems and expenses they have incurred with their current Kubota; therefore he requested the second bid to Hendrix Machinery. He said we will have to pay the expense of mileage to get the tractor to and from Savannah if repairs need to be made. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to award the bid to Blanchard Equipment Co. of Statesboro in the amount of \$27,990.00 instead of Hendrix Machinery of Savannah due to the cost of mileage for repairs. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item was discussion and/or action regarding the purchase of E-911 equipment. Chairman Nevil asked Mrs. Kelly Barnard to present this item. She said Savannah Communications did not think the current equipment could handle the move to the new E-911 location and it was no longer supported by Savannah Communications (Motorola). She got price quotes from three vendors and Savannah Communications (Motorola) had the second lowest bid. They are also a local vendor. She said the other two vendors were out of Atlanta and if the system went down it was critical that it got fixed as soon as possible and she felt that a three to four hour wait for someone to come from Atlanta was too long. Mr. Couch recommended submitting a purchase contract with Motorola and would like to consider an alternative to their Municipal Lease Program. He said he would like to contact SunTrust and get an additional schedule to the master lease with SunTrust to get a more favorable finance rate. Chairman Nevil asked if there was a salvage market for the used E-911 equipment. Mrs. Barnard said there probably was and she would speak with Savannah Communications about that.

Commissioner Thompson asked about the cost to move the equipment if we did not have to move the current E-911 system. Mrs. Barnard said the cost would change from \$75,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the purchase of new E-911 equipment from Motorola in the amount of \$257,262.00. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously. Chairman Nevil asked if the current equipment was Phase II compliant. Mrs. Barnard said it was not compliant without an upgrade but the new equipment is compliant.

The next item was discussion and/or action to change the February 5, 2008 meeting to February 7, 2008 due to a conflict with the Wild Game Supper in Atlanta on February 5, 2008. Chairman Nevil presented this item. Commissioner Gibson made a motion to change the meeting date to February 7, 2008. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The next item was a change order for the Hospital Demolition Project. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Maurice McDowell to present this item. Mr. McDowell said the staff met with the architects again after the December meeting to discuss the change order of \$54,000.00. The staff recommended paying the cost of the equipment rental in the amount of \$23,000.00 instead of the proposed \$54,000.00, and granting a time extension of 59 calendar days. Commissioner Thompson asked if the contractor was satisfied with that decision. Mr. McDowell said they were. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to pay the equipment rental cost of \$23,000.00, and grant a time extension of 59 calendar days. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jackson, Simmons, Thompson, and Rushing voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Gibson voted to oppose the motion. The motion carried (See Exhibit #2008-8).

The next item was discussion and/or action to approve a bid for a truck that exceeds the \$10,000.00 limit. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Bob Smith to present this item. Mr. Smith said about a year ago Keep Bulloch Beautiful helped to initiate a partnership with the Board of Education to collect the paper from the schools that should go to recycling. The Board of Education provided Keep Bulloch Beautiful with a truck to collect the paper. The project has grown so much that the truck can only collect from one school at a time without having to go to the landfill and dump. The DCA HUB Grant included money for a truck with a twelve foot enclosed body and a tommy lift on the back. He said they have found a 2001 Isuzu truck that costs \$11,400.00.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the bid for the 2001 Isuzu truck in the amount of \$11,400.00. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Commissioners and staff. Mr. Couch said he will provide and/or discuss monthly reports during the February meeting. Chairman Nevil asked if there will be any workshops in February. Mr. Couch said we will have interim workshops. Chairman Nevil reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting at Beaver Creek Plantation on January 24, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Thompson reminded everyone that budgets were coming up and asked everyone to get by with what they could.

Chairman Nevil asked for other comments.

Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel matters. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Rushing voted in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil

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