

June 3, 2008  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners reconvened for the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tankersley gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Simmons.

Staff Present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Planner Andy Welch, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Financial Director Harry Starling, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Purchasing Director Kenny Trapnell, Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, Sheriff Lynn Anderson, and Recording Secretary Christy Strickland.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications before approval of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch requested to move the items from the consent agenda to new business and add three items under New Business Agenda: (1) Discussion/Action on an Inmate Drug Agreement Renewal with Riggs Pharmacy (2) Discussion/Action on a bid to install a rebuilt ground power unit at the corporate hangar at the airport; (3) Discussion/Action for a funding agreement for the airport with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the modifications requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Simmons seconded and it carried unanimously.

The next item was the approval of the minutes of the regular meetings held May 6, 2008 and May 20, 2008. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments. Mr. Prince Preston was present and stated he would like to discuss the conditions of the 301 bridge where the landing is located. He submitted pictures of the site. He stated people come to the area and destroy the property, driving on the sand, and littering. He requested from the board advice or

help on what to do about the situation. Mr. Jack Chester stated his concerns were with the loud music, traffic, and the firearms being discharged in the area. He stated he is also concerned with the litter in the area. He also requested advice on what to do about the situation. Mr. Preston stated there is a sign on the property stating the rules and he would like to see them enforced.

The first item under new business was approval of a resolution to renew stop-loss insurance for the employee health plan for the plan year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Staff Attorney Jeff Akins stated he recommends staying with our current carrier, R.E. Moulton, with a \$60,000 specific deductible. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with R. E. Moulton. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-77

The second item under new business was approval of an amendment to the agreement with Flying J. Mr. Couch stated they had met with Terrance Bride and he had requested an extension of their contract from 180 days to 360 days on whether or not to proceed with the project. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the amended agreement. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-78

The third item under new business was to authorize SPLOST CIP project CF-08-08 based on a sole source proposal by L&T, Inc of Lyons Georgia to install Smart Card Dispensing Systems for the Sheriff's Department and Public Works gasoline pumps. Mr. Couch stated the sheriff's department is having problems with their existing card reader gasoline pump. Commissioner Jackson asked if the new cards would recognize the user and car. Sheriff Lynn Anderson stated it would recognize both. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the proposal with L&T Inc. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-79

The fourth item under new business was discussion/action for the emergency purchase requisition for a metal building to house fire apparatus in the Middleground Community from Smith Steel. Public Safety Director Ted Wynn stated they would purchase the building for \$16,393.00. Commissioner Tankersley asked if the ISO is coming in June. Mr. Wynn stated they were trying to make sure everything is in place before they requested the board to submit a letter requesting them to come.

Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the purchase requisition. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-80

The fifth item under new business was discussion/action on an inmate drug agreement. Mr. Couch stated they are requesting to renew the inmate drug contract with Riggs Pharmacy for one year. He stated the contract would be under the same terms and conditions and the same prices as the original contract. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the contract with Riggs Pharmacy until June 30, 2009. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-81

The sixth item under new business was discussion/action to authorize a purchase order, to install a rebuilt ground power unit at the corporate hangar at the airport. Airport Manager Jeff Herrington explained how the ground power unit operates and stated how he feels it would be a great addition to the services at the airport. He stated he had contacted several companies about the unit but has not committed on anything until he discussed it with the board. After additional discussion Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the purchase order with Aeromotive Ground Support, Inc. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-82

The seventh item on the agenda was discussion/action to approve a resolution approving a State Sponsorship Agreement for FAA General Aviation Entitlement Grant. Mr. Couch stated the DOT will accept \$111,240.00 from the FAA for Bulloch County, which represents 95% federal participation in the cost of the identified projects. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Exhibit 2008-83

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments. Sheriff Lynn Anderson stated he had spoken with Mr. Preston and Mr. Chester concerning the 301 Bridge/Landing and he stated he would work a solution out with them. Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments from the staff or board. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn for a brief recess then reconvene for the zoning agenda. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 p.m. for the Public Hearings on zoning matters. Chairman Nevil asked for any modifications before approval of the Zoning and

Land Use Agenda. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Zoning and Land Use Agenda. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Chairman Nevil asked Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the zoning items.

Mr. Newman presented the first item on the agenda. Sam O. Johnson submitted an application requesting to rezone 2.6 acres out of 6.29 acres from R-40 (residential 40,000 square feet) to HC (Highway Commercial). The intent of the rezone is to place a billboard on the property. The property is located on Hwy 67. Mr. Neal Sapp is acting as agent. Mr. Sapp stated the DOT requires the property be HC to obtain a permit. After additional discussion Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the rezone request with the following conditions (1) To prohibit future development of the lot outside of the sign which would require review by the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners. (2) There should be coordination with the Georgia DOT and the County to determine a final setback to allow for the planned future widening of the road. This determination should be approved by the Zoning Administrator before construction permitting. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Newman presented the second item on the agenda. Robert Howard submitted an application requesting a conditional use to operate a paintball field. The property consists of 17.3 acres and is located on Joe Tillman Court. Mr. Howard explained the procedures and layout of the paintball field. He stated his future plans are to have the Sheriff's Department and the Statesboro Police to utilize it as a firing range. Mr. Kenneth Andrews who was for the request stated the paintballs are biodegradable. Commissioner Jackson asked what the minimum age is to play at a paintball facility and who enforces it. Mr. Howard stated no one under the age of 10 years old and the management would be responsible for following these regulations. Commissioner Tankersley asked how many residences you could see from the property. Mr. Howard stated there three residences in site and they had spoken to all the owners and they were in agreement with the request. After some discussion Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the request with the following conditions: (1) On-site signage shall be prohibited. Home occupation nuisance standards shall be observed for the operation of the paintball business on the property. (2) If there is no existing driveway on the property,

a residential type driveway permit shall be required from the County Engineer. (3) The hours of operation shall be Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am to sundown; Sunday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. (4) A visual buffer from the existing residences is required. In-lieu of developing the property for said purposes twenty-five (25') feet behind the existing natural tree line, a twenty five foot ('25) buffer with screening shall be required pursuant to Section 407 of the Zoning Ordinance along Joe Tillman Road and the western property line. The buffer and screening method is to be approved by the Zoning Administrator. (5) Any land disturbing activity, if necessary, should be approved through Bulloch County Zoning Department. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Simmons voted for the motion. Commissioner Tankersley and Commissioner Jackson opposed the motion. The motion carries in favor of the request. Exhibit 2008-84 (Sign-In Sheets)

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments from the staff or board. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Thomas Couch, County Manager