

April 19, 2011  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ray Mosley gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Mosley, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Fire Chief Randy Walker, County Engineer and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum, Area Road Superintendent Mike Boyett, Area Road Superintendent Therman Fail, and Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

After Roll Call, the first item of business was the approval of the General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to amend the General Agenda by adding Item #4 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bulloch County Board of Education for use of the tennis complex at Mill Creek Park. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2011. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Without hearing any corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to award a bid for spectator seating at the Mill Creek Tennis Center based on the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid to Dominica Recreation Products in the amount of \$11,500.00; (2) to award a bid for site furnishings at the Mill Creek Tennis Center based on the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid to Preminence in the amount of \$18,990.00; and (3) to authorize and transmit the nomination of three (3) individuals each for Seats 2-A and 2-B to the Bulloch County Hospital Authority (See Exhibit #2011-35). Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the only item of Old or Unfinished Business was the discussion and/or action concerning decisions that need to be made regarding the Five Points Intersections Project. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch reviewed the situation at Five Points, the options from the traffic study, and the different conceptual designs. Mr. Couch discussed in depth the two roundabout designs and the controlled four way stop design, and also discussed pedestrian traffic and safety due to the S&S Greenway. Mr. Couch and the Board discussed the price of engineering for the possible designs, and Commissioner Ethridge suggested that Mr. Couch acquire proposals from the local firms before the Board chooses a design. After further discussion, Mr. Couch stated that he would work on obtaining proposals from local firms, and no action was taken regarding the matter.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider accepting the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from SWW Construction of Soperton, Georgia, for the construction and paving of Sterling Court. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that a special tax district was created to allow the property owners to pay for the paving of the private road. After discussion from the Board and Area Road Superintendents, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to reject all of the bids, re-scope the project with the intent that County labor will perform all of the earth and grubbing work, and

then put the paving project out for bid. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to accept the lowest and most responsible bid from Jimmy Haire of Claxton, Georgia, for the annual roadside mowing contract. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that Mr. Haire was awarded the contract last year, and did a good job with no complaints. Without discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to accept the bid from Jimmy Haire of Claxton, Georgia, for the annual roadside mowing contract in the amount of \$116,535.00. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the reading and adoption of a resolution to publicly accept and dedicate public roads in the Burkhalter Plantation Subdivision. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that adoption of the resolution will implement acceptance of the roads and authorize Chairman Nevil to accept a deed from the developer, subject to the condition that the county will be provided with security in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the form of a security bond, bank letter of credit, or similar instrument for the maintenance of the streets, signs, and drainage for a period of two years. Without discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to adopt the resolution to accept and dedicate public roads in the Burkhalter Plantation Subdivision. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bulloch County Board of Education for use of the tennis complex at Mill Creek Park. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the agreement supersedes the previously signed agreement because the terms were changed from twenty five (25) years to fifty (50) years. Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins stated that the terms were acceptable. Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental

Agreement with the Bulloch County Board of Education for use of the tennis complex at Mill Creek Park (See Exhibit #2011-37). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that in consideration of what was expected to be a detailed presentation on Rural Fire Services, the Board would recess for ten minutes.

The meeting was reconvened, and the fifth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding a Rural Fire Services report. Chairman Nevil called on Public Safety Ted Wynn to initiate discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Wynn turned the presentation over to Deputy Fire Chief Jeff McVey. Mr. McVey discussed how training for safety and operations has progressed over the past two years for the volunteer firefighters. Next, Fire Chief Randy Walker discussed how the Rural Fire Department has grown in the past three years regarding equipment, personnel, and substations. Chief Walker further discussed what type of equipment and funding would be needed in the future. Chief Walker and the Board also discussed ISO ratings and the coverage for the City of Statesboro's five mile district. After further discussion, the Board thanked the Mr. Wynn, Mr. McVey, Chief Walker, and the Volunteers for all of their hard work.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Ethridge thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for all of their hard work. Commissioner Rushing stated that he would like to discuss some issues with the AG-5 Zoning classification during a future workshop. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch stated that he would be contacting each of the Commissioners regarding a proposed SPLOST extension referendum for November. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald reminded the Board to RSVP for the Twenty Year Dinner, and stated that Commissioner Mosley would receive his ACCG Commissioners Training Program Certification in Savannah on May 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil stated that there was no further business for the open session of the regular agenda, and the Board

must close the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about fifteen minutes, the Board would reconvene and most likely call for a motion to adjourn. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel, Jeff Akins, for the purposes of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2011-38). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion.

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The meeting was reconvened, and hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board