

April 7, 2009  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner George Jackson 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, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Division Manager Chad Avret, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Purchasing Manager Kenneth Trapnell, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Keep Bulloch Beautiful Executive Director Jenna Lawson, Transportation Director Eddie Smith, and Planning and Zoning Development Director Andy Welch.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board and asked to amend the General Agenda by adding Item #4 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action to consider Statewide and Federal Cooperative purchasing proposals for various items of heavy equipment by the Road Department. Without hearing any further changes or modifications, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with one modification as requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Workshop held on March 17, 2009 and the Special Called Meeting held on March 25, 2009. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. There were no petitions received in writing. Mr. Lawton Sack, of Lakeview

Road, asked to address the Board, and explained how he felt the Courthouse Square Reservation Application process was inefficient and inconvenient for full-time working residents. Mr. Sack stated that it would be more efficient to have the County Manager sign off on the application and then notify the Chief of Police and the Sheriff. Chairman Nevil stated that the Board would review the application process. With no further public comments, Chairman Nevil stated that the next items of Business on the Agenda would be two Presentations.

For the first Presentation, Jenna Lawson, Executive Director of Keep Bulloch Beautiful, briefed the Board about the logistics and scheduled events for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great American Cleanup. Mrs. Lawson stated that the GAC is KBB's largest event of the year and will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The second Presentation was from Tim Chapman, Executive Director of the Averitt Center for the Arts. Mr. Chapman gave the Board a recap of the Art Center's history, events, activities, operations, and financial information for the past five years. Mr. Chapman stated that September 2009 will be the Art Centers five year Anniversary, and that the numbers of visitors from Bulloch County and surrounding counties continues to grow every year.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) To authorize the County Manager to execute and award a fixed price term contract and purchase order based on the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most advantageous bid with Diversified Metal Fabricators of Smithville, Missouri, for tables and trash cans for the expanded area at Splash in the Boro with funds to be appropriated from the Aquatic Center Annual Operating Fund; (2) To authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute a Quit Claim Deed to Mr. Rufus F. White for the purpose of abandoning excess road right-of-way (See Exhibit #2009-34); and (3) To accept a Grant Award from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$73,493.00, for the purpose of implementing Reverse 911, and to authorize matching funds in the amount of \$21,395.00 from the E-911 Special Revenue Fund Operating Budget (See Exhibit #2009-35). Without discussion, Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize a pending award regarding a proposed Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Grant Application by the Sheriff's Department (See Exhibit #2009-36). Sheriff Lynn Anderson stated that his department requested three new Deputies in the COPS Grant Application. Sheriff Anderson explained that if the Sheriff's Department is awarded the Grant, the Federal Government will pay the full salary and benefits for three Deputies for three years, but the Sheriff's Department must agree to pay the salary and benefits for next twelve months after the grant money has been exhausted. County Manager Couch stated that he was confident that the Sheriff's Department's Budget would allow for a new vehicle, uniforms, equipment, and training for three new Deputies. Mr. Couch also stated that with as much growth as the County has experienced in the past several years, there will definitely be a need for more Deputies in the next three years. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to authorize a pending award regarding a proposed Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Grant Application by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to grant an Alcoholic Beverage License for Package Retail Beer and Wine Sales to Mr. Ankurkumar Patel of Sunfly Food #2, which is located at 5901 Georgia State Highway 24 in Unincorporated Bulloch County. Without discussion, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to grant an Alcoholic Beverage License for Package Retail Beer and Wine Sales to Mr. Ankurkumar Patel of Sunfly Food #2. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt an amendment to the original Resolution establishing the Rural Fire Department (See Exhibit #2009-37). Staff Attorney Jeff Akins stated that the Resolution allows for the waiver of fees on structures (including manufactured homes) that are coded as residential by the Tax Assessor's office if the property owner provides the Public Safety Director and Fire Chief with reasonable and satisfactory evidence that the structure is not being used and is not intended to be used as a residential structure. Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve an amendment

to the original Resolution establishing the Rural Fire Department. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The last item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider Statewide and Federal Cooperative purchasing proposals for various items of heavy equipment by the Road Department (See Exhibit #2009-38). Transportation Director Eddie Smith explained the need for the various items of heavy equipment, the pricing, the maintenance and warranty information, and the reason for the addition of parts for some of the equipment. Chairman Nevil stated that Mr. Smith and Jay Beasley will need to keep detailed maintenance records for the Caterpillar and John Deere Motorgraders in order to determine which piece of equipment has better fuel consumption and requires the least amount of maintenance. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the lease of one Caterpillar 320D Hydraulic Excavator with an additional thumb/bucket clamp, two Caterpillar 420E Backhoes with additional extend-a-hoe for the boom and multipurpose buckets, two John Deere 670G Motorgraders, and two Caterpillar 12M Motorgraders. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board, and stated that the Board will hold a lengthy Workshop after the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to discuss SPLOST Projects for the FY2010 budget.

Chairman Nevil asked for additional comments from the Staff or Board. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Real Estate Acquisition. Without further discussion, Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Real Estate Acquisition. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously (See Exhibit #2009-39). Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion.

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After the Executive Session, Commissioner Gibson 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: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board