

December 21, 2010  
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 Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Human Resource Director Heather McNeal, 911 Addressing Coordinator Shannon Mixon, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, and County Attorney Charles Brown.

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. Hearing no amendments or modifications for the General Agenda, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2010. 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 Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald and County Manager Thomas Couch both stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to Consent Agenda.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) To accept the Staff recommendation to appoint Thomas L. Moore III, Gary D. Edwards Jr., and Jeanne Anne Marsh to the Planning and Zoning Commission; (2) To approve a

resolution authorizing the acceptance of Blueberry Court in Phase II of Blueberry Chase Subdivision (See Exhibit #2010-206); (3) To approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of Knob Creek Drive in Knob Creek Subdivision (See Exhibit #2010-207); (4) To accept the lowest and most responsive bid from SCM, Inc., of Statesboro, Georgia, to replace and retrofit HVAC units and programmable thermostats for several County buildings (See Exhibit #2010-208); (5) To authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the National Center for State Courts to conduct an organizational study of the Clerk of Courts office (See Exhibit #2010-209); (6) To approve a resolution to designate Clerk of the Board, Maggie Fitzgerald, as the County Legislative Coordinator (See Exhibit #2010-210); (7) To grant an alcoholic beverage license for package retail beer and wine sales to Suren Patel of SV Trading Company, Inc., doing business as Zip-N-Food #9, located at 6645 Highway 67, Brooklet, Georgia, in Unincorporated Bulloch County; and (8) To ratify an Economic Development Agreement for the Great Dane Project (See Exhibit 2010-211). Without discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Without any Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the only item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to rename J.C. Hardy Road to Landfill Road. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch referred to 911 Addressing Coordinator Shannon Mixon. Ms. Mixon stated that the landfill is incorrectly addressed, which could cause potential problems for EMS providers, and that the City of Statesboro has already approved the name change for the road. Commissioner Rushing stated that the road was named after Mr. Hardy who donated the land for the landfill. Without further discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve a request to rename J.C. Hardy Road to Landfill Road (See Exhibit #2010-212). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner and Staff to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Mosley and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Each Member of the Board wished the Staff a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, thanked the Staff for their service, and also

thanked Charles Brown for his service. Commissioner Rushing stated that the meeting was his last as Vice Chairman, and thanked all the Board members for their service. County Manager Thomas Couch discussed swearing in Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Simmons at 5:15 p.m. on January 4, 2011. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald thanked the Board and Staff for their service, and handed out new lapel pins to the Board. County Attorney Charles Brown discussed holding a workshop for the new Campaign Ethics laws during 2011. Human Resources Director Heather McNeal discussed the potential of having local vendors that provide services to employees set up booths during the Employee Appreciation Lunch that will be held in March. Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the Commission or Staff.

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 and Potential Real Estate Acquisition. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about twenty minutes, the Board would reconvene to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel, Jeff Akins, for the purposes of deliberating on personnel matters and potential real estate acquisition. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and potential real estate acquisition (See Exhibit #2010-213). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion.

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Chairman Nevil reconvened the Regular Meeting and asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gibson 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