

January 20, 2009
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. Chairman Nevil 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 Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Jackson, and Commissioner Simmons. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Statesboro Bulloch County Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, and Public Safety Director Ted Wynn.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald asked to address the Board and stated that the item listed under New Business needed to be changed from a Temporary Alcohol License to a Regular Alcohol License. Without hearing any further changes or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the one modification. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2009. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Commissioner Gibson 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 and no comments from the public. With no public comments, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) To dispense with the reading and adopt Budget Amendment #1 authorizing the sole source purchase of communications equipment for the Sheriff's Department with funds to be appropriated as SPLOST-CIP #C-09-07 (See Exhibit #2009-5); (2) To authorize the County Manager to approve the lowest and most responsive bid for Airport security

fencing with funds to be appropriated from SPLOST-CIP #TA-09-01 (See Exhibit #2009-6); (3) To authorize the County Manager to approve the sole proposal for CDBG Administration for the Lake Collins Road and Drainage project with funds to be appropriated from SPLOST-CIP #TR-09-01 and CDBG funds (See Exhibit #2009-7). Chairman Nevil asked for any modifications or discussion concerning the items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Thompson asked Airport Manager Jeff Herrington why he did not pick the local vendor for Airport Security Fencing bid. Mr. Herrington stated that the approval of the lowest bidder is an FAA requirement and the FAA is paying for 95% of the project. After some discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve the renewal of two Alcohol Licenses: (1) Mr. Siddharth Patel, El Cheapo, Brooklet, Ga., and (2) Mr. Fagunkumar Patel, El Cheapo, Statesboro, Ga. Chairman Nevil asked for any discussion desired by the staff or the Board. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald asked to address the Board and stated that the two businesses were extremely late renewing their alcohol licenses and would pay the license fee plus a late penalty. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that because she received their criminal histories so fast from the Sheriff's Department that issuing a temporary license was not a necessity, and that the Board could proceed with issuing the regular 2009 license. Without further discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the renewal of two alcohol licenses. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. Commissioner Simmons stated that he received a letter from Club Pride asking for a contribution. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the county appropriates funds in the budget every year for Club Pride and that the funds are listed under the account for Drug Awareness Education. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission still needs to fill two seats. Mr. Couch asked that the Board be ready to appoint two people at the next meeting. Mr. Couch also asked Jeff Herrington to reserve the Airport van for the Wild Game Supper.

Chairman Nevil asked for further discussion or comments from the staff or the board. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil stated that the Regular meeting would adjourn and after a five minute recess, the Board would reconvene for a Budget Workshop. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board