

July 20, 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 Roy Thompson 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 Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Purchasing Director Kenneth Trapnell, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Eddie Smith, Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Hook, Human Resource Director Heather McNeal, and Airport Manager Jeff Herrington.

After Roll Call, the first item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting that was held on July 6, 2010. Chairman Nevil asked for corrections or modifications. Commissioner Thompson asked to change the word "would" to "could" in the first paragraph on the second page of the minutes. Without hearing any further corrections or modifications, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as modified. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Commissioner Thompson requested to amend the General Agenda by adding Item #3 under the New Business Agenda for the Discussion of the Occupational Tax License. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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. Mrs. Carolyn Hobbs, of Pine Needle Hills, asked to address the Board, and discussed the options for the creation of a Street Light Tax District for the subdivision. Mrs. Hobbs and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins discussed the deadlines for a Public Hearing, adoption of a Resolution, and the date for adding the tax to the Tax Bills. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the scheduled Presentations.

The first scheduled Presentation was petitioned by Mr. Robert Lee regarding a road closure. Mr. Lee petitioned the Board to close Club Road that runs between his fields. Mr. Lee stated that no one lives on the road, and that if the road were closed, he would have more land to farm. After further discussion from Mr. Lee, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, and the Board, Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Lee if he would be willing to give the County enough right-of-way to create a cul-de-sac for motor graders and school buses to use to turn around if the road were closed. Mr. Lee stated that he would deed the county enough right-of-way for a cul-de-sac.

The second scheduled presentation was petitioned by Ms. Ophelia Gaines, Executive Director, of Concerted Services, Inc. Ms. Gaines stated that she and two of her staff members were present to give the Board a yearly update regarding the services that Concerted Services provides to the Community. Ms. Diane Jones, Community Services Director for Concerted Services, discussed the programs offered by Concerted Services, and also reviewed how Stimulus Funds contributed to the programs. Mr. Serge Strickland, Weatherization Director for Concerted Services discussed the Weatherization Assistance Program. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked Ms. Gaines, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Strickland for their presentations.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to authorize the County Manager to execute the Flexible Benefit Plan Administrative Agreement for the Employee Health Care Plan with First Services Administrators of Ormond Beach, Florida (See Exhibit #2010-113); (2) to authorize the County Manager to execute the COBRA-HIPPA Administrative Agreement for the Employee Health Care Plan with First Services Administrators of Ormond Beach, Florida (See Exhibit #2010-114); (3) to authorize the County Manager to execute the General Administrative Agreement for the Employee Health Care Plan with First Services Administrators of

Ormond Beach, Florida (See Exhibit #2010-115); (4) to authorize the County Manager to execute the Landlord's Release and Consent Agreement with Pegasus Air, LLL., and Capital City Bank with regard to collateral assignment of the Lessee interests at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport (See Exhibit #2010-116). Commissioner Thompson asked each Staff member to present their Consent Agenda item, and after further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Without any Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize the County Manager to award a contract and issue a purchase order based on the lowest and most responsible bid to Chandler Roofing in the amount of \$19,378 to re-roof the Courtland Street District Attorney's Office building. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that 2007 SPLOST funds from the CIP will pay for the new roof. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to award a contract and issue a purchase order based on the lowest and most responsible bid to Chandler Roofing in the amount of \$19,378 to re-roof the Courtland Street District Attorney's Office building (See Exhibit #2010-117). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bulloch County Board of Education and the City of Statesboro to share the cost of road improvements adjacent to the new Sallie Zetterower Elementary School and for other considerations with proceeds to be appropriated from SPLOST-CIP Category TR-04 for the Southeast Quadrant Improvements Program. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the road improvements are needed before the new school can be completed. Mr. Couch stated that the BOE will pay for 55% of the project, the City of Statesboro will pay 31%, and Bulloch County will pay 14%. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bulloch County Board of Education and the City of Statesboro to share the cost of road improvements

adjacent to the new Sallie Zetterower Elementary School and for other considerations with proceeds to be appropriated from SPLOST-CIP Category TR-04 for the Southeast Quadrant Improvements Program (See Exhibit #2010-118). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion regarding the Occupational Tax License. Chairman Nevil called on Commissioner Roy Thompson to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Commissioner Thompson stated that multiple citizens and business owners have asked him questions regarding the Occupational Tax License and that he would like more information on the subject. Commissioner Thompson asked several questions about what type of businesses are and are not exempt from the tax. After further discussion from Mr. Couch and Mr. Akins, Commissioner Thompson stated that in the future he will direct all questions regarding the tax to the Zoning Staff. No action was taken regarding the Occupational Tax License.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the Commission or Staff. Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Simmons and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Simmons did not have any comments. Commissioner Ethridge thanked the Staff for their presentations regarding their agenda items. Commissioner Mosley, Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all thanked the Staff for their hard work. Commissioner Rushing did not have any comments.

Without further comments from the Board, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. County Manager Thomas Couch discussed a memo that was given to the Board regarding priorities for unfinished projects, and stated that several workshops would need to be held in the future to discuss the projects.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board