

July 6, 2010  
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. Vice Chairman Robert Rushing 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 Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Charles Brown, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department Division Manager Sherrie Zeigler, Purchasing Director Kenneth Trapnell, Keep Bulloch Beautiful Executive Director Kelly Collingsworth, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Fire Chief Randy Walker, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

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 none, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting that was held on June 15, 2010, and the Special Called Meeting that was held on June 22, 2010. Chairman Nevil asked for corrections or modifications. Without hearing corrections or modifications, Commissioner Mosley 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. 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 public comments, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the scheduled Presentation.

The scheduled Presentation was petitioned by Ms. Lorraine Pugliano regarding a utility reimbursement for a Streetlight Tax District for Lisa Hodges. Ms. Pugliano stated

that the Board of Commissioners approved a Streetlight Tax District for The Hammocks subdivision on June 2, 2007, but has failed to pay for or reimburse Ms. Lisa Hodges for the utility charges accrued for the past 17 months or from January 1, 2009, until May 30, 2010. County Attorney Charles Brown addressed Ms. Pugliano, and stated that the resolution creating the district was not adopted until May 5, 2009 and that the County must collect the taxes in that district for a year before the utility bills can be paid. Mr. Brown stated that the Board would be in violation of the County Ordinances if a decision were made to reimburse Ms. Hodges. After further discussion from Mr. Brown, Mr. Couch, Ms. Pugliano, and the Board, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board could not reimburse Ms. Hodges.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to authorize the County Manager to execute an annual fixed price contract based on the staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from Mallard Auto Parts for filters to be used on County vehicles and equipment for the Fleet Maintenance Department (See Exhibit #2010-107); (2) to authorize the County Manager to execute an annual fixed price contract based on the staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from NAPA Auto Parts for batteries to be used on County vehicles and equipment for the Fleet Maintenance Department (See Exhibit #2010-108); (3) to authorize the County Manager to execute an annual fixed price contract based on the staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from Awards South for participant trophies for the Parks and Recreation Department (See Exhibit #2010-109); (4) to authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase order based on the staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply for firefighting gear for the County Fire Department (See Exhibit #2010-110); and (5) to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute loan documents with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for expansion of the Recycling Processing Center (See Exhibit #2010-111). Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson 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 accept roads for public dedication in Berkshire subdivision. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated County Engineer Kirk Tatum and Transportation Director Eddie Smith inspected the roads and deemed the roads acceptable in regards to the county's standards. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a resolution accepting roads for public dedication in Berkshire subdivision (See Exhibit #2010-112). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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 and Commissioner Mosley did not have any comments, so Chairman Nevil stated that Mike Rollins's father and Kelly Barnard's father both passed away over the weekend and asked that the Board and Staff keep them in their thoughts and prayers. Next, Commissioner Rushing did not have any comments, but Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to amend the purchasing policy by changing the local vendor preference from 3% to 5%. Without discussion, Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Without further comments from the Board, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. County Manager Thomas Couch informed the Board of a ribbon cutting for the new Luetta Moore Cultural Center building that will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Next, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald informed the Board of an upcoming ACCG class regarding new transportation funding and property tax reform laws that will be held in Evans County on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Fitzgerald also informed the Board of two recent arrests for selling alcohol to minors by two County alcoholic beverage license holders. County Attorney Charles Brown updated the Board about Mr. Mike Henderson's appeal, and stated that he planned to hold an ethics refresher course for the Board on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to

adjourn the meeting. 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