

June 15, 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. 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, Vice Chairman Robert Rushing, 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, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Fire Chief Randy Walker, Warden Billy Tompkins, and Airport Manager Jeff Herrington.

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. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board, and stated that Lorraine Pugliano called to cancel the Presentation she requested regarding a utility reimbursement for her daughter, Lisa Hodges. Hearing no further amendments, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Workshop held on May 27, 2010, and the Regular Meeting and Executive Session that were held on June 1, 2010. Chairman Nevil asked for corrections or modifications. Without hearing corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the duly advertised Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 General Appropriations Budget. The Public Notice, as advertised in the County's Legal Organ, is shown as Exhibit # 2010-94. Chairman Nevil

called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch directed everyone's attention to a Power Point Presentation regarding the FY 2011 General Appropriations Budget (GAB). Then, Mr. Couch stated that as Chief Budget Officer he proposed a recommended General Appropriations Budget of \$60.6 million dollars with \$30.5 million in the General Fund. Mr. Couch stated that Special Revenue Funds were budgeted at \$9.4 million, Enterprise Funds at \$2.1 million, Internal Service Fund at \$4.2 million, and Authorized SPLOST projects at \$14.4 million. Mr. Couch discussed the FY 2010 operating and capital projects accomplishments, the macro-economic and local economic outlooks for FY 2011, the economic impacts on the FY 2011 GAB, and objectives and funding priorities for the GAB. Mr. Couch explained the unmet needs for FY 2011 and the Capital projects and budget regarding SPLOST. In conclusion, Mr. Couch stated the County will have a tight, but, responsible budget, on-going cost containment strategies are needed to reduce uncertainty in this economic climate, and that the County can survive this until the economy improves. Chairman Nevil opened the floor, and called for questions and comments regarding the budget from the Board, Staff, or Public. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item of Business.

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. Commissioner Thompson introduced Mr. Junior Lott, and stated that Mr. Lott would like to address the Board regarding the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Lott stated that under the current Sign Ordinance he is not allowed to advertise his produce as it becomes available, and that he formally requests that the Board exempt farmer and agriculture signs from the ordinance. After further discussion from Mr. Lott, Mr. Couch, and the Board, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins asked Mr. Lott to meet with him after the meeting to discuss the Sign Ordinance and how to address Mr. Lott's current advertising needs. Next, Lt. Col. Tom Bright, Commander of the 48th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, stated that he would be leaving the command, and that John Davis would take over the Battalion in July. Lt. Col. Bright stated that he has appreciated the County's support over the past two years, especially during their deployment in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Bright informed the Board about the

Military Homecoming Celebration on July 9th, and asked for the Board's support of the event. Chairman Nevil stated that the Board looks forward to the Homecoming Celebration and supports the event. Chairman Nevil asked further comments from the Board, Staff, or Public, and hearing none, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the Consent Agenda.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the RCS Productions Inc., regarding the main band for Firecracker Fest Celebration (See Exhibit #2010-95); (2) to authorize the County Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Facilities to accept a grant award of \$215,000.00 for energy efficiency improvements and public and personnel education services (See Exhibit #2010-96); (3) to authorize the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission for forestland fire protection services (See Exhibit #2010-97); (4) to accept the staff recommendation to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution establishing annual fees for the Rural Fire District for FY 2011 (See Exhibit #2010-98); (5) to accept the staff recommendation to approve Option 1 of the inmate excess loss medical insurance (See Exhibit #2010-99); (6) to approve the amended and restated Summary Plan document for the Flexible Spending Plan that will be effective on July 1, 2010 (See Exhibit #2010-100); (7) to approve the amended and restated Plan document for the Flexible Spending Plan that will be effective on July 1, 2010 (See Exhibit #2010-101); (8) to approve a Service Agreement with Hines & Associates, Inc., regarding the performance of utilization review services in connection with the employee health insurance plan (See Exhibit #2010-102); (9) to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the FY 2011 Capacity Agreement regarding State inmates housed in the Bulloch County Correctional Institute (See Exhibit #2010-103); and (10) to authorize the County Manager to approve a professional services and design agreement with Martin, Rule and Associates for a new flight school/multi-purpose building for the Statesboro Bulloch County Airport (See Exhibit #2010-104). Without discussion from the Board, Commissioner Thompson 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 first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase order and fixed price agreement based on the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most advantageous bid with Y-Delta for the Judicial Annex enclosure work. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that this project consists of enclosing the open exterior space at the northeast corner of the Judicial Annex and adjoining it with the existing Clerk of Court's storage thereby increasing the storage capacity. Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase order and fixed price agreement based on the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most advantageous bid with Y-Delta for the Judicial Annex enclosure work. 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 stated that the Sign Ordinance was created because temporary signs littered the County at the time. Commissioner Mosley, Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all thanked Lt. Col. Bright and his men and women for serving our Country and Bulloch County. Commissioner Rushing discussed several complaints he has received regarding roadside mowing. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. County Manager Thomas Couch reviewed the schedule for the budget and stated that the Special Called Meeting to adopt the budget would be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Nevil asked for any further comments from the Board or Staff. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board