

June 16, 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. Commissioner George Jackson 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 Tankersley, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Purchasing Manager Kenneth Trapnell, Human Resource Director Heather McNeal, BCCI Warden Billy Tompkins, Probate Judge Lee Deloach, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, and Planning and Zoning Development Director Andy Welch.

After Roll Call, the first item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2009. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch requested to amend the agenda by adding, as item number 2 to the New Business Agenda, the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to declare certain equipment as unserviceable and eligible for sale. Without hearing any further changes or modifications, Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with one modification as requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Tankersley 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 stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Mrs. Carolyn Hobbs, of Pine Needle Subdivision, asked to address the Board, and stated that her

neighborhood had filed the application and paid the fee for a Street Light Tax District in Pine Needle Subdivision. Mr. Hobbs asked to for Pine Needle's Street Light Tax District request to be formally placed on the next Agenda. Chairman Nevil stated the request would be placed on the Agenda as soon as it had been approved by the appropriate Departments. Hearing no further public comments, Chairman Nevil moved on to the scheduled Presentation.

County Manager Thomas Couch stated that Mrs. Donna Whitt had been scheduled to give a presentation about the C.H.I.L.D. program. However, Mr. Couch stated that Mrs. Whitt was not in the audience, and asked Chairman Nevil to defer her presentation to a later date.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- (1) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to add an additional lease payment schedule to the Master Lease Agreement with Deere Credit with regard to the purchase of a John Deere Model 670 G Motor Grader as previously approved by the Board (See Exhibit #2009-68);
- (2) To authorize the County Manager to execute the renewal of an agreement for the use of inmate labor from the Department of Corrections for the Parks and Recreation Department, with proceeds to be appropriated contingent upon the pending approval of the FY 2010 General Appropriations Budget (See Exhibit #2009-69);
- (3) To authorize the County Manager to execute the acceptance of a price proposal and blanket purchase order based on the staff recommendation for the lowest and most advantageous bid for inmate prescription drugs from Riggs Pharmacy of Statesboro, Georgia (See Exhibit #2009-70);
- (4) To authorize the County Manager to approve a sole source procurement to exercise an option to purchase John Deere Turf Care Equipment previously leased by Georgia Turf and Tractor in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the Recreation Department, with proceeds to be appropriated from the FY 2009 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget;
- (5) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment revising Section Seven (7) of the County Financial Policies pertaining to Grants Management (See Exhibit #2009-71);
- (6) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution authorizing various technical amendments to the County Computer and Telecommunications Use Policies pertaining to cell phone allowances and reimbursements (See Exhibit #2009-72);
- (7) To dispense with

the reading and adopt a Resolution to authorize the re-allocation of 2002 SPLOST Funds (See Exhibit #2009-73; (8) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution authorizing the update to the Bulloch County Service Delivery Strategy Update contingent upon approval of the Municipalities of Brooklet, Portal, Register, and Statesboro (See Exhibit #2009-74); and (9) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution authorizing the update of the Bulloch County Joint Comprehensive Plan, contingent upon pending approval of the Municipalities of Brooklet, Portal, and Register (See Exhibit #2009-75). Without any discussion from the Board, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution to authorize the FY 2010 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil asked County Manager Thomas Couch to present this item to the Board. Mr. Couch stated that he received the final revenue numbers, and was ready to submit the budget for Board approval as presented with the final adjustments. Mr. Couch also stated that the primary goal of the budget is to continue improving the County's fund balance. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution to authorize the FY 2010 General Appropriations Budget (See Exhibit #2009-76). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The final item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution to authorize the sale of unserviceable surplus equipment. Chairman Nevil asked County Manager Thomas Couch to present this item to the Board. Mr. Couch stated that two (2) 2004 Model 143 H Caterpillar motor graders and one (1) 1993 Model 644 G John Deere loader would be deemed surplus and sold at auction if the Resolution is approved. Mr. Couch stated that the equipment was included in the buy-sell agreement. After further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution to authorize the sale of unserviceable surplus equipment (See Exhibit #2009-77). Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. County Manager Thomas Couch informed the Board of a Joint Comprehensive Transportation Plan meeting that will be held on July 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. Staff Attorney Jeff Akins informed the Board about an upcoming Hearing regarding the suit against Michael Henderson. Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Couch when demolition would begin at the Luetta Moore Park. Mr. Couch stated that he would have to check with the Recreation Department and call Mr. Simmons with a time frame.

Chairman Nevil asked for additional comments from the Staff or Board. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 and 50-14-3, and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel, Mr. Jeff Akins, for the purposes of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously (See Exhibit #2009-78). Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

After the Executive Session, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to reconvene and open the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board, and stated that the County's Sign Ordinance was patterned after the City of Statesboro's Ordinance. Mr. Couch stated that there is a possibility that the County may have to amend the Ordinance. Planning and Development Director Andy Welch stated that the City's Sign Ordinance has been challenged by a billboard company, and therefore the City placed their Ordinance under moratorium. Mr. Couch stated that once the City amends the Ordinance, the County will need to amend the current Ordinance.

Chairman Nevil asked for additional comments from the Staff or Board. Hearing none, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board