

June 21, 2011
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 Mosley, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Fire Chief Randy Walker, County Engineer and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum, BCCI Warden Chris Hill, BCCI Deputy Warden Bubba Smith, Elections Supervisor Pat Lanier Jones, Library Head of Business Services Alison Solomon, and Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

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 amend the General Agenda by transferring Item #5 of New Business to be represented as Item #7, adding as Item #5 of New Business the discussion and/or action regarding the proposed funding of Coastal Regional Coaches in the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget, and adding as Item #6 of New Business the discussion and/or action regarding the proposed schedule of Fees as part of the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Ethridge 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 31, 2011, the Special Called Meeting held on June 1, 2011, and the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2011. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Commissioner Gibson stated that solid was spelled sold in the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on June 1, 2011. Without hearing any further

corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the scheduled Presentation.

Chairman Nevil stated that the Board received one petition to appear before the Board for a Presentation by Mr. Brantley Basinger representing Municipal Communications of Atlanta, Georgia, regarding a business proposal for the County. Mr. Basinger stated that Municipal Communications would market Bulloch County properties to all major wireless service providers, install and/or construct all communication towers to the desire of the County, and the County would be allowed to use the towers for Public Safety Communication Devices. Mr. Basinger stated that a Master Lease Agreement for each tower location would provide the County with a site fee payment of \$65,000.00, a second site fee payment during the second year of \$35,000.00, a monthly rental fee of \$500.00, and a fee of \$5,000.00 for each new carrier's collation. After further discussion, Mr. Couch thanked Mr. Basinger for the presentation, and stated that the Staff would further research the offer and then offer a recommendation to the Board.

Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution based on the recommendation of the Administrative Services Division to establish fees for the Rural Fire District and to authorize collection by the Tax Commissioner (See Exhibit #2011-53); (2) to authorize the County Manager to award a sole service procurement and execute a professional services agreement based on the recommendation of the Public Safety Division with the Strategic Planning Firm of Savannah, Georgia, to prepare the Hazard Mitigation Plan update for \$20,000.00 to be paid out of funds the Georgia Emergency Management Association has set aside in the form of a grant; (3) to authorize the County Manager to award a sole source procurement and execute an Operational Agreement based on the recommendation of the Public Safety Division with

Plant-CML of Franklin, Tennessee, to provide expanded telephone line capacity for Reverse 911 (See Exhibit #2011-54); (4) to authorize the County Manager to award a sole source procurement and execute a renewal agreement based on the recommendation of the Administrative Services Division with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia's Risk Management Program for property and liability insurance (See Exhibit #2011-55); (5) to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to accept a portion of a Federal Grant-In-Aid from the City of Statesboro for the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement equipment (See Exhibit #2011-56); (6) to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance and public dedication of a portion of Jimps Road intersecting with A.J. Riggs Road (See Exhibit #2011-57); (7) to authorize the County Manager to award a sole source procurement and execute a service contract based on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Department for entertainment provided by the RCS Productions of Fayetteville, Georgia, to be performed at the July 4th Firecracker Festival (See Exhibit #2011-58); and (8) to authorize the County Manager to award a sole source procurement and execute a renewal agreement based on the recommendation of the Administrative Services Division with the Hunt Insurance Group of Tallahassee, Florida, for Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance (See Exhibit #2011-59). Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge 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 consider authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Portal, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the agreement requires Portal to pay the basic expenses of the election, and that there will be less confusion in conducting the election. Elections Supervisor Pat Lanier Jones stated that the elections will be held in the same locations, with the same poll workers, and with County equipment. Without discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental

Agreement with the Town of Portal, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election (See Exhibit #2011-60). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Register, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election. Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Register, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election (See Exhibit #2011-61). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Brooklet, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election. Without discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Brooklet, enabling the Board of Elections and Registration to conduct and administer activities on their behalf related to the 2011 General Election (See Exhibit #2011-62). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the Master Plan proposals for the US 301 South and I-16 Development District. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the Board had been given copies of the proposals from the Coastal Regional Commission and the Ross Bleakley Group for review. Mr. Couch stated that he was seeking the Board's guidance in how to proceed with the selection and negotiation of a proposal. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to allow the County Manager to decide which proposal

would be the most advantageous for the County with a maximum spending limit of \$35,000.00. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fifth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the proposed funding of the Coastal Regional Coaches program in the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that he asked to include this item as an addition to the Agenda upon learning that there was an unresolved issue as it pertains to the adoption of the Budget, and that the funding was recommended for FY 2012. Mr. Couch asked that the Board make a motion to either consider the suspension of funding or approve the funding for FY 2012. Mr. Allen Burns, Executive Director of the Coastal Regional Commission, answered questions from Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Rushing regarding the buses used by the Coastal Coaches program, reserve funds, and funding from the State. Mrs. Barbara Hurst, Transportation Director of the Coastal Coaches, answered questions regarding the rider's fees, dispatching problems, and the future purchase of smaller vehicles. After further discussion from Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Mr. Couch, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve funding of the Coastal Regional Coaches program in the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried with a five to one vote. Commissioner Rushing voted against the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the sixth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the proposed schedule of fees for the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the fee schedule has not been included in the budget document, but that the additional revenue expected to be generated has been included. Mr. Couch asked the Board to review the proposed changes, and be prepared to discuss any concerns at a called meeting before the July 5th meeting. Mr. Couch stated that he anticipated asking the Board to adopt the resolution at the July 5th meeting to make the entire schedule of fees official. No official action was taken regarding this matter.

Chairman Nevil stated that the seventh item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to approve the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the Resolution would appropriate public funds for the General Fund, 21 Special Revenue Funds, one Internal Service Fund, and three Capital Funds. Mr. Couch stated that the aggregate figure was estimated at \$60.58 million, which was based on analysis and consideration of economic conditions, financial strategy, and fiscal warrants. After further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to approve the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget (See Exhibit #2011-63). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Mosley all thanked Mr. Burns and Mrs. Hurst for their presentation regarding the Coastal Coaches program, and thanked Mr. Couch and the Staff for all of their hard work on the Budget. Commissioner Thompson asked that the Board hold a Special Called Meeting regarding the Rural Fire District. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch stated that a Special Called Meeting would be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 11:45am to discuss SPLOST renewal, the Schedule of Fees, and the Rural Fire District. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald reminded the Board about the ACCG District 12 meeting. County Attorney Jeff Akins discussed redistricting, and gave the Board a timeline to approve the SPLOST and TAD. Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Akins also discussed the issue of approving Sunday Alcohol Sales for the November 2011 Election.

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

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board