

June 7, 2011
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. Commissioner 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, Vice Chairman Mosley, 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, Environmental Management Director Bob Smith, County Engineer and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and Zoning Administrator Randy Newman.

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 stated that the first item on the Consent Agenda should be the approval of a bid for one baler, and not two balers. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as corrected. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2011, the Special Called Meeting held on May 23, 2011, and the Workshop held on May 24, 2011. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Commissioner Gibson stated that in the Minutes of May 23, 2011, that Mr. Bryan Rountree's first name was spelled wrong. Without hearing any further corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. 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 Consent Agenda.

Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to accept the lowest and most responsible bid for one Ram Automatic Baler from International Baler Corporation in the amount of \$149,050.00 for the Solid Waste Recycling Center; (2) to dispense with the reading and adopt Resolution #2011-10 to accept dedication and title for roads in Brooklet South Subdivision (See Exhibit #2011-51); and (3) to accept the lowest and most responsible bid for paving improvements for the Sterling Court Special Assessment District. Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Chairman Nevil called for discussion from the Board. Commissioner Gibson asked that Item #3 on the Consent Agenda, the bid for paving improvements for Sterling Court be moved to Item #1 of New Business. Commissioner Simmons withdrew his motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. With the first motion withdrawn, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the first two items on the Consent Agenda, and to move Item #3, the bid for paving improvements for Sterling Court, to Item #1 of New Business for discussion. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Without any items of Old or New Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider accepting the lowest and most responsible bid for paving improvements for the Sterling Court Special Assessment District. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that a special tax district was created to allow the property owners to pay for the paving of the private road, and that a bid from Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$28,400.00 was the lowest bid. Commissioner Gibson stated that a finish date should be included in the bid because of the County's recent problems with the paving of streets in Hazelwood and Iron Gate. Mr. Couch stated that the Sterling Court paving is for a new road, and not resurfacing such as the projects in Hazelwood and Iron Gate. After discussion from the Board, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the bid for paving improvements

for the Sterling Court Special Assessment District. 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 bids for the annual stone contract. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that while Lovett Trucking appears to have the lowest bid, their fuel surcharge was benchmarked \$0.50 per gallon lower than Sanders Trucking. Commissioner Thompson stated that the County should try to end the annual contract, and only bid out stone projects that will cost over \$10,000.00 and request written estimates for projects costing under \$10,000.00. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to reject the bids, and allow the Staff to experiment with the alternative purchasing method of only bidding out stone projects that will cost over \$10,000.00 and request written estimates for projects costing under \$10,000.00. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding options for finishing the Neighborhoods First Resurfacing Program. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that he met with Ellis and Matt Wood and Ryan Hooker in order to create some options for fixing the roads in the program that have been resurfaced and for resurfacing the roads that have not been worked on yet. Mr. Couch reviewed six different options, and suggested that the County pursue options #5 and #6, which consisted of overlaying the scheduled roads in Irongate with 150 lb/sy plant mix asphalt, overlaying Hazelwood Drive and Elliswood Drive with 137.5 lb/sy asphalt, overlaying the remaining roads in Hazelwood with micro-surfacing, and overlaying Jones Mill Road with 150 lb/sy asphalt. Mr. Couch stated that options #5 and #6 would increase the original contract amount by approximately \$158,000.00. Randy Powell-Jones, John Parcels, Marilyn Sellers, and Bob Sherwood all discussed their issues with the road projects in Irongate and Hazelwood, and requested more information regarding the micro-surfacing. County Engineer Kirk Tatum stated that he would take the concerned citizens on a tour of other roads that have been resurfaced with micro-surfacing in Bulloch County. After further discussion, the Board agreed to wait for

feedback regarding the micro-surfacing from the concerned residents before making a decision on how to complete the resurfacing projects. No action was taken.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding proposals for the I-16/US 301 Master Development Plan. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that proposals had been received by the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) and the Ross-Bleakley consortium regarding the plan and process, and that after sorting out different components including quality and pricing, the staff consensus was that Ross-Bleakley was more highly qualified, especially with the Tax Allocation District. Mr. Couch stated that the Ross-Bleakley proposal included an engineering component, which made their proposal more expensive than the CRC proposal. After further discussion, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Couch to negotiate with Ross-Bleakley and the CRC for final proposals that only include the components that are needed at this time. No action was taken.

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 Simmons and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Thompson thanked everyone from Irongate and Hazelwood for attending the meeting, and urged them to meet with Mr. Tatum to tour the micro-surfaced roads as soon as possible.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch stated that a recommended FY 2012 Budget draft had been given to the Board. Mr. Couch asked the Board to review the budget and contact him with any questions or concerns. Mr. Couch also informed the Board that a proposed public hearing for the budget would be held on June 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil stated that there was no further business for the open session of the regular agenda. Chairman Nevil opened the meeting for Public Hearings regarding Zoning and Land Use matters, and welcomed the guests and called the Zoning and Land Use meeting to order. Chairman Nevil asked Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the only item of business.

Zoning Administrator Randy Newman presented Item #1 which was an application submitted by Mr. Roy Thompson requesting a Conditional Use to use the facilities on his property to host private and public functions. Mr. Newman stated that the property consists of 105 acres, and is located on Old River Road North, tax map #053 000012 000. The Staff recommended and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the Conditional Use Request. Mr. Thompson stated that the facilities on his property are used to host private and public functions, and that no alcohol is allowed on his property. Mr. Thompson also stated that most events on his property are over by 11:00 p.m. After further discussion, Mr. Newman stated that no one signed up to speak for or against the Conditional Use Request. Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson recused himself from voting on the matter, and Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve a Conditional Use request for Mr. Thompson to hold private and public functions at the facilities located on his property. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Simmons all voted in favor of the motion.

Sign-in sheets for Zoning Matters are shown in Exhibit #2011-52.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson 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