

May 17, 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. County Manager Thomas Couch 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 Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, County Engineer and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum, Human Resources Director Heather McNeal, and BCCI Warden Chris Hill.

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 no amendments or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting held on April 28, 2011 and for the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2011. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Without hearing any corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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. Mrs. Marilyn Sellers, of the Hazelwood Subdivision, discussed the road repaving project that started in Hazelwood in October 2010. Mrs. Sellers stated that neither the original contractor nor the sub contractor have finished the project, and the gravel and sand roads that were left

unfinished have caused major issues for the property owners of the subdivision. Mr. Mark Wyanochik, President of the Hazelwood Homeowner's Association, asked the Board when the roads would be finished and who would finish the project. Mr. John Parcels, of Hazelwood Subdivision, stated that the road conditions are lowering the property value of the homes in the neighborhood. After further discussion, County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the Staff has been working to correct the issues with the re-paving project, and that he would continue to keep Mr. Wyanochik informed about the project and the possible re-bidding of the paving. Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the scheduled Presentations.

Chairman Nevil stated that the first Presentation would be delivered by Mr. Richard Deal, the County's Auditor, representing Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield, and Deal, with regard to the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Financial Report. Before Mr. Deal's presentation, Chairman Nevil called for a three minute recess in order for the Board members to retrieve a copy of the audit.

The meeting was reconvened, and Mr. Deal presented a detailed review of the audit, and stated that there was a dramatic increase in the Health Insurance Fund which needed to be watched during the next fiscal year. Mr. Deal also reviewed nine significant deficiencies findings, and stated that Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling needs some accounting help in his office to help reduce those findings. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Deal for the review of the FY2010 Audit.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated that the second Presentation would be delivered by Mrs. Caryl Culbertson, the County's Third Party Administrator for the Employee Health Insurance Plan, representing Coastal Finance Group, with regards to the FY 2011 contract renewal and plan status. Mrs. Culbertson gave the Board an overview of self-funded plans, discussed the differences and cost savings of self-funded versus fully insured plans, and reviewed the renewal quotes. Mrs. Culbertson also discussed Stop-Loss insurance, the price changes, and how the County may want to address changes to the prescription co-pay plan. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked Mrs. Culbertson for the presentation, and moved forward to the next item on the Agenda.

Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to grant an alcoholic beverage license for package retail

beer and wine sales to Dipixaben Petal of Vrundavan Food Mart, Inc., doing business as Vrundavan Food Mart located at 898 Lakeview Road, Statesboro, Georgia, in Unincorporated Bulloch County; and (2) to appoint Mr. Michael Herrington to the Region 5 Mental Health, Development Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Planning Board. Without discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gibson 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 consider the approval of a Resolution for Stop-Loss Insurance for the Fiscal Year 2012 Health Plan. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated Mrs. Culbertson's presentation reviewed the cost of the Stop-Loss Insurance, and recommended approval of the proposal. Commissioner Ethridge discussed bidding out the Employee Health Care Plan in the future. After further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve Resolution #2011-9 for Stop-Loss Insurance for the Fiscal Year 2012 Health Plan (See Exhibit #2011-49). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Bulloch County, the County Board of Elections and Registration, and the City of Statesboro for conducting Municipal Elections. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the agreement fairly compensated the County and its personnel for the service, and will continue for a term of fifty (50) years unless and until it is terminated by any of the parties upon six (6) months written notice to the other parties. Mr. Couch recommended the approval of the agreement. Without discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Bulloch County, the County Board of Elections and Registration, and the City of Statesboro for conducting Municipal Elections (See Exhibit #2011-50). Commissioner Mosley 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 and Commissioner Mosley thanked Mr. Deal and Mrs. Culbertson for their presentations. Commissioner Thompson stated that he would like for the Board to hold a Workshop regarding SPLOST projects and County Fire Services. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch stated on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 p.m., the County and the Governing Authorities of the City of Statesboro, Town of Portal, Town of Brooklet, and Town of Register would all meet to discuss the 2013 SPLOST Renewal. Mr. Couch also stated that Workshops for the Board would be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 11:45 a.m. Human Resource Director Heather McNeal discussed a possible commitment with Air Evac, of Statesboro, Georgia, that would allow a payroll deduction for employees to be covered for medical air transport. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the commitment and payroll deduction for employees to enroll in the Air Evac benefit program. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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