

May 19, 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. 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, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Purchasing Manager Kenneth Trapnell, Building and Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Hook, Transportation Director Eddie Smith, Human Resource Director Heather McNeal, BCCI Warden Billy Tompkins, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, 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 General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch requested to amend the agenda by adding a ten minute recess after Commission and Staff Comments and by adding a budget discussion by the Development Authority after the conclusion of the Workshop. Without hearing any further changes or modifications, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with two modifications as requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session regarding Real Estate Acquisition held on May 5, 2009. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Commissioner Simmons 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. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Nevil moved on to the scheduled Presentation.

Commissioner Thompson introduced Mr. Daniel Lord and stated that he has spoken to Mr. Lord several times regarding his issue with multiple dogs being housed in a kennel on property that is Ag-5 zoned, but has been unable to find a solution to the problem. Mr. Lord addressed the Board and stated that his neighbor lives on 3.7 acres and has 10-12 hound dogs housed on the property that constantly bark at all hours. Mr. Lord also stated that the smell from the dogs is so terrible that he is unable to enjoy his yard. After some discussion, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board, the County Manager, and the Planning and Zoning Department would research the problem and try to find a solution that will help Mr. Lord and other citizens living with the same type of problem in their neighborhoods.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) To authorize the Sheriff's Department to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Statesboro to accept grant funds from the Department of Justice for Firing Range improvements (See Exhibit #2009-53); (2) To authorize the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Evercom Systems for Inmate Telecommunications at the Correctional Institute (See Exhibit #2009-54); (3) To authorize the reappointment of EMS Director Lee Eckles to the Southeast Georgia EMS Council; (4) To authorize the reappointment of Dr. Ron Shiffler to the Coastal Georgia RDC Regional Commission; and (5) To authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase order and contract award to the lowest and most responsible bidder, The Country Store Flooring Company, for the purpose of replacing the floor coverings in the DFCs building. Without any discussion from the Board, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification that the Country Store Flooring Company must submit a Worker's Compensation Certificate and a General Liability Certificate to the Purchasing Manager before the bid and contract can be awarded. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the only item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase order and fixed term price agreement with the lowest and most

responsible bidder, Sanders Trucking, for bulk rock supplies for the Transportation Department. Without any discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the execution of the purchase order and fixed term price agreement with Sanders Trucking. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald and Public Safety Director Ted Wynn reminded the Board to attend the Public Safety Week lunch at the Bulloch County Correctional Institute on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Nevil asked for additional comments from the Staff or Board. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board would recess for ten minutes and then reconvene for a Budget Workshop.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board