

November 18, 2008
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.

Mrs. Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, and Transportation Director Eddie Smith.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 6, 2008. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. There were no petitions received in writing. Mr. Felton Moore asked to address the Board and stated that he needs to sell a piece of his land because he is in dire financial need and trying to pay for his doctor bills. Zoning Administrator Randy Newman stated that Mr. Moore needs to pay the \$260.00 application fee for the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider his sketch plan and variance request. Mr. Moore stated that he could not afford the fee and asked that the Board waive his fee so he could sell his land and pay his doctor's bills. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to waive the application fee pending a letter from Mr. Moore's doctor. Commissioner Jackson

seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. With no other public comments, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item on the Agenda.

A Presentation from Transportation Director Eddie Smith and County Engineer Kirk Tatum was the next item on the Agenda. Mr. Smith presented an Equipment Replacement Proposal for the Road Department for equipment that is over five years old.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) To authorize the County Manager to execute a renewal of the Annual Carpet Cleaning Contract for the Parks and Recreation Department to Divine Care of Statesboro, Georgia, according to the terms and conditions, with proceeds to be appropriated from the Recreation Fund Operating Budget (See Exhibit #2008-139); (2) To authorize the County Manager to execute a renewal of the Annual Janitorial Services Contract for the Parks and Recreation Department to Divine Care of Statesboro, Georgia, according to the terms and conditions, with proceeds to be appropriated from the Recreation Fund Operating Budget (See Exhibit #2008-140); (3) To authorize the County Manager to execute a Contract for Spring Youth Baseball and Softball for the Parks and Recreation Department to the Doyle Baseball Academy of Knoxville, Tennessee, according to the terms and conditions, with proceeds to be appropriated from the Recreation Fund Operating Budget (See Exhibit #2008-141); (4) To authorize the County Manager to execute a Contract for Summer Soccer Camp Instruction for the Parks and Recreation Department to Challenger Sports Corporation of Lenexa, Kansas, according to the terms and conditions, with proceeds to be appropriated from the Recreation Fund Operating Budget (See Exhibit #2008-142); and (5) To authorize the Appointment of Mrs. Beth Matthews to the Development Authority of Bulloch County to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Earl Williams who has resigned with said term to remain in effect until June 30, 2009. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There were no items of Old Business or Unfinished Business.

The only item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider the results for the financing of the expansion of Splash In The Boro. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the County did not receive any proposals for the financing, but that he was continuing some consultations with several local banks. After some

discussion about the economy, the Board decided to wait several days to see if any banks would present a financing offering.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board to remind the Commissioners about the Splash in the Boro Groundbreaking, and other upcoming Holiday Events. Chairman Nevil reminded the Commissioners about the Chamber's Port Tour in Savannah. Chairman Nevil asked for further comments. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board