

October 21, 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 Garrett Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Chairman Nevil 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 Tankersley, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Planner Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, and EMS Director Lee Eckles.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that he had no changes or modifications for the General Agenda. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda. 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 October 6, 2008. Chairman Nevil pointed out an error on page four of the minutes. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting with one correction. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Mrs. Judith Smith, owner of Silver Creek Saloon, stated that she wants the County's Alcohol Ordinance changed to designate the difference between restaurants, taverns, and bars. Mrs. Smith stated that her establishment cannot meet the 50% food/50% alcohol sales requirements to obtain a liquor-by-the-drink license, but the designation of an establishment as a bar eliminates those requirements and allows the establishment to sell liquor without selling food. Chairman Nevil stated that the County will review the Alcohol Ordinance if the City of Statesboro passes the proposed changes to their Alcohol Ordinance that were passed on first reading during their first October meeting.

The next item of business was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) Approval of one Alcoholic Beverage License for Package Retail Beer and Wine Sales to Mr. Jigisha Patel, at Rocky Mart, which is located at 6209 Highway 67, Brooklet, Georgia. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The first item of New Business on the Agenda was the discussion of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Statesboro regarding the Fire Tax District. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that he has been negotiating, with the City Manager, the final details regarding this agreement to meet the October 31, 2008, deadline. Mr. Couch stated that the County has proposed extending the agreement until June 30, 2010, while continuing to work on a more permanent and mutually acceptable formula for funding by October 31, 2009.

The second item of New Business on the Agenda was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to approve the final amendment of the Fiscal Year 2008 General Fund Budget. Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling gave a brief summary of the items that will be submitted to the auditor. Mr. Starling stated that the budget amendment was needed to reallocate money from departments that under spent to departments that over spent in order to avoid comments from the auditor. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the final amendment for the FY2008 General Fund Budget. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (See Exhibit #2008-131)

The third item of New Business on the Agenda was the discussion and/or action to consider a proposal for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for Fiscal Year 2009. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that a request for proposal was sent to local banks for the funding of a non-tax exempt TAN based on a letter of credit to be drawn, as needed, for four (4) million dollars, as opposed to last year's six (6) million dollars. Mr. Couch stated that Sea Island Bank was the lowest bidder, offering a 5.95% rate. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the proposal for a TAN for FY 2009. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. (See Exhibit #2008-132)

The fourth and final item of New Business on the Agenda was the discussion and/or action to consider scheduling a Special Called Meeting during the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the Special Called Meeting is necessary to discuss the following three items: (1) Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement of Fire District funding with the City of Statesboro; (2) Consideration of proposals/bids for the Splash in the Boro expansion; and (3) to discuss the proposed Airport Overlay District. Commissioner Rushing stated that because of a luncheon on Wednesday, it would make sense to hold the meeting Wednesday morning, and Mr. Couch stated that 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. would be enough time to meet and then go to the luncheon. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to hold a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or board. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board to recognize Michelle Canon of the local RDC office and to inform the Commissioners that Mrs. Canon has resigned to move to Vermont. Mrs. Canon stated that she had enjoyed her time working with Bulloch County. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald asked to address the Board to remind them about the Chamber of Commerce's Business Luncheon with the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, Gena Abraham, on Wednesday, October 29, 2008.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments from the staff or board. Hearing none, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting, recess, and reconvene for the Workshop in ten minutes. Commissioner Jackson 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