

September 16, 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, gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Attorney Charles Brown, County Planner Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Eddie Smith and 911 Director Kelly Barnard.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch asked for the following modification: to remove under workshop agenda item #1 the presentation on the Comprehensive Fee Schedule and replace with an update of the monthly report. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the modification requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2008. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as written. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. There were no comments and no petitions received in writing.

The first item of New Business on the Agenda was the discussion and/or action to select a delegate for ACCG Conference Business Section in October. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to delegate Commissioner Tankersley if it would not interfere with prior commitments she has at the conference. Commissioner Tankersley stated she

did have other commitments but would be able to serve. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The second and last item of New Business on the agenda was the discussion and or action to select a name for the Langston Chapel/US301 connector. Mr. Couch stated there is a memo from the 911 office suggesting some names for the road but the board can make suggestions also. He stated it was imperative they do it for public safety reasons. Commissioner Thompson stated the daughter of the family who gave the county the land was a Thigpen so he suggested Thigpen Parkway. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Tankersley stated they were in agreement with one of the 911 suggestions, AG Center Boulevard. Commissioner Gibson made the motion to name the road Thigpen Parkway. Commissioner Thompson seconded. County Attorney Charles Brown brought to the attention of the board that there is a second daughter but is not sure of what her name is. After discussion of the names, Commissioner Gibson withdrew his motion. There was some discussion about contacting the families' Attorney Wallace Wright for their suggestions on the road name.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff or board. County Manager Tom Couch stated there are two events occurring Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The first is the introduction of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Annex and the second is a retirement meeting at Honey Bowen building at 11:00 A.M. Commissioner Rushing stated a Register volunteer firefighter had contacted him concerning having a substation near POJO's store at Highway 301 and Interstate 16. Commissioner Rushing stated he had tried to contact a member of the Crenshaw family who has land in the area but they were out of town until November. He stated he also needed to discuss it with Public Safety Director Ted Wynn or Fire Chief Randy Walker. Commissioner Thompson stated he wanted to commend the Recreation Department on giving an update on their Master Plan. He stated they may want to require this from all departments who have requests, especially due to the current situation with the economy. He also suggested during the October Workshop they may want to start reviewing the FY2009 budget in order not to have a tax increase. Mr. Couch stated it would be discussed in the next workshop and commended the Department Heads for keeping their expenditures to a minimum. Staff

Attorney Jeff Akins stated he needed direction from the board on the agreement with Carl Akins on Key Akins Road. He stated Mr. Carl Akins would not agree unless the county was willing to move the road. Mr. Jeff Akins asked Transportation Director Eddie Smith if he thought this would be costly to the county. Mr. Smith said there was not a whole lot that had to be done and did not believe it would be costly. After discussion Jeff Akins stated he would talk to attorney Kenny Stone who represents Carl Akins, about revising the agreement to present at the next meeting. After no further discussion from the board or staff Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters. (Exhibit 2008-124). Commissioner Tankersley seconded and it carried unanimously with Commissioners Tankersley, Simmons, Rushing, Thompson, and Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk of the Board