

September 19, 2006
Statesboro, GA

The Board met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

Chairman Nevil welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Smith gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Evelyn Wilson, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of commissioners and staff. The following commissioners and staff were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Thompson, County Manager Tom Couch, Parliamentarian and Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, and Deputy Clerk Regina Smith.

Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda. Mr. Couch stated two items needed to be added to the agenda. Under presentations, Mr. McNure from the Georgia Forestry needed to present the annual report. Under New Business, an agreement with FAA for the airport concerning a fence needed to be added. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to approve the General Agenda with the two changes. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the changes. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Couch read aloud the proclamations for the recent retirees of Bulloch County: Mr. Randy Woodcock, Mr. L.C. Williams, and Ms. Jane Williams. He stated that a reception would be held for them at 9:30 this morning.

Mr. McNure from the Georgia Forestry presented the annual report for 2005 – 2006.

The first order of business was the approval of the regular minutes of September 5, 2006 and the joint meeting on September 11, 2006. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2006 and the joint meeting on September 11, 2006. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the County Manager's Executive Summary and Financial Report. Commissioner Thompson made a few comments concerning the overtime in 911, Solid Waste, and Drug Task Force. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the executive summary and financial report. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under the Consent Agenda were the following items for consideration: (1) a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute a quitclaim deed with LuWeta L. Boen—see exhibit #2006 - 147; (2) a blanket license agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers; (3) approve a bid to Maner Builder Supply to provide and install sports field fencing at Mill Creek Park in the amount of \$33,910.40; and (4) board appointments: CADDA – Ms. Carolyn Ethridge; DFACS – Ms. Janell Chester; Airport Committee – Mr. Robert Cheshire; Regional Library – Mr. Wesley Powell and Mr. Alexander Smith. Commissioner Smith asked for the agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers to be moved to New Business for further discussion. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

First item under New Business was a resolution to approve the final amendment to the FY 2006 General Appropriation Budget. Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the resolution for the 2006 budget. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 148.

Next item under New Business was a resolution to approve amendment #1 to the FY 2007 General Appropriations Budget. The purpose for the amendment is to adopt budgets for funds identified by the auditor which were previously not included in prior budgets. The funds include: the Juvenile Services Fund, the Jail Commissary Fund, the Sheriff's Fingerprint Fund, the Sheriff's Confiscated Assets Fund and the former BCCI Maintenance Fund, which will now be called the Designated Special Projects Fund. Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to approve the resolution for the amendment to the 2007 budget. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 – 149.

Next item under New Business was a resolution approving a State Sponsorship Agreement for a FAA General Aviation Entitlement Grant. The airport project is a security fence. The DOT will accept \$150,000 from FAA for Bulloch County, which represents 95% federal participation in the cost of the project. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the resolution for the FAA grant. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See exhibit #2006 - 150.

The last item under New Business is the discussion of the Blanket License Agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Mr. Couch explained that ASCAP is an organization that represents the copyright interests of composers, songwriters and publishers. The International Municipal Lawyers Association negotiated blanket license agreements for local governments with ASCAP and another organization called Broadcast Music, Inc. For the past year, the County has been contacted by ASCAP about entering a license agreement. After extensive review, he recommended entering into an agreement. The annual fee is based on population and is subject to an annual CPI increase. The first annual fee is \$572.00.

Several questions were asked about the legality of this agreement, what music and venues it covered, and whether we were already covered for this under our present liability insurance. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to table this agreement and ask a representative from the company to attend a future meeting to explain this license and answer any questions the Board may have. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Gibson, Jackson, Simmons, Smith, Tankersley, and Thompson voted in favor of the motion. See exhibit #2006 - 151.

Commissioner Jackson offered a motion to go into a 30 minute recess in order to participate in the retiree reception. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to reconvene the meeting into the workshop session. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.