

November 22, 2010
Statesboro, GA

Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.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, Vice Chairman Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Purchasing Director Kenneth Trapnell, and Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

After Roll Call, the first item of business was the approval of the General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board, and requested that the following amendment be made to the General Agenda: (1) To add as Item #6 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action regarding items related to the Great Dane Economic Development Project which may relate to some expenditures that would need to be approved by the Board. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. 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 both stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the New Business Agenda.

Without any Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve a bid from Preeminence in the amount of \$5,944.00 for site furnishings for the Gentilly Trailhead for the S&S Greenway. Chairman Nevil called on SBCPR Director Mike Rollins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Rollins stated that Preeminence was the lowest

bidder that met all the specifications of the bid, and that Bliss Products did not meet the specifications for the benches that are used throughout the parks in Bulloch County. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a bid from Preeminence in the amount of \$5,944.00 for site furnishings for the Gently Trailhead for the S&S Greenway. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve a bid from Dabbs-Williams Construction in the amount of \$386,700.00 for construction of the Mill Creek Tennis Center building and associated utility hookups and plaza construction. Chairman Nevil called on SBCPR Director Mike Rollins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Rollins stated that the Recreation Department would serve as general contractor for the Tennis Center project, and that Dabbs-Williams Construction was the lowest bidder for the major construction and utility hookups. Mr. Rollins discussed the budget of the project and stated that additional funds needed for the project may be covered by SPLOST funds. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a bid from Dabbs-Williams Construction in the amount of \$386,700.00 for construction of the Mill Creek Tennis Center building and associated utility hookups and plaza construction. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve a bid from Central Fence Company in the amount of \$76,318.00 for fencing at the Mill Creek Tennis Center. Chairman Nevil called on SBCPR Director Mike Rollins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Rollins stated that Nationwide was the low bidder at \$74,725.54, but that Central Fence from Swainsboro has been in business since 1964 and had successfully completed many projects for Bulloch County in the past twenty years. Mr. Rollins stated that Nationwide was a relatively new business that was only established in April 2010. Mr. Rollins and the Board discussed if Central Fence had a Bulloch County or Statesboro Occupational Tax License in order to receive the local vendor preference. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to defer the bid until the December 7th meeting in order for the Staff to determine whether or not Central Fence qualifies for the

local vendor preference. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve a bid from Gibson Specialty Construction in the amount of \$34,818.00 for court surfacing and netting for the Mill Creek Tennis Center. Chairman Nevil called on SBCPR Director Mike Rollins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Rollins stated that the company is located in Metter and has completed work for the Recreation Department in the past. After further discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve a bid from Gibson Specialty Construction in the amount of \$34,818.00 for court surfacing and netting for the Mill Creek Tennis Center. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fifth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to reschedule the first Board meeting in February 2011. Chairman Nevil called on Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the Board would be attending the Wild Game Supper in Atlanta on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, which was the regularly scheduled date for the first Board meeting in February. After further discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to hold February's first Board meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the Commission or Staff. Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. With no comments from the Commissioners, Chairman Nevil discussed several upcoming ribbon cuttings. Chairman Nevil also stated that the citizens seem to be very happy with the lower home owner's insurance rates due to the County's lower ISO rating.

Without further comments from the Board, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald reminded the Board of the Employee Committee Christmas Breakfast. County Manager Thomas Couch discussed his vacation schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil stated that there was no further business for the open session of the regular agenda, and the Board must close the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about fifteen minutes, the Board would reconvene and then most likely move for adjournment. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-2, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel Jeff Akins for the purposes of deliberating on personnel matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (See Exhibit #2010-192). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened, and hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board