

June 23, 2011
Statesboro, GA

Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Vice-Chairman Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Ethridge. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Fire Chief Randy Walker, Human Resources Director Heather McNeal, E-911 Director Kelly Barnard, and Fire Training Officer Jeffery McVey.

Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. County Manager Thomas Couch gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance, and then called for a short recess for lunch. Mr. Couch resumed the meeting at 12:00 p.m., and stated that three items of business needed to be discussed that were not on the Agenda. First, Mr. Couch called on County Attorney Jeff Akins who stated that the Board needed to approve a contract with Air Evac Lifeteam for the Employee Health Insurance and to obligate the County to make payroll deductions for the coverage. Mr. Akins stated that terms of the coverage had been presented to the Board at a previous meeting. Without discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to execute an Agreement with Air Evac Lifeteam for the Employee Health Insurance and to obligate the County to make payroll deductions for the coverage (See Exhibit #2011-64). For the second item of business added to the Agenda, Mr. Couch stated that he used discretionary authority in the purchasing policies to execute two professional service contracts. Mr. Couch stated that the contracts were for an Internal Audit of Splash in the Boro performed by Richard Deal of Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield, & Deal for a fee in the range of \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00, and for a new website created and designed by Mrs. Jamie Gilleland of misyte.com for \$7,990.00. No action was taking regarding the

contracts. For the third item of business added to the Agenda, County Attorney Jeff Akins stated that the Board needs to hold a Special Called Meeting next week for the reading and adoption of a Resolution approving the Georgia Redevelopment Powers Act in order to submit with the Intergovernmental Agreements to hold the elections for the City of Brooklet, Town of Register, and Town of Portal to the Justice Department for pre-clearance. Mr. Akins stated that the Justice Department will not accept the Intergovernmental Agreements until a formal resolution for a County Question has been submitted. No action was taken regarding this matter.

County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the first item of Old/Unfinished Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the SPLOST 2013 renewal. Mr. Couch stated that Register, Brooklet, Portal, and Statesboro had turned in project lists for the Intergovernmental Agreement for the SPLOST, but that the City of Statesboro exceeded their fund allocation by \$2.8 million. Mr. Couch discussed an issue regarding \$1.5 million dollars from SPLOST for equipment for the City of Statesboro's proposed inert land fill. Mr. Couch also discussed the use of \$9 million for the development of water and sewer at the US301/I-16 Industrial Park site. Mr. Couch reviewed the City of Statesboro's water and sewer proposal, and stated that he was prepared to counter the proposal with an offer for the County to install a sewer line from Gateway to the site, install a flow meter, the County will pay the City for metered sewage and capacity, and then the County would eliminate the need of installing a water line by installing an elevated tank which would save \$2 million. After further discussion, Mr. Couch stated that if the City does not approve the counter proposal, the County will install package water and sewer at the site that would be owned and operated by the County.

County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the second item of Old/Unfinished Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the 5 Mile Fire District. Mr. Couch reviewed information from the past meetings regarding the District, and a brief discussion was held regarding the current 5 Mile Fire District and the agreement with the City of Statesboro that expires on June 30, 2011. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to present a proposal to the City of Statesboro for renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services with the City of Statesboro, which current agreement expires on June 30, 2011, on the following non-

negotiable terms and conditions: (a) The County is willing to renew the current Agreement with the following changes: (i) Either party will be able to terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party for any reason; (ii) The County will be able to construct fire delivery infrastructure in the SFT District during the term of the Agreement; and (iii) When tax revenues are received from the SFT District, the County will pay the City a pro rata share of the tax revenues for the months since the commencement of the Agreement; thereafter, the County will make monthly payments to the City in an amount equal to the estimated monthly pro rata amount of ad valorem taxes to be collected for the SFT District for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. (b) On or before June 30, 2011, the City must provide the County with a letter of intent to formally renew the Agreement with the above changes no later than the regularly scheduled meetings of the County and the City on July 5, 2011. (c) At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2011, the City must formally vote to renew the Agreement with the above changes. (d) If the conditions in either (b) or (c) are not timely met, the current Agreement will have expired without any renewal and the County will begin providing fire protection services in what is currently known as the SFT District and utilizing the tax revenues from the SFT District to fund those services. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the third item of Old/Unfinished Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the proposed schedule of fees for the FY 2012 General Appropriations Budget. Mr. Couch asked for any corrections or modifications from the Board. Hearing none, Mr. Couch stated that he would recommend the approval of the proposed schedule of fees during the July 5, 2011, meeting. No official action was taken regarding this matter.

County Manager Thomas Couch stated that the only item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding redistricting. Mr. Couch called on County Attorney Jeff Akins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Akins stated that the Commissioner's District lines need to be adjusted in order to even out the population from the 2011 Census numbers. Mr. Akins stated that the lines could be moved within the City of Statesboro. After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed

to allow Mr. Akins to work with redistricting office in Atlanta to redraw the district lines on the map. No official action was taken regarding this matter.

County Manager Thomas Couch called for Comments from the Board and/or Staff. Hearing none, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Ethridge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board