

March 25, 2009
Statesboro, GA

Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Vice Chairman Roy Thompson welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Anthony Simmons 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: Vice Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Purchasing Manager Kenneth Trapnell, Human Resource Director Heather McNeal, and Transportation Director Eddie Smith. County Engineer Kirk Tatum was also present.

Vice Chairman Thompson asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Without hearing any desired changes or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: (1) To authorize the approval of an Amendment to the Employee Health Insurance Plan (See Exhibit # 2009-31) and (2) To dispense with the reading and adopt a Resolution to declare certain equipment as being unserviceable and to authorize the County Manager or his Designee to sell the equipment for the most advantageous price available (See Exhibit # 2009-32). Without discussion, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Vice Chairman Thompson stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize a Sole Source Procurement for an Auction Contract with J. M. Wood, Inc (See Exhibit # 2009-33). Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to authorize a Sole

Source Procurement for an Auction Contract with J. M. Wood, Inc. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider a recommendation for a bid for \$21,486.96, from Lashley Tractor Sales for six Woods rotary mowers. Without discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the bid from Lashley Tractor Sales. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider a bid recommendation for \$169,194.00, from Blanchard Equipment Company, Statesboro, Georgia, for six John Deere 6230 tractors to use for roadside mowing. Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the bid from Blanchard Equipment Company. Commissioner Tankersley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The last item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider approval of an Alcoholic Beverage License application for the Time Saver #54, located at 17899 US Highway 301 North, operated by Richard Miller. Mr. Couch and Ms. Fitzgerald confirmed that the application met all the criteria for approval. Without further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Mr. Miller. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Thompson asked if there were any comments from the staff or Board. County Manager Thomas Couch asked to address the Board, and stated he would be out of the office until Monday for some necessary training in Canton and Athens. Mr. Couch informed the Board of his trip to Dublin, with Chairman Nevil and Commissioner Thompson, regarding Dublin's Ag-Arena. Mr. Couch finished his comments by stating that Tax Commissioner James Deal and Tax Assessor John Scott will address the Board at the April 7th meeting to discuss the potential impact on the budget regarding the Home Owners Tax Relief Grant and the Homestead Exemption Grant.

Next, Transportation Eddie Smith asked to address the Board, and asked the Board for permission to decline a Buy Back offer of \$5,000.00 for used mowers because he will have to wait 60 days for the new mowers to arrive. Mr. Smith stated that the Buy

Back agreement would expire at the end of the week, leaving him without mowers for approximately 55 days. The Commissioners agreed to decline the Buy Back offer in order to ensure that County mowing jobs would continue uninterrupted. Mr. Couch reminded Mr. Smith that he would need to re-approach the Board to get approval to surplus the old mowers once the new mowers arrived, in order to sell the old mowers through govdeal.com or a local auction business.

Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald asked to address the Board, and asked the Board to support an appointment agreement for County Manager Couch. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that during Budget season, it is important to keep County Business running efficiently and effectively, and that Mr. Couch is too busy during this time to handle multiple “drop-ins” during the work day. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that Mr. Couch will still maintain an “open door” policy, but asked that the Commissioners and Staff check in with her before walking straight into Mr. Couch’s office. The Commissioners and present Staff all stated their support of the appointment agreement.

Vice Chairman Thompson asked for additional comments from the Staff or Board. Hearing none, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Roy Thompson, Vice Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board