

March 11, 2008  
Statesboro, GA

## WORKSHOP

The Board of Commissioners met for a workshop at approximately 8:45 a.m. following the Called Meeting.

Commissioners present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Tankersley.

Staff Present: County Manager, Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Planner, Andy Welch, Recreation Director, Mike Rollins, Public Safety Director, Ted Wynn, Financial Director, Harry Starling, County Engineer, Kirk Tatum, Road Superintendent, Eddie Smith and Christy Strickland.

Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to proceed with the Workshop.

Mr. Couch guided the Commissioners through the proposed administrative policies governing work on roads, bridges and highways. The content of the discussion included deliberation on several sections of the policies, including:

1. Limitations on work on private property.
2. Maintenance standards on public roads and drainage ways.
3. Driveway installation standards and permitting.
4. Major construction programming.
5. Eminent domain criteria.
6. Intergovernmental projects.
7. Easements and utility encroachments.

During the course of the discussion, several recommendations and revisions were made by the staff and Commissioners. The staff was instructed that upon incorporating the revisions, the policies could be forwarded to the Board for consideration and adoption, unless additional Board review was necessary.

Mr. Couch then proceeded to step the Commissioners through the proposed administrative policy amendments concerning telecommunications and computer use.

The content of the discussion included deliberation on adding a section to the policies, including:

1. More stringent limitations on the issuance of county-owned cellular phones.
2. Consideration of a cell phone allowance set at different levels in-lieu of county-issued cell phones based on specific justifications.

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Mr. Couch concluded his discussion of these issues by also reminding Commissioners of a Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on March, 15.

After discussion of the issues presented, the Board unanimously adjourned the work session.