

October 21, 2008
Statesboro, GA

WORKSHOP

The Board of Commissioners reconvened for a Workshop at 10:00 a.m. following the regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Staff Present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Planner Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, Director of EMS Lee Eckles, and Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald.

Chairman Nevil called the Workshop to order, and asked County Manager Tom Couch to present the first item on the workshop agenda. Mr. Couch introduced David Dyer and Albert Glass from the Georgia Center for Local Government (GCLG), and stated that Mr. Dyer would give a presentation in regards to wireless telecommunications consulting. Mr. Dyer stated that GCLG is fully endorsed by ACCG, and that the GCLG will spend up to 10 hours with the County Attorney, for free, to provide the County a new tower ordinance. With the ordinance in place, Mr. Dyer stated that the GCLG would serve as the tower consultant for the County, and that an application fee incurred by the tower companies would pay for GCLG's services. The Commissioners asked Mr. Dyer several questions regarding tower inspections and the future technology associated with wireless telecommunications. Without hearing further questions or comments, Chairman Nevil asked to move forward with the second presentation.

Chairman Nevil asked County Manager Tom Couch to present the second item on the workshop agenda. Mr. Couch stated that Commissioner Thompson asked EMS Director Lee Eckles to give a presentation regarding EMS response times and the cost projections for a future EMS substation in Brooklet. Mr. Eckles stated that from January 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008, there were 506 calls that had response times greater than 15 minutes, but with an EMS substation in Brooklet, 322 of these calls would have received much better response times. Also, Mr. Eckles stated that a Brooklet substation

would reduce the response times for 52% of the land area of Bulloch County. In regards to cost projections, Mr. Eckles stated that adding a shift to the Brooklet substation would eliminate the 1st call shift, which pays over time, would only increase the EMS budget by \$192,875.40 per year. Mr. Eckles acknowledged that the substation would be located in the Brooklet Fire Station, and the following items were needed and would be considered other associated costs: (1) Move-in Cost (Hot water heater & Bedding, because staff work 24 hour shifts), (2) Fuel, (3) Utilities, (4) Uniforms, (5) Janitorial Supplies, and (6) other miscellaneous expenses. Mr. Eckles concluded his presentation by inviting the Commissioners to come by the EMS office any time.

County Manager Thomas Couch asked for a five (5) minute recess before moving forward with his presentation regarding Development Regulations.

After the recess, Mr. Couch presented various proposed changes of the subdivision regulations and a proposed storm water and drainage ordinance to supplement the subdivision regulations.

After the presentations, the Board adjourned the workshop at 12:15 P.M.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board