

September 16, 2008  
Statesboro, GA

## WORKSHOP

The Board of Commissioners met for a workshop at 10:00 a.m. following the regularly scheduled meeting and executive session.

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

Staff Present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Attorney Charles Brown, County Planner Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Road Superintendent Eddie Smith, Environmentalist Brad Wiggins with the Bulloch County Health Department,, Chief Building Inspector Dink Butler, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman and Deputy Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland.

Chairman Nevil called the meeting back to order. He asked County Manager Tom Couch to present the first item on the workshop agenda. Mr. Couch presented the board with a handout on the budget updated for August 2008. He discussed the accomplishments of the departments and discussed their expenditures and revenue. He encouraged the board to review it and to contact him if they had any questions or concerns.

Mr. Couch presented the second and last item on the workshop for discussion of the Development Regulations. Mr. Couch stated there have been numerous issues with current developments in the county which most of the board are aware of. He stated why development is currently slow it is a good time to revise and implement the county's regulations. Environmentalist Brad Wiggins was present to speak on situations in the developments concerning the septic tanks. He discussed the different types of septic tanks and how with the new septic systems it is harder not to permit a lot even though it may not be the most suitable lot to build on. He explained the difference

between original septic tanks and the mechanical septic systems. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Wiggins if the county had more restrictive regulations on septic systems would it help eliminate some of the current problems and help protect future homeowners from potential problems. Mr. Wiggins stated it would help if there could be more restrictive guidelines on the septic tanks but he was not sure legally what could be done. After some discussion on different restrictions Staff Attorney Jeff Akins and County Attorney Charles Brown stated they would research the laws and see what could be done and bring it back before the board. Mr. Couch then presented the handout of the revised subdivision regulations. He discussed the modifications and stated there probably would be additional changes in the future.

After the presentations, the Board unanimously adjourned the workshop at 12:00 P.M.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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