



**Bulloch County
Board of
Commissioners
Special Called
Meeting**

**6.26.2012
Estimated Time: 45 Minutes
North Main Annex Community Room
Statesboro, Georgia
8:30 AM**

Meeting Function:	Board of Commissioners	Type of Meeting:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Chair:	Presiding Commissioner	Recorder:	Clerk of the Board, Maggie Fitzgerald
Parliamentarian:	Chief Legal Counsel, Jeff Akins	Ex-Officio:	Tom Couch, County Manager; Harry Starling, Chief Financial Officer; Andy Welch, Development Services Director; and Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk.

General Agenda

ITEM	RESOURCE PERSON/FACILITATOR	TIME	REFER
Call to Order; Welcome Media and Visitors	County Manager	8:30 AM	
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	Commissioner Anthony Simmons	8:32 AM	
Roll Call	Clerk of the Board	8:33 AM	
Vote for a Presiding Commissioner	County Manager	8:35 AM	
Approval of General Agenda	Presiding Commissioner	8:37 AM	
Public Comments	Audience	8:39 AM	
Consent Agenda	Presiding Commissioner	8:45 AM	
Approval of Minutes – Workshop held on June 12, 2012 and Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on June 19, 2012	Clerk of the Board		
New Business	Presiding Commissioner	8:47 AM	
Discussion/Action: Resolution to Adopt the FY13 GAB	County Manager		
Discussion/Action: ACCG-IRMA Proposal for Property & Liability Insurance	County Manager & Legal	8:55 AM	
Commission and Staff Comments	Presiding, et al.	9:00 AM	
Executive Session – Personnel Matters	Deputy Clerk	9:05 AM	
Adjourn	Presiding Commissioner	9:15 AM	

Additional Information

Background information in Board packets

June 12, 2012
Statesboro, GA

Workshop

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

The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, and Development Services Director Andy Welch.

Chairman Nevil called the Workshop to order, welcomed the Staff, and called on County Manager Thomas Couch for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing no amendments or modifications, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried with votes from Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson.

Next, Mr. Couch stated that the only item of business was the discussion regarding the FY 2013 Budget. Mr. Couch presented the Board with a Power Point regarding the FY 2013 Tentative General Appropriations Budget, and stated that the estimates for the General Fund would be about \$31.9 million, \$8.5 million for the Special Revenue Funds, \$2.4 million for the Enterprise Funds, \$10.5 million for the Internal Service Funds and \$11.6 million for the SPLOST Funds. Mr. Couch discussed the state of the current economy and stated that going into FY 2013 it may be possible to minimize or eliminate the use of the fund reserve.

Mr. Couch continued the Presentation by discussing reconciliation issues, GASB 54 accounting changes, budget assumptions and recommendations, capital expenditures, and recommendations regarding budget requests. Mr. Couch also reviewed a watch list comprised of overtime, energy/water conservation, EMS, Animal Shelter costs, solid waste, and risk management. Mr. Couch discussed the top five unmet needs, and the

budget approach and strategy. In conclusion, Mr. Couch stated that the Board has until June 26th to make any changes to the budget.

After some discussion from the Board, Mr. Couch yielded the floor to Chairman Nevil, and Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all thanked the County Manager for his hard work on the FY 2013 Budget.

Chairman Nevil asked for further questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried with votes from Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The Workshop was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board

June 19, 2012
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Roy Thompson 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: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Purchasing Manager Kenneth Trapnell, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, and Zoning Administrator Randy Newman.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Thomas Couch asked that the General Agenda be amended by: (1) Adding as Item #3 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion of water and sewer infrastructure at the proposed I-16/US Highway 301 industrial park. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried with votes from Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson.

Chairman Nevil stated that the Board would hold the first of two Public Hearings with regard to the Fiscal Year 2013 General Appropriations Budget, as was duly advertised on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, in the Statesboro Herald (See Exhibit #2012-60). Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to report on the budget, and Mr. Couch stated he would have a final reconciliation completed and distributed by Friday, June 22, 2012. After further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the

motion. Mr. Ronnie Pope spoke regarding the need for reductions for property taxes, and stated that taxes should be paid by all people. Mr. Pope stated that services should be reduced when revenues continue to decrease. Mr. Pope also encouraged the Board to contact Representative Jan Tankersley regarding the collection of sales taxes for web based businesses. After further discussion from Mr. Pope and the Board and after hearing no further discussion from the public, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald and County Manager Thomas Couch both stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to the next item on the Agenda.

Chairman Nevil stated that the Board was petitioned to hear one presentation by Mr. Lawton Sack regarding concerns with changes to the Occupational Tax Ordinance. Mr. Sack discussed the lack of notification to businesses regarding the changes, and also stated that his business saw an increase in the tax from a flat charge of \$125.00 to \$308.00 due to being charged by the number of employees in the business. After further discussion, Mr. Sack asked that the Board set a cap of \$125.00 for the tax. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Sack for his Presentation, and stated that the Board and Staff would continue to research and try to improve the Occupational Tax Ordinance.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting and Executive Session held on May 31, 2012, and the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on June 5, 2012; (2) to approve the appointments of Connie Sanders and Walt Strickland to the Statesboro Regional Library Board; (3) to approve the reappointment of Dr. Jack Beasley to the Department of Family & Children Services Board; (4) to approve the appointment of Lori Durden and the reappointment of Henry Strickland to the Coastal Workforce Investment Board (CWIB); (5) to approve the

reappointment of Dr. Bobby Mooney to the Bulloch County Alcohol & Drug Council; (6) to authorize the County Manager to execute the annual contract renewal for concrete pipe acquisition (See Exhibit #2012-61); (7) to grant an alcoholic beverage license to Pervez Chaudhry of USMAN Corporation doing business as Tobacco & More #2 located at 17216 GA Highway 67 in Unincorporated Bulloch County; and (8) to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for Inmate Excess Loss medical insurance (See Exhibit #2012-62). Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution authorizing the conveyance of land to the Hospital Authority of Bulloch County. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the resolution authorizes the conveyance of 1.36 acres of land to the Hospital Authority, on the condition that the Hospital Authority conveys the property to Ogeechee Area Hospice, Inc., subject to certain terms and conditions. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the conveyance of land to the Hospital Authority of Bulloch County (See Exhibit #2012-63). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to authorize the sale of revenue bonds by the Development Authority of Bulloch County to finance construction for Georgia Southern University. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the Development Authority is requesting the Commissioners' approval of the Series 2012 Revenue Bonds in which the proceeds will be used to finance construction of student dining facilities on the campus of Georgia

Southern University. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to authorize the sale of revenue bonds by the Development Authority of Bulloch County to finance construction for Georgia Southern University (See Exhibit #2012-64). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion regarding water and sewer infrastructure at proposed I-16/US 301 industrial park. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that he has written a letter to the City of Statesboro's City Manager, Frank Parker, regarding the City's lack of participation in the water and sewer infrastructure. Mr. Couch stated that after several attempts to negotiate the terms of the City's involvement, the letter would serve as the conclusion to the deal. After further discussion, there was an informal consensus from the Board to disregard Mr. Couch's draft letter, and to send a letter to Mr. Parker informing him of the County's terms, and asking for a final water/sewer agreement to be delivered to the County by Friday, June 29, 2012. No formal action was taken regarding this matter.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson thanked the Staff and the County Manager for all their hard work. Commissioner Rushing also stated that there is a need for some swing sets at Mill Creek Park.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch discussed the resurfacing of Harville Road.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil stated that there was no further business expected for the open session of the regular agenda, and the Board must close the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive

Session, which was expected to last about fifteen minutes, the Board would reconvene and in all likelihood move for adjournment. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel, Jeff Akins, for the purposes of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2012-65). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened, and Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board

**BULLOCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST (Box 1) County Manager/Legal	MEETING DATE (Box 2) June 26, 2012		
	RESOLUTION ATTACHED? (Box 3)	YES	
		NO	X

REQUESTED MOTION OR ITEM TITLE (Box 4)

ACCG-IRMA Proposal for Property & Liability Insurance for the Period July 1, 2012—June 30, 2013

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND ATTACH DETAILED SUMMARY, IF NEEDED (Box 5)

As shown by the attached "Renewal Proposal Summary" from ACCG-IRMA, the net contribution for Bulloch County's property and liability insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 is \$467,637. This represents an increase of \$15,045, or approximately 3.3%, over last year's net contribution of \$452,592. However, as indicated by the attached memo from David Paulk with ACCG-IRMA, the County can decrease its contribution in the amount of \$15,203 by lowering its automobile liability limit from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. Other coverages and limits would remain the same. Legal counsel has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval.

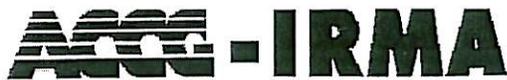
AGENDA CATEGORY (CHECK ONE) (Box 6)		FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT (Box 7)					
PRESENTATION (6a)		BUDGETED ITEM? (7a)	YES		AMENDMENT REQUIRED? (7b)	YES	
			NO			NO	
PUBLIC HEARING (6b)		ATTACH DETAILED ANALYSIS, IF NEEDED (7c)					
CONSENT (6c)							
NEW BUSINESS (6d)	X						
OLD BUSINESS (6e)							
OTHER (6f)							

APPROVED FOR AGENDA (Box 8)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR		PURCHASING OFFICER		OTHER		COUNTY CLERK		COUNTY STAFF ATTORNEY		COUNTY MANAGER	
YES		YES		YES		YES		YES	✓	YES	
NO		NO		NO		NO		NO		NO	
INITIAL		INITIAL		INITIAL		INITIAL		INITIAL	OSG	INITIAL	
DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE		DATE	6/22/12	DATE	

COMMISSION ACTION AND REFERRAL (Box 9)

APPROVED		DATE TO BE RETURNED TO AGENDA
DENIED		
DEFERRED		NOTES
OTHER		



Renewal Proposal Summary
July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013

Member: Bulloch County

COVERAGE AVAILABLE THROUGH ACCG-IRMA

General Liability	Automobile Liability	Equipment Breakdown
Law Enforcement Liability (LEL)	Automobile Physical Damage	Crime
Public Officials Liability (POL)	Property	

DEDUCTIBLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Unless noted otherwise, your deductible(s) will be the same as expiring and as noted in the Coverages & Limits section of this proposal.

Renewal Proposal	Contribution
Renewal Contribution:	\$472,637
Less Safety Credit:	(\$5,000)
Net Contribution Due:	\$467,637

*The deductible will apply to all losses and all lines of coverage subject to a maximum of one deductible for all claims arising from a single loss. For scheduled properties in Special Hazard Zones for Flood, the deductible is the maximum limit available under the National Flood Insurance Program or if unavailable, \$500,000 for building or structure and \$500,000 contents. Highest applicable deductible will apply.

ADDITIONAL LIMITS OF LIABILITY COVERAGE

Your Limit for Liability Coverage (Included in Contribution Above): **\$2,000,000**
Note that these are the limits you chose last year.

Your liability limits may be increased in increments of \$1,000,000.
We have provided the cost of any additional limits below.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Additional Annual Cost</u>
Increase Limits to \$3,000,000	\$23,705
Increase Limits to \$4,000,000	\$36,112
Increase Limits to \$5,000,000	\$44,899

Liability arising out of dams which are either 25 ft. or more in height or have an impounding capacity of 50 acre ft. or more will be limited to \$2,000,000 per occurrence unless underwriting requirements are met and the ACCG-IRMA Coverage Agreement is endorsed. Should you have questions about coverage on a particular dam, please call Marsh, the ACCG-IRMA Administrator, at 1-800-295-8179.

Date: 12-JUN-2012



Association County Commissioners of Georgia
Risk Management and Insurance Programs

Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund
Interlocal Risk Management Agency
Group Health Benefits Program

MEMO

To: Mr. Harry Starling, Chief Financial Officer, Bulloch County
From: David A. Paulk, ARM
Director of Risk Management & Insurance
Date: June 11, 2012
Subject: **Automobile Liability Limit thru ACCG-IRMA for July 1, 2012**

Attached is your property & liability insurance proposal from the ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency (ACCG-IRMA) for the July 1, 2012 renewal. As noted in my earlier memo, your entity currently purchases \$2,000,000 in Automobile Liability coverage. This is more than the minimum Automobile Liability limits required by O.C.G.A. § 36-92-1 et. seq., which are \$500,000 bodily injury per person/\$700,000 bodily injury all persons/\$50,000 property damage.

This same law waives your sovereign immunity on automobile liability claims up to the amount of coverage you purchase through the ACCG-IRMA. Some governmental officials purchase more than the minimum limits required by State law because they believe a larger limit may be needed to adequately compensate an injured claimant or family of someone severely injured or killed by the negligent operation of the government's vehicles. Others have simply decided to purchase the limits required by law and rely on immunity as provided for in O.C.G.A. § 36-92-1 et. seq. The majority of IRMA members purchase an Automobile Liability limit of \$1,000,000 per Occurrence. **You can save \$15,203 this year if you decrease the limit to \$1,000,000; this will not affect your other liability limits (General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability and Public Officials Liability).**

ACCG-IRMA's largest and most frequent liability claims have been automobile claims. As such, our excess liability costs for Automobile Liability have risen this year. Lowering your Automobile Liability limits will lower the potential payout and will lower your annual contributions to the program. **We are not necessarily recommending that you decrease your automobile liability limits, but are making you aware of an opportunity to reduce premium costs. We suggest you discuss the implications of such a change with your County Attorney.**

Any change to your limit needs to be made by the effective date of July 1, 2012. **If you would like to continue to purchase the same limits, no action is needed. If you would like to reduce your limits on the Automobile Liability coverage to \$1,000,000, please check the box below, sign and return this document by fax to (404) 522-1897 with your Contribution Worksheet.** We will then send you a revised invoice and Summary of Insurance. Should you have any questions, please contact me or David Uhlman at (404) 522-5022.

Please amend our entity's Automobile Liability limit to \$1,000,000 for the ACCG-IRMA Coverage Period beginning July 1, 2012.

Signature

Date

