

April 17, 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 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: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. 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, Area Road Superintendent Mike Boyett, Area Road Superintendent Therman Fail, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, Public Facilities and Environmental Management Director Bob Smith, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

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 Item #3 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action regarding the authorization to proceed with the proposed Leefield Solid Waste Station; (2) adding Item #4 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action regarding pre-design activities for the Ag Arena; and (3) adding Item #5 to the New Business Agenda for the discussion and/or action regarding the resurfacing of Harville Road. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Gibson 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, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson.

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. Mr. Keith Howard,

Mr. J. E. Baker, and Mr. Brad Wiggins discussed an issue regarding the City of Statesboro's Waste Water Treatment Plant no longer accepting tippage from septic tanks and port-a-potties. Mr. Wiggins stated that without a place to legally dump the waste, septic companies and homeowners would most likely start illegally dumping within the County. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked the men for their presentation, and stated that the County would start looking for a solution to the problem. Hearing no further 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, and that the presentation would be given by Mr. Chuck Perry, Chief Executive Officer of EMC Engineering, to discuss the proposed T-SPLOST. Mr. Perry discussed the upcoming referendum regarding T-SPLOST, and asked the Board to consider creating a list of projects that would benefit from the funding. Mr. Perry also explained how the T-SPLOST would stimulate the economy. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Perry for his Presentation.

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 Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2012 and (2) to approve the transmittal to the Hospital Authority of Bulloch County nominations for appointments as prescribed by their bylaws to fill expired terms (See Exhibit #2012-43). Without further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action with regard to selecting the lowest and most advantageous bid for roof system replacements. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the low bid was by Chandler Roofing Company for \$71,000.00 for roof replacement at the North Main Annex and the Probation Office. After some discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve lowest and most responsible bid for

roof system replacements in the amount of \$71,000.00 by Chandler Roofing Company. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action with regard to authorizing the County Manager to execute a professional services agreement with the R.W. Baird Company to underwrite proposed bonds using negotiated sales method. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the cost for underwriting services would be deducted from the amount of bonds sold at a rate that approximates \$2.90 per \$1,000.00 coupon, and that this does not include fees for bond counsel or other customary closing costs associated with the bond sale. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to execute a professional services agreement with the R.W. Baird Company to underwrite proposed bonds using negotiated sales method (See Exhibit #2012-44). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding the authorization to proceed with the proposed Leefield Solid Waste Station. Chairman Nevil called on Public Facilities and Environmental Management Director Bob Smith to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Smith stated that the new station would eliminate the cost of servicing the dumpsters seven days a week and that cutting hours of operation at several of the recycling centers would also help to fund the operation costs of the new station. After further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to authorize the Staff to proceed with the proposed Leefield Solid Waste Station. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding pre-design activities for the Ag Arena. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the pre-design plans would probably cost about \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and that plans for the sewer infrastructure already exists. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to proceed with the sewer infrastructure and the pre-design plans for the Ag Arena. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that another item would need to be added to the Agenda, and that the fifth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding a request from Mr. W.M. Sheppard to hold a second public hearing to close a portion of Bailey Road. Chairman Nevil called on County Attorney Jeff Akins to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Akins stated that Mr. Sheppard was unable to attend the first public hearing regarding his request to close a portion of Bailey Road and had requested that the Board hold another hearing so he could provide additional input. Mr. Akins stated that the Board would need to vote to approve or deny Mr. Sheppard's request for a second public hearing. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a request from W.M. Sheppard regarding a second hearing to close a portion of Bailey Road. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

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 Gibson and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge thanked

the Staff for their hard work, thanked the students for attending the meeting, and asked Mr. Keith Howard to keep in touch regarding the septic tippage issue.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch stated that he would firm up the appointments with the Fire Consultant in the next few days, that the Board would need to hold several Workshops during the month of May regarding the budget, and that he will plan a trip to Atlanta for the Board to spend some time with Governor Deal. Clerk of the Board and Interim Human Resources Director Maggie Fitzgerald gave the Board a report regarding the status of the Human Resources Department for the past four weeks, and thanked the Staff and Board for their support.

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 Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board