

August 7, 2012
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ray Mosley gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Christy Strickland, Interim 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, Interim Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Development Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Transportation Director Dink Butler and Zoning Administrator Randy Newman.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil opened the meeting for Public Hearings regarding Zoning and Land Use matters and stated that the first item of business was the approval of the Zoning and Land Use Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the Zoning and Land Use Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Zoning and Land Use Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion. Chairman Nevil asked Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the first item of business.

Zoning Administrator Randy Newman presented Item #1 which was an application submitted by Steve and Karine Brownlee requesting a Rezone from R-40 (40,000 square feet) to AG-5 (Agricultural 5 acres) to restore the property back to the original zoning to allow for farming. Mr. Newman stated the property consists of 55.4 acres and is located on Old Register Way, tax map #062 000017 000. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Rezone request. Mrs. Brownlee was present and stated she did not have anything additional to add and they just

wanted to farm the property. After no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Rezone Request. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Sign-in sheets for Zoning Matters are shown in (See Exhibit #2012-85).

Chairman Nevil closed the Public Hearings regarding Zoning and Land Use matters, and asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Interim Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland 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 next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) To accept the staff recommendation to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2012 Special Called Meeting; and the July 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and Executive Session; (2) to accept the staff recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of a vehicle to the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia for use by the District Attorney's Office (See Exhibit # 2012-086); and (3) To approve the appointment of Mr. Doug Lambert to the Development Authority of Bulloch County. Without discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

With no items under Old Business or New Business, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take a few 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, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson thanked the Staff for their hard work and thanked the public for attending the meeting.

After some discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch reminded everyone of the Special Called Meeting August 8, 2012 at 12:15 P.M. concerning the tax digest and 2012 millage rates.

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 County Attorney, Jeff Akins, for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2012-87). 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.

The meeting was reconvened, and Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Commissioner Rushing stated he had some complaints about the private company that was hired to mow. County Manager Tom Couch stated there would be a presentation on Harville Road demonstrating the shoulder cutters. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley 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, Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board