

February 21, 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. County Manager Thomas Couch 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 (arrived after roll call), Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, 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, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Area Road Superintendent Mike Boyett, Area Road Superintendent Therman Fail, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Animal Shelter Manager Wendy Ivey, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing no amendments or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Called Meeting held on February 7, 2012. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Without hearing any corrections or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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 received a petition for a Presentation by Mrs. Debra Chester regarding the Main Street Farmers Market. Mrs. Chester discussed the importance of the market, how it has been managed and run for the past six years, and asked that the County match the \$5,000.00 a year that the City of Statesboro gives to the market or a one-time revenue infusion of \$10,000.00 to ensure the stability and growth of the farmers market. After some discussion, Mr. Couch recommended the one time infusion of \$10,000.00, and stated that the Board would have to approve a budget amendment before the money could be given to the farmers market.

Chairman Nevil stated that the Board received a second petition for a Presentation by Mr. Todd McIntosh regarding Animal Control. Mr. McIntosh discussed a situation where he was bitten by a stray dog on his property, and stated that Animal Control needs written policies and procedures. After some discussion, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board and Staff would research the issue to see if written policies and procedures are warranted.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to grant an alcoholic beverage license for the sale of retail package beer and wine to Krutik Patel of Ashray Food Mart Inc., doing business as Ashray Food Mart, located at 8090 Nevil's Groveland Road in Unincorporated Bulloch County; (2) to grant an alcoholic beverage license for the sale of retail package beer and wine to Tonya Rollins and Melissa Owens of J & T Minit Mart LLC., doing business as J & T Minit Mart, located at 4626 US Highway 25 in Unincorporated Bulloch County; (3) to approve an agreement with Frontier Communications to install equipment and provide Wi-Fi service at Mill Creek Park (See Exhibit #2012-15); (4) to approve an agreement with the Statesboro Officials Association for the Recreation Department (See Exhibit #2012-16); (5) to approve an agreement with British Soccer to hold a summer camp for the Recreation Department (See Exhibit #2012-17); (6) to approve an agreement with the Doyle Academy to hold a baseball/softball camp for the Recreation Department (See Exhibit #2012-18); (7) to approve a renewal of an agreement for beverage services for the Recreation Department with Coca-Cola Bottling of Statesboro (See Exhibit #2012-19); (8) to approve a memorandum of understanding with East Georgia College to provide mutual aid in case of local emergencies (See Exhibit #2012-20); (9) to dispense with the

reading and adopt a resolution quitclaiming to Excelsior EMC any interest the County may have in streetlights in Gateway Industrial Park (See Exhibit #2012-21); (10) to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance and public dedication for a portion of Morgan Road in Pinemount Subdivision (See Exhibit #2012-22); and (11) to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance and public dedication Barri Way and a portion of Morgan Road in Pinemount Subdivision (See Exhibit #2012-23). Without discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the only item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider amending the County Code of Ordinances pertaining to alcoholic beverage licensing requirements. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the amendment to the alcohol ordinance includes provisions related to wholesale licensees, auditing and enforcement procedures, and bona fide coin-operated amusement machines. After some discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the amendment to the County Code of Ordinances pertaining to alcoholic beverage licensing requirements (See Exhibit #2012-24). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all thanked the Staff, and especially the Roads Department for all of their hard work.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald reminded the Board about the upcoming Community Retreat in Augusta.

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.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board