

January 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. Chairman Nevil 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 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, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Area Road Superintendent Mike Boyett, Area Road Superintendent Therman Fail, 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 Ethridge 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 January 3, 2012. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Without hearing any corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Rushing 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 next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution based

on the recommendation of the County Engineer to accept the dedication of and title to the streets in phase 1 of Stonebrook subdivision (see Exhibit #2012-4). Without discussion, Commissioner Simmons 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 first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action concerning the Staff recommendation to award the lowest and most responsible bid and the most favorable terms and conditions for the procurement of an allotment of motor graders. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch referred the matter to County Engineer Kirk Tatum. Mr. Tatum asked the Board to approve the purchase of the John Deere motor graders with financing from Flint Equipment Company, but allow some time for Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling to decide the best trade in option for the surplus of the existing motor graders. After further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the lowest and most responsible bid and the most favorable terms and conditions for the procurement of an allotment of motor graders (See Exhibit #2012-5). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion regarding a briefing by the County Manager on pending issues. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch discussed the final draft amendments to the County's financial policies, amending tax and fee rates for Occupational Tax Certificates, North Main Annex renovations, and scheduling a workshop for Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Commissioner Thompson stated that Department Heads should plan on attending the workshop. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was Commissioner and Staff Comments. No 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 thanked the Staff, and especially the Roads Department for all of their hard work. Commissioner Mosley and County Engineer Kirk Tatum discussed the

petition for paving Buoy Road. Commissioner Thompson stated that he looks forward to the upcoming workshop, and hopes it gives the Commissioners and Staff an opportunity to answer questions and solve problems. Commissioner Gibson introduced Sheli Siebert, ACCG's Civic Affairs Foundation Director, and also discussed with Mr. Tatum the petition to pave Rough Rider Road.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch introduced Mr. Wayne Wright and Mr. Chris Miller from CH2MHill, and stated that they have been working on the County's revenue audit.

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 Mosley 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