

June 5, 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 Robert Rushing 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 at 5:45 p.m.), 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, Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, Public Facilities and Environmental Management Director Bob Smith, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Sheriff Lynn Anderson, Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Hook, Area Road Superintendent Therman Fail, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, 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 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 asked Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the only item of business.

Zoning Administrator Randy Newman presented Item #1 which was an application submitted by Sammy E. Head Jr. and Rachel Y. Head requesting a Conditional for a cottage industry to have a trucking company. Mr. Newman stated that the property consists of 4.62 acres and is located on Black Creek Church Road, tax map

#138 000021A001. The Staff recommended and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the rezone request. Ms. Rachel Head stated that the trucks would not be allowed to park in the front of the property. Mr. Newman stated that no one signed up to speak for or against the request. After some discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Conditional Use request with the conditions as set forth in Exhibit #2012-53. 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.

Sign-in sheets for Zoning Matters are shown in Exhibit #2012-54.

Chairman Nevil closed the Public Hearings regarding Zoning and Land Use matters, and 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 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. 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 Ms. Donna Lee of the American Red Cross to present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department. However, Ms. Lee was unable to attend the meeting, and Chairman Nevil stated that the Presentation would be rescheduled.

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 May 15, 2012; (2) to accept the Staff recommendation authorizing the grant of an alcoholic beverage license to sell package beer and wine to Paul Uelmen and Tejal Parikh of VRAJ GOPI, Inc., doing business as VRAJ Food Mart located at 21196 US Highway 80 East; (3) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase

order to Southern Environmental Services as the lowest and most responsible bidder for asbestos abatement at the former Budget Inn and Apartments (See Exhibit #2012-55); (4) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase order to Burns McDonnell Engineering for design services related to taxiway improvements at the Airport (See Exhibit #2012-56); (5) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase order for \$3,000.00 to Creasy Well Drilling as the lowest and most responsible bidder for well installation at the proposed Leefield Recycling Center; (6) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase order for \$10,645.00 to Central Fence Company as the lowest and most responsible bidder for fence installation at the proposed Leefield Recycling Center; (7) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase order for \$9,486.00 to Baker Waste Equipment as the lowest and most responsible bidder for compactor installation at the proposed Leefield Recycling Center; and (8) to accept the Staff recommendation to authorize a contract and purchase order for \$122,019.00 to Jimmy Haire of Claxton, Georgia, as the lowest and most responsible bidder for County roadside mowing. 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, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action with regard to consider competitive proposals for the Employee Health Insurance Plan. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the independent fringe benefits consultant who solicited competitive proposals for the plan, Mr. Ken Wethe or Wethe Associates, recommended Covenant Administrators as the new third-party administrator for the County's employee health insurance plan. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to table the item as the last item of New Business. 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.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to award a contract and purchase order to Diversified Traffic Services as the lowest and most responsible bidder for road re-striping and new signage. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that the project is for roads in the southeast quadrant of the county, and that the Georgia Department of Transportation will reimburse the County 100% of the \$350,445.55 for the project. After some discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to award a contract and purchase order to Diversified Traffic Services as the lowest and most responsible bidder for road re-striping and new signage (See Exhibit #2012-57). 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.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to award a contract extension to Ross and Associates for completion of Phase Two of the I-16/US 301 Redevelopment Plan. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that with the passage of SPLOST, the County needs to begin Phase 2 of the TAD to ensure that if/when the County decides to use the TAD, all legal requirements will be in order, and that Phase 2 will focus on implementation strategies and creation of the TAD development plan. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to award a contract extension to Ross and Associates for completion of Phase Two of the I-16/US 301 Redevelopment Plan (See Exhibit #2012-58). 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.

As tabled, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board would re-visit the first Item of New Business, which was the discussion and/or action with regard to consider competitive proposals for the Employee Health Insurance Plan. Chairman Nevil called

on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch reviewed a memo from Ken Wethe, and summarized the proposals from Covenant Administrators, Industry Buying Group, MedSave, Coventry Health Care, and Taylor Benefit Resources. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendation to approve Covenant Administrators as the third party administrator for the County's employee health care plan. 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.

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 thanked the Staff and the County Manager for their hard work regarding the County's health insurance and for everything they do for the County. Commissioner Simmons also congratulated Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Ethridge, and Commissioner Thompson regarding qualifying for the election without opposition.

After further discussion, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and County Manager Thomas Couch discussed a memo regarding the budget and a possible budget workshop. Mr. Couch also discussed issues with railroad closures on AJ Riggs 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 Simmons offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2012-59). 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. 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 Thompson 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.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board