

November 20, 2012  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 20 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gibson gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Vice Chairman Ethridge (came in at 9:20 a.m.), Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Operations Director Ed Nelson and Zoning Administrator Randy Newman.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was a Presentation from American Ion, Inc. President Mallie Seckinger and Representative Stacey Russell stated the system is designed to significantly reduce energy consumption and respiratory related illness and by reducing the pathogens and the irritants the system can reduce illness and improve attendance at work and improve the overall quality of life. Chairman Nevil thanked them for the presentation.

Chairman Nevil stated next on the agenda was for a Public Hearing on the Tax Allocation District and Redevelopment Plan. County Manager Thomas Couch introduced Mr. Bill Ross with Ross & Associates; Mr. Ryan Thomas and Mr. Gary Mongen with Thomas & Hutton Architects; and Mr. Wesley Parker with Parker Engineering. Mr. Ross stated he has a great team and is excited about the plan and discussed what needs to be done if it is approved. Mr. Gary Mongen gave a presentation on the background, how the plan

works and what is proposed in the plan. County Manager Thomas Couch stated this is just the beginning of the process and it would take some time but the plan looked great and thanked Mr. Ross, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mongen and Mr. Parker for the job they did. Commissioner Rushing asked if the millage rates would increase in the future or are they locked in once the plan is adopted. Mr. Ross stated the value rate of the property will be locked in and any increase would go to the Tax Allocation District (TAD) once an assessment has been done on the property. After additional discussion on the TAD and property values Chairman Nevil thanked everyone for their efforts on the plan.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. County Manager Thomas Couch and Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland both stated that there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing.

Chairman Nevil stated 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 November 5, 2012; (2) To approve a 2013 cleaning contract with Divine Clean Care in the amount of \$13,230.00 for Parks and Recreation (See Exhibit # 2012-125); (3) To authorize the County Manager to execute a purchase and service agreement with Digital Office Equipment (See Exhibit # 2012-126); (4) To authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with Georgia State Properties Commission for space occupied by the Bulloch County Department of Children's Services (See Exhibit #2012-127); (5) To authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with Georgia State Properties Commission for radio tower space for the Georgia State Patrol (See Exhibit #2012-128); (6) To authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Georgia State Properties Commission for space occupied by the Department of Veterans Services (See Exhibit # 2012-129); (7) To adopt a resolution for amendments to the employee 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan with Georgia Employees Benefits Corporation (GEBCORP) (See Exhibit #2012-130); (8) To authorize the County Manager to approve a contract with WK Dickson Engineering for design and engineering services related to land acquisition services and the Taxiway/Papi Lighting Rehab Design Project at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport (See Exhibits # 2012-131 & # Exhibit 2012-132). Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gibson 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.

Without any items of Old Business Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a contract with Ellis Wood Contracting for paving of Brannen Pond Road. County Manager Thomas Couch stated the county is placing the rock base and Ellis Wood Contracting will grade and compact the rock base and place two (2) inches of asphalt. Without any further discussion Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Contract with Ellis Wood Contracting for Brannen Pond Road in the amount of \$230,110.42 (See Exhibit #2012-133). 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item and last item under New Business was for Discussion of the Q1 Fiscal Review. Chairman Nevil yielded the floor to County Manager Thomas Couch for discussion. Mr. Couch went over the 2012-2013 budget and stated that there is some increase in the elastic revenues but believes there is some under reporting of revenue or absence in certain fees and reimbursements. Mr. Couch stated overall if the Departments remain aggressive in revenue collections and expenditure control he is optimistic about reducing the plan deficit. No action was taken on the matter.

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 wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked them for the great job they do for the county.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. County Manager Tom Couch and Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland reminded the Commissioners about the Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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 five 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 purposes of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2012-132). 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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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 Gibson 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: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board