

September 4, 2012
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.m. at the Brooklet City Hall, Brooklet, Georgia. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner 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, Statesboro Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, and Airport Manager Jeff Herrington.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to amend the agenda by adding an item under New Business for Discussion/Action for venue change for the September 18, 2012 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the amendment recommended by the County Manager. 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. 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 approve the purchase of 0.24 acres of land from the W.K. Jones Estate in the amount of \$3,000.00; (2) To approve a commitment letter for the Georgia DOT showing intent to proceed with and fund the Airport's FY 13 CIP Projects (See Exhibit # 2012-095) (3) To authorize the County Manager to approve a three year contract with WK Dickinson for Design & Engineering Services for the Airport's Annual Capital Improvement Projects (See Exhibit # 2012-096) (4) To approve the appointment of Ceil Hardin to the Statesboro Library Regional Board; and (5) To approve the rescheduling of regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners as follows: October 2, 2012 to October 4, 2012; January 1, 2013 to January 3, 2013 and February 5, 2013 to February 7, 2013. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mosley 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.

Chairman Nevil stated there was one item under Old Business for Discussion/Action to grant approval for an Alcohol License for Samir Patel (Licensee/Designee) and Poonam Patel (Owner) doing business as Fast Stop on Highway 80 East. County Attorney Jeff Akins pointed out that Section 3-29(c) of the Bulloch County Code of Ordinances states that "a license or designee shall not have been denied or had revoked, within the five years next preceding his application, any license to sell alcoholic beverages issued by any governmental entity." Mr. Akins stated he did not recommend for the license to be approved. After hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to deny the request due to Mr. Poonam Patel's license being revoked in May 2010. 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.

Hearing no further items under Old Business, Chairman Nevil stated next on the agenda was one item under New Business for Discussion/Action for venue change for the September 18, 2012 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. Chairman Nevil called

on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated that due to the construction of the Community Room at the North Annex the September 18, 2012 regular meeting would need to be held at a different venue. He stated he had spoken with the Principal Shawn Haralson at Portal High School and he was willing to let the Commissioners hold the meeting in the cafeteria. Mr. Couch stated the area had a stage and adequate media equipment and Principal Haralson was eager to let the government students sit in on the meeting. Mr. Couch stated the next option was to hold the meeting at the Portal City Hall but their room was smaller than what he thought the Commissioners would need. After hearing no further discussion Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to change the venue as suggested by the County Manager to hold the September 18, 2012 regular meeting at Portal High School or Portal City Hall. 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 further items under 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 Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson thanked Mayor Hendrix, Councilman Newman and Councilman Davis for letting them use their facility to hold the meeting. Commissioner Thompson also added he had an update about the Franklin Property located next to the North Main Annex. He stated he had spoken with Lehman Franklin and Robbie Franklin but no decision had been made.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. Interim Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland reminded the Commissioners and Staff about the 2012 State of the Port Address in Savannah on September 6, 2012; there would be a ribbon cutting held for 40 East Grille on September 6, 2012 at 11:45 a.m.; and the ACCG 12th District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Richmond Hill City Center.

Hearing no further comments from the Commissioners 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 with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board