

June 26, 2012
Statesboro, GA

CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners met for a called meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. County Manager Thomas Couch called the meeting to order, welcomed staff and called on Commissioner Simmons for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk of the Board, performed the Roll Call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff was present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland.

After Roll Call, Mr. Couch then asked for a motion to appoint someone to preside over the meeting. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to nominate Commissioner Simmons to preside. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it was carried with votes from Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Simmons.

Presiding Commissioner Simmons asked for amendments or modifications to the General Agenda. Hearing no amendments or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried with votes from Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons.

Next, Presiding Commissioner Simmons asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. County Manager Thomas Couch and Deputy Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing no comments from the public Presiding Commissioner Simmons moved forward to the next item of the agenda.

Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the Minutes of the Workshop held on June 12, 2012, and the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on June 19,

2012. Without discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action regarding a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 General Appropriations Budget. Presiding Commissioner Simmons yielded the floor to the County Manager Thomas Couch. Mr. Couch reviewed the Resolution concerning the budget, and stated that the expenditures would be limited this year and everyone will have to be responsible for helping limit their expenses. Mr. Couch stated that the goal was to have a cleaner audit for FY 2013, and stated that next week, when more commissioners are present, he would bring the Resolution for the fire fees in front of the Board and this should finalize everything for the FY13 budget. Commissioner Gibson asked about the overtime for some of the departments. Mr. Couch stated it was under control and he had spoken with the Sherriff and he gave them a thorough account of all the overtime and how it originates and there were some problem areas he would get resolved. Mr. Couch stated that when he talked to the Bond Advisor he pointed out that Bulloch County had virtually no debt, and stated that it was a challenge, but everyone has got to do their part on managing the money. Commissioner Thompson stated he was pleased to hear there could be up to a 3% increase for employees who perform well, and also stated if Mr. Couch wanted to end some of the Facebooking, Game playing, etc., and if the Department Heads are doing their job and the employees are aware of what to do and not to do, then terminate an employee and it should put a stop to the problem. County Manager Thomas Couch stated everything is right where it needs to be, but it will have to be monitored on a daily basis. After hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 General Appropriations Budget as submitted by the County Manger (See Exhibit # 2012-66). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated the second item of New Business was for discussion and/or action regarding the ACCG-IRMA Proposal for property and liability insurance. Presiding Commissioner Simmons called on County Manger Thomas Couch and County Attorney Jeff Akins for further discussion. Mr. Couch stated it is an agreement for renewal for property, casualty and liability insurance. Mr. Couch deferred to Mr. Akins for explanation on the amendment. Mr. Akins stated David Paulk is Director of ACCG-IRMA, and offered to lower the premium by \$15,045.00 if the County agreed to lower the automobile liability for \$2,000,000.00 to \$ 1,000,000.00. Mr. Akins stated he had reviewed this and he recommends approval. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the ACCG-IRMA property and liability insurance with the amendment (See Exhibit #2012-67). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

With no further items of New Business, Presiding Commissioner Simmons asked for comments from the Commissioners and Staff. Starting with Commissioner Gibson who passed out a hand out about T-SPLOST he received from the District Region 12 CRC meeting he attended. Commissioner Thompson asked for clarification on T-SPLOST, concerning the promoting of it. Commissioner Gibson stated at the CRC meeting you can provide information on it, but cannot encourage citizens to vote on it. County Attorney Jeff Akins stated you cannot promote and go out and advertise for the citizens to vote for it. Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated he had several citizens ask about it and he had given them as much information as he could, but did not encourage them on how to vote. Developmental Services Director Andy Welch stated there is information about it on the County's Website. Continuing with Commissioner and Staff comments, County Manager Thomas Couch stated he has not gotten much information back since the last meeting from the City of Statesboro concerning the Sewer and Water Agreement, and he felt because of time there was no need to negotiate anymore and for the County just to proceed with their part on their own.

Hearing no further comments for the Board or Staff, Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated there was no further business expected for the open session of the regular

agenda, and that the Board must close the meeting and enter in Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Presiding Commissioner Simmons stated at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about 10 minutes, the Board would reconvene and in all likelihood move to adjournment. Presiding Commissioner Simmons called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with provision of O.C.G.A. 50-17-3 and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of Chief Corporate Counsel, Jeff Akins, for the purpose of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2012-68). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened and Presiding Commissioner Simmons asked for any other business or comments. Hearing no comments from the Board or Staff, Presiding Commissioner Simmons asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Presiding Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Deputy Clerk of the Board