

June 12, 2012
Statesboro, GA

Workshop

The Board of Commissioners met for a Budget Workshop at 11:45 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, and Development Services Director Andy Welch.

Chairman Nevil called the Workshop to order, welcomed the Staff, and called on County Manager Thomas Couch for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Nevil 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 Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson.

Next, Mr. Couch stated that the only item of business was the discussion regarding the FY 2013 Budget. Mr. Couch presented the Board with a Power Point regarding the FY 2013 Tentative General Appropriations Budget, and stated that the estimates for the General Fund would be about \$31.9 million, \$8.5 million for the Special Revenue Funds, \$2.4 million for the Enterprise Funds, \$10.5 million for the Internal Service Funds and \$11.6 million for the SPLOST Funds. Mr. Couch discussed the state of the current economy and stated that going into FY 2013 it may be possible to minimize or eliminate the use of the fund reserve.

Mr. Couch continued the Presentation by discussing reconciliation issues, GASB 54 accounting changes, budget assumptions and recommendations, capital expenditures, and recommendations regarding budget requests. Mr. Couch also reviewed a watch list comprised of overtime, energy/water conservation, EMS, Animal Shelter costs, solid waste, and risk management. Mr. Couch discussed the top five unmet needs, and the

budget approach and strategy. In conclusion, Mr. Couch stated that the Board has until June 26th to make any changes to the budget.

After some discussion from the Board, Mr. Couch yielded the floor to Chairman Nevil, and 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 Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all thanked the County Manager for his hard work on the FY 2013 Budget.

Chairman Nevil asked for further questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the Workshop. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried with votes from Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The Workshop was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board