

July 30, 2013
Statesboro, GA

Workshop

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman 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 Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing (came in at 9:25), Commissioner Thompson and Vice-Chairman Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Transportation Director Dink Butler, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

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

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a Resolution adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. He called on County Attorney Jeff Akins to initiate discussion. Mr. Akins stated the ADA requires local governments to adopt a transition plan to bring facilities and programs into compliance. He stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is requiring all local governments to provide a copy of their transition plan by July 31, 2013. Mr. Akins stated Bulloch County needs to adopt the ADA Transition Plan to be in compliance with the ADA. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve a Resolution adopting the American with Disabilities Act Transition Plan (See Exhibit # 2013-083). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion on the Road Issues. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the

matter. Mr. Couch gave a Power Point Presentation on the 2015 Bulloch County Transportation Improvement Plan and the 2020 Preliminary Transportation Improvement Program (See Exhibit # 2013-084). He stated the objective of the presentation was to get the Board's direction on priorities for road improvements in the near term and for the six-year program. Mr. Couch discussed the problems and issues, the current status of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), proposed revisions, network resurfacing issues, dirt roads, and southeast quadrant issues. After some discussion on the issues, no action was taken and Chairman Nevil moved to the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioner Ethridge stated she would like to have a workshop as soon as possible to discuss the FY2014 Budget. She also stated she has had several employees contact her concerning no cash outs for annual leave this year. Mr. Couch explained that due to cut backs that cash outs for annual leave were unable to be funded this year. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Gibson thanked everyone for the presentation on the road issues. Commissioner Thompson also thanked everyone for the presentation and stated he is in agreement with Commissioner Ethridge and would like to have a workshop on the budget.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. County Engineer Kirk Tatum discussed about splitting the types of pavement on the Kennedy Bridge Road. Hearing no further comments from the Commissioners or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board