

February 19, 2013
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. County Manager Tom Couch 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, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioners Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Vice-Chairman Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn and Statesboro-Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Simmons 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 Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. There was no one present for public comments.

Chairman Nevil stated that the next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 7, 2013. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, 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 the purchase and installation of

eleven (11) new scoreboards with wireless remote receiver and transmitter. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the scoreboards would replace the three (3) existing scoreboards that are inoperable at Memorial Park and due to the increase of use of the two (2) fields they need them for game activities. After hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of the three (3) new scoreboards in the amount of \$13,440.00 with Electro-Mech. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Gibson thanked everyone for being present at the meeting and thanked the staff for all their hard work. Commissioner Rushing asked to add to the agenda for discussion at the next scheduled meeting concerning the I-16 Sewer and Utilities. Commissioner Thompson thanked the County Manager for the job he did controlling the financial issues especially during these hard economic times. He also expressed concern about needing a new Rescue Truck and asked the County Manager if he could look into seeing if there were any funds to help public safety purchase a rescue truck.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. County Manager Tom Couch stated he had given everyone a memo and would like to have a workshop on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 8:30 am if everyone was in agreement. Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated Whitfield Signs ribbon cutting is Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 12:15 PM if any of the Commissioners could go. Commissioner Gibson said he would attend the ribbon cutting. Ms. Strickland also stated she had given everyone a copy of an email from Dr. Ruth Green if they could read it when they had an opportunity.

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 Potential Real Estate Acquisition after a five minute recess. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was

expected to last about ten 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 purpose of discussing Potential Real estate acquisitions. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3 (4) (See Exhibit #2013-017). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened, and Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. County Manager Tom Couch stated after speaking with Commissioner Ethridge she was going to have a conflict and would not be able to attend the workshop on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. He asked the board if Thursday, February 28, 2013 would be acceptable. The Commissioners agreed to hold the workshop on that date. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board