

July 16, 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. Commissioner Thompson 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 Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Vice-Chairman Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Fire Chief Chris Ivey, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, 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 Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Mosley 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 and nothing had been submitted in writing.

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 July 2, 2013; (2) To adopt a resolution establishing annual fees for the Rural Fire District (See Exhibit 2013-076); (3) To authorize the County Manager to award a purchasing order and annual contract for batteries for county equipment at the Maintenance Shop (See Exhibit # 2013-077); (4) To authorize the County Manager to award a purchasing order and annual contract for filters for county equipment at the Maintenance Shop (See Exhibit # 2013-078); (5) To reappoint Joel Martin and appoint Barbara Mosley to the Coastal Workforce Investment Board; (6) To reappoint Cecil Harden and Bill Bolen to the Statesboro Regional Library; (7) To reappoint Maurice Hill,

Phillip Tremble, and Lonnie Stokes to the Bulloch County Alcohol and Drug Council; (8) To approve for the City of Statesboro to adopt bids on the water and sewer infrastructure (See Exhibit # 2013-079); (9) To approve the annual agreement with Ogeechee District Public Defender for services provided by Bulloch County (See Exhibit # 2013-080); (10) To approve the annual agreement with Georgia State Properties Commission for tower space occupied by the Georgia State Patrol located at the North Main Annex (See Exhibit # 2013-081). Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Rushing voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Mosley abstained from voting due to his sister, Barbara Mosley, being appointed to the Coastal Workforce Investment Board.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services to the Statesboro Fire Tax District. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the agreement will continue the current arrangement with the City of Statesboro for providing fire protection services to the Statesboro Fire Tax District and the term of the agreement is for five years. He stated the staff recommends approval of the agreement. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services to the Statesboro Fire Tax District (See Exhibit # 2013-082). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Mosley, Thompson and Rushing thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Rushing asked about looking into unmanned recycling centers. County Manager Tom Couch stated he and Environmental Director Bob Smith have discussed having unmanned stations but there are some issues that would need to be worked out. He stated they may try one station unmanned but have to be realistic that they may have to go back to having manned stations.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. County Manager Tom Couch stated he is planning a workshop and had sent an email out last week to the Commissioners for them to list three topics they would like discussed at the workshop. He stated the tentative date for the workshop is Tuesday, July 30, 2013 but would confirm when it was definite. Hearing no further comments from the Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board