

June 18, 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. Chairman Nevil 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, Commissioner Thompson and Vice-Chairman Gibson. The following staff were present: County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, 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 Gibson 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 Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated Communications Specialist Allison Segrest and Chief Ranger, Sr. Doug Chassereau with the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) were present to give a presentation to the Board. Ms. Segrest and Mr. Chassereau gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the GFC's five (5) year strategic plan. Chairman Nevil thanked them both for the presentation and for the job they do.

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 June 4, 2013; (2) To approve an amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Statesboro for Fire Protection Services

(See Exhibit 2013-065); (3) To approve an Alcoholic Beverage License for Lucky Food Mart on Sinkhole Road. Commissioner Simmons 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 Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

With no old business or new business, Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson asked the Board if they had received any negative comments concerning the design of the new proposed Administrative Annex Building. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Rushing all stated they had not had anyone state to them anything negative concerning the design of the new Administrative Annex Building. Commissioner Gibson stated he had several people comment to him about the flat roof and the concerns of leaking and the maintenance on it. He stated the historical society had a meeting a few weeks ago concerning issues with the exterior matching with the surrounding buildings. Chairman Nevil stated he had not had any negative comments made to him and the concerns with the roof could be addressed and with all the new technology and equipment leaking should not be an issue.

After the Commissioner comments, Mr. Willie Frank Polk asked to address the Board of Commissioners concerning the paving of Ponderosa Road. He stated the road had been in terrible condition for years and would like to know if there are any plans to have it paved. Chairman Nevil stated that even before he was voted into office the county was trying to pave the road but there were several of landowners that would not give the county right of way for the paving. County Engineer Kirk Tatum stated he had the names of the landowners who would not agree to give the right of way and would give them to Mr. Polk. Mr. Polk thanked the Commissioners for the update and stated he would speak with the landowners to see if they would agree to give the right of way.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. Hearing no comments from the Staff, 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 Personnel Matters. 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 Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2013-066). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons 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. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley 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