

March 5, 2013
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Robert Rushing 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, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Vice-Chairman Walter 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, Airport Manager Jeff Herrington, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins; and Zoning Administrator Randy Newman.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil opened the meeting for Public Hearings regarding Zoning and Land Use matters. Chairman Nevil called on Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the first item of business. Zoning Administrator Randy Newman presented Item #1 which was an application submitted by Karl and Cynthia Collins for a Rezone from R-80 (Residential 80,000 square feet) to an AG-5 (Agricultural 5 Acres). Mr. Newman stated the property consists of 30.07 acres and is located on Highway 80 East, Tax Map # 122 000043 000 & 122 000043A 000. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. Mr. Newman stated the applicant was requesting the rezone because they did not realize it was zoned residential when they bought it and they are moving from Richmond Hill and have horses they need to put on the property. After no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Rezone Request from R-80 to an AG-5. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Sign-in sheets for Zoning Matters are shown in Exhibit #2013-020.

Chairman Nevil closed the Public Hearing regarding Zoning and Land Use matters, and asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none,

Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Pastor Ronnie Tremble asked to speak to the Board concerning the stripes on Langston Chapel Road. He stated this road is a four (4) lane road and the white stripes have faded and you can hardly see them when it is dark outside. County Manager Tom Couch addressed Pastor Tremble's concern and stated this road is on the striping list but due to weather it has not been able to be completed yet but hopefully it would be soon. Chairman Nevil asked if there were anymore public comments for the audience at large. Mr. Clemon Robinson stated he lived in Cypress Crossing Subdivision and next door to him there is always a problem with standing water especially after it has rained. He stated he had understood that when the subdivision was built next to him there was supposed to be a retention pond put in and wanted to know if this is a county issue or a private issue. Zoning Administrator Randy Newman stated the plans did not show a retention pond. He stated they have a meeting tomorrow at the site with the Soil and Water Department to get input on what needs to be done and invited Mr. Robinson to come. Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further public comments. County Manager Thomas Couch and Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland both stated that there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item.

Next, Chairman Nevil stated there is a Presentation to present a proclamation to the Purple Heart Recipients. Rev. Enos V. Garvin Chapter #596 Military Order of the Purple Heart and Christopher "Kit" M. Lowe, Former Army Sergeant and Purple Heart Recipient were present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Purple Heart recipients. They stated that Bulloch County was the 1st County in Georgia to be a "Purple Heart" County and presented the county with Purple Heart Flag. Chairman Nevil and the Commissioners thanked them for coming and serving our country.

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 19, 2013; (2) To approve a Beverage Contract Renewal with Coca-Cola Company (See Exhibit # 2013-021); (3) To approve a 2012 firework bid with Liberty Pyrotechnics (See Exhibit # 2013-022); (4) To approve a lease agreement with Clay

Jackson/Statesboro Aviation (See Exhibit# 2013-023); (5) To approve a sales contract for a purchase of property to expand Brooklet Fire/EMS Station (See Exhibit # 2013-024). Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Ethridge and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Vice-Chairman Gibson all thanked the Veterans for their participation and they appreciated them coming to the meeting and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and Mr. Couch thanked the Commissioners for their support and stated he had given each of them some estimates of the renovations that need to be completed and asked if they could review it and get back with him.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commissioners or Staff. Hearing none from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board