

November 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. Commissioner 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: Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Chairman Nevil, 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, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Keep Bulloch Beautiful Director Kelly Collingsworth and Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

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 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation from the Georgia Forestry Commission. Mr. Willard Fail made a presentation on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Chief Ranger Mr. Doug Chassereau presented the July 2012-June 2013 Annual Report for the Georgia Forestry Commission for Bulloch County. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Fail and Mr. Chassereau for their presentations.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item was a presentation from Keep Bulloch Beautiful. Mr. Teddy Gandy gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the After School Community Garden Program that several of Bulloch County Schools are participating in. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Gandy for the presentation.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Mr. Wayne Collingsworth asked where the budget is at concerning the deficit. County Manager Tom Couch stated the updated reports should be available later in the week and he went over a few of the departments' expenditures and revenues. Chairman Nevil stated that hopefully in the next few months the financial reports could be put on the website to keep citizens updated and thanked Mr. Collingsworth for his concern in the matter.

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 November 5, 2013; (2) To approve a Resolution agreeing to provide matching funding for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application for proposed improvements to Memorial Park (See Exhibit #2013-128); (3) To Approve a Sole Source quote in the amount of \$141,384.60 from Holbrook Asphalt to apply HA5 Highway Density Mineral Bond to Parking areas and service drives at Mill Creek Park; (4) To Authorize a Contract based on a Sole Source proposal for Voice Over Internet Protocol(VOIP) telecommunications and computer/software for the Courthouse, Judicial Annex and Adult Probation Department (See Exhibit # 2013-129); and (5) To Authorize a contract based on a Sole Source Proposal for design services and project management for the re-roofing of the Correctional Institute and for correction of fire safety issues at the jail (See Exhibit # 2013-130). Commissioner Thompson asked if Consent Agenda Item # 3 could be moved to Agenda Item # 1 under New Business for further discussion. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda moving Agenda Item # 3 to Agenda Item # 1 under New Business. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, 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 Sole Source quote in the amount of \$141,384.60 from Holbrook Asphalt to apply HA5 Highway Density Mineral Bond to Parking areas and service drives at Mill Creek Park. Commissioner Thompson asked for clarification on the material that is to be used and if it would hold up for a length of time. County Engineer

Kirk Tatum stated the roads that are to get the HA5 Mineral Bond are not in terrible distress and this should hold up for the areas. He stated the back parking lot and the drives are in worse shape than the parking lot but will receive a different kind of material. Commissioner Thompson stated he had never seen this product anywhere and was not sure of how it would hold up. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve a Sole Source quote in the amount of \$141,384.60 from Holbrook Asphalt to apply HA5 Highway Density Mineral Bond to Parking areas and service drives at Mill Creek Park. (See Exhibit # 2013-131). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Thompson voted in opposition to the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a purchase of a Wiedmann XP8 Deep Time Aerifier from Show Turf Inc. Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins gave an explanation of what the Aerifier would be used for. He stated the highest bid was recommended because the other bids did not meet the specifications. Commissioner Thompson asked how deep the water lines were on the fields. Mr. Rollins stated they are GPS for location so there should not be any problems. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a purchase of a Widenemann XP8 Deep Tine Aerifier to ShowTurf Inc in the amount of \$30,326.30 (See Exhibit # 2013-132). 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the third item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a sole source bid from Innova Disc Golf for design/layout services and all necessary equipment to construct a 27- hole Disc Golf Course. Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins stated the community has shown an interest in having a disc golf course and there should be funds from the 2007 SPLOST. Commissioner Thompson stated it would be a great recreation activity for the Community. Commissioner Ethridge asked if there would be any fees charged. Mr.

Rollins stated there would not be any fees charged due to the fact that there is no need to hire any staff for the facility. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a sole source bid from Innova Disc Golf for design/layout services and all necessary equipment to construct a 27-hole Disc Golf Course in the amount of \$26,555.00 (See Exhibit # 2013-133). Commissioner Simmons 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.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Ethridge, Simmons, Mosley, and Gibson thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Rushing gave an update on the progress of the water/sewer project and thanked the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Thompson thanked everyone for their dedication and stated to Mr. Wayne Collingworth the Commissioners have made a pledge not to increase taxes next year.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. Hearing none, he stated 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 after a five minute recess. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about five 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(b)(2) and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the County Attorney, Jeff Akins, for the purpose of discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2). (See Exhibit #2013-134). 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.

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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 Ethridge 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.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board