

November 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. 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: Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Fire Chief Christopher Ivey, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and GIS Director Paul Conner.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to modify the agenda by striking Old Business for Discussion/Action for reconsideration of bids for the resurfacing of various roads in subdivision. He stated the Commissioners had approved the lowest bidder at the October 15, 2013 meeting but after review it was found that the contractor had not submitted the proper forms. Mr. Couch stated the proper forms have been submitted so reconsideration is no longer needed. Hearing no further modifications Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda striking Old Business as requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with 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 Hospital Authority on the Annual Tax Relief Contribution. Lee Cromley, Chairman of the Hospital Authority stated he had presented Chairman Nevil the contribution check in the amount of \$757,626.43 on October 29, 2013 and reviewed the 2013 Annual report.

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 held on October 15, 2013. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried with 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 the FY 2014 Master Project Authorization Road Project. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the purpose is to allow the Board of Commissioners to consider a project authorization schedule for FY 2013-2014 SPLOST proceeds. He stated authorization of these projects will lift the spending freeze that was issued last spring in an effort to update the County six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) by January 2014. After additional discussion on different departments, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the FY2014 Master Project Authorization (See Exhibit #2013-125). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a contract for software licensing and products with Pictrometry International. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the purpose of this allocation is to provide the first year of payment of \$48,0101.50 for photo imagery that will be taken of the entire county. He stated there would be multiple benefits for roads, stormwater, and public safety, as well as residual benefits to the Tax Assessors office to identify taxable property. Mr. Couch stated however, given the primary benefits as a fixed capital asset for GIS, costs will be allocated over a three-year payment period with the FY 2014 allocation to be taken from SPLOST stormwater funds. Hearing no further discussion,

Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the contract for a software licensing and products with Pictrometry International (See Exhibit # 2013-126). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with 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, Rushing, and Thompson thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. County Manager Tom Couch thanked the Board and staff for all their support and hard work. Chairman Nevil went over some upcoming events for the week. Hearing nothing further from the staff, 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. 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 Ethridge 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 #2013-127). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

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, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board