

September 3, 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 Simmons 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 Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Statesboro-Bulloch County 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 Statesboro Outreach Missions, Inc. for a Conditional Use to allow a personal care home in an existing manufactured home that is on the property in an Agricultural 5 Acre (AG-5) zoning district. He stated the property consists of five (5) acres and is located on Highway 301 North, Map Par # 104 000018 000. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. Ms. Felicia Parrish was present but stated she did not have anything further to add. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the conditional use request to allow a personal care home. Commissioner Rushing 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.

Sign-in sheets for Zoning Matters are shown in Exhibit #2013-104.

Chairman Nevil closed the Public Hearing regarding Zoning and Land Use matters, and asked for amendments or modifications to 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 asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2013; (2) To approve an alcoholic beverage license for Bay South Restaurant; (3) To approve the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Shuman to the Aging Services Advisory Council; (4) To approve a bid to Larry Cartee Construction for replacement of solid surface countertops for the Mill Creek Park Restrooms (See Exhibit #2013-105); (5) To Approve a bid from LaRita & Co for program pictures for the Statesboro Parks and Recreation Department (See Exhibit #2013-106). Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under Old Business was for Discussion/Action to approve the Statesboro Fire Agreement. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the previous agreement has been for two (2) years but this would be a five (5) year agreement. He stated in the past two (2) years the county has accumulated approximately \$240,000.00 from the previous agreement for programs and improvements that serve the Statesboro Fire Tax District. Mr. Couch stated there is also a provision concerning dispute resolution and the City of Statesboro has requested the County use up to \$40, 0000.00 out of the \$240,000.00 to construct a Fire Training Safety Building. He stated he recommends approval of the agreement. County Attorney Jeff Akins stated in paragraph

#5 of the agreement, the city added a provision that, while not binding, contemplates reaching a longer-term agreement in the future. Public Safety Director Ted Wynn stated the agreement as presented is beneficial to both the County and the City. After some further discussion on the agreement, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Statesboro Fire Agreement. 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. (See Exhibit # 2013-107).

With no items under New Business, 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, Commissioner Gibson, and Chairman Nevil thanked the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff. Mr. Couch stated he is still working on a date and time for a Budget workshop and would let everyone know when a date and time has been set.

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 Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thompson 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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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board