

January 21, 2014  
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 Mosley 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, Vice-Chairman Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and Chief Accountant Whitney Richland.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to modify the general agenda by adding a Presentation from the Mental Health Court. Hearing no further modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the proposed modification. 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 stated there was a presentation from the Bulloch County Mental Health Court and called on Judge Woodrum to present. Judge Woodrum went over the program and its benefits. He introduced Mental Health Services Coordinator Karen McClain. Mrs. McClain passed out information about the program (See Exhibit # 2014-004). She stated the program started in September 2013 and currently has seven (7) participants, none of whom has had any further offenses since joining the program. Chairman Nevil thanked Judge Woodrum and Mrs. McClain for the presentation and the job they do.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Ms. Amanda Moore of 317 Live Oak Loop stated she is having problems with vehicles speeding in her neighborhood and would like to request speed bumps for the roads out there. She distributed a petition from supporting adjacent homeowners. (See Exhibit # 2014-005). County Manager Tom Couch stated there are some liabilities with using speed bumps and the County would need time to look into the matter and figure out what the best solution would be. Commissioner Thompson asked if the roads were paved or dirt. Mrs. Moore stated Live Oak Loop is a paved

Road. Chairman Nevil thanked her for the presentation and stated they would look into the issue further.

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 January 7, 2014; (2) To adopt a resolution commending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) on the occasion of their Centennial (See Exhibit # 2014-006); (3) To Approve a Resolution to fix and publish qualifying fees for County Elected Officials (See Exhibit # 2014-007). 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.

With no items under New/Old Business, Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Ethridge, Simmons, Mosley, Rushing, Thompson and Gibson thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated the 2014 Bulloch County Community Leadership Conference will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and if anyone would like to attend to let her know so she can get them registered and hotel reservations made.

Chairman Nevil presented NAACP State President Francys Johnson with a proclamation welcoming the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP to Statesboro.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda is an Ethics Workshop and called on County Manager Tom Couch to present. Mr. Couch gave a slide show on Ethics and Transparency (See Exhibit # 2014-008).

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

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board