

February 6, 2014
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: Vice-Chairman Simmons, Commissioner Mosley (came in at 5:50 pm), 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, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, EMS Director Doug Vickers, Statesboro-Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, and Chief Accountant Whitney Richland.

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 Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated there was a presentation from the Bulloch County EMS Department and called on Public Safety Director Ted Wynn to present. Mr. Wynn stated in October 2013 a presentation of a proposal was given by EMS Consultants of LaGrange, Georgia to help improve Bulloch EMS billing practices and collections. He stated they have a presentation of the corrective actions that have been taken so that the EMS billing can stay in house. Mr. Wynn went over the procedures of how the billing works and stated that every insurance company has different rules and regulations. He called on EMS Director Doug Vickers for discussion on the improvements that have been made. Mr. Vickers gave a power point presentation (See Exhibit # 2014-009) showing the improvements and collections that have been made since October 2013. County Manager Tom Couch stated he was in agreement that there had been significant improvements and the revenue from collections had increased and would be in agreement for the EMS Billing to remain in house if the

collections stayed consistent. Mr. Wynn stated they were also going to look into increasing the fees for Special Events. Commissioners were in agreement to keep the EMS Billing in house. Chairman Nevil stated he was appreciative of Mr. Wynn, Mr. Vickers and their staff for the hard work and dedication they had given to improve the situation and thanked them for the presentation.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation on Mid-year Budget Review and called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch passed out a first draft of the Mid-year 2014 Fiscal Review (See Exhibit # 2014-010) and went over where a few of the departments are according to their budgets and then went over where the county is as a whole. He stated this was just a rough draft and he would like to do some more analyzing on some of the departments and present the Commissioners with a final draft.

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. Commissioner Thompson stated he has had several people approach him about EMS training and asked EMS Director Doug Vickers if there is any that would be available. Mr. Vickers stated there are a percentage of the classes that can be done by video, and for the ones that cannot they offer free classes twice a year on the weekends and if you attend them you can be finished that weekend. Commissioner Thompson stated he would advise those that asked about the classes. Hearing nothing further, Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) To Approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on January 13, 2014 and the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2014; (2) To approve a bid with A.D. Starr in the amount of \$24,033.88 for Youth Baseball Uniforms (See Exhibit # 2014-011). Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for discussion only on the proposed policy changes in the purchasing card program. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch passed out a draft (See Exhibit #

2014-012) and stated there are still some modifications but went over some of the proposed modifications and stated he would have a more complete draft at the next meeting.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to adopt a resolution for the railroad agreement with Georgia Southern Railway Company on Riggs Road. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Resolution (See Exhibit # 2014-013). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Simmons, voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Simmons, Mosley, Rushing, Thompson, and Gibson thanked Public Safety Director Ted Wynn and EMS Director Doug Vickers for the presentation and the job they do.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. Hearing none, Chairman Nevil 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, and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board