

March 18, 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 Thompson 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 (came in at 8:40 a.m.), 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, Chief Accountant Whitney Richland, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Statesboro-Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Bulloch County Correctional Institute Warden Chris Hill, Shop Superintendent Jesse Durrence, Keep Bulloch Beautiful Director Kelly Collingsworth, and Interim Airport Manager Alan Davis.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to modify the Agenda by adding under New Business Agenda Item # 1 for Discussion/Action on the I-16/301 Water Tower Logo. Hearing no further modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the modifications suggested by the County Manager. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Ms. Allison Goggans was present and spoke about the three (3) parcels located at the Old Hospital property for which the Commissioners are soliciting bids to sell the parcels. She stated she does not want to see these parcels sold and would like the Ogeechee Hospice to be able to use them for future expansion. Chairman Nevil stated they would look into it and, even though the invitation for bids has been advertised, the Commissioners can reject any bids that may be received. Hearing no further public

comments nor having received any written comments, Chairman Nevil proceeded to the next item.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation from Keep Bulloch Beautiful and called on KBB Director Kelly Collingsworth to initiate discussion on the matter. Ms. Collingsworth stated Friday, March 21, 2014 would be the ninth annual Children's Water Festival held at Georgia Southern. She went over the activities that would be offered and names of the sponsors. Ms. Collingsworth thanked the Commissioners for their support for the festival and invited them to attend.

Chairman Nevil stated 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 March 4, 2014; (2) To authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the FY 2015 Intergovernmental Agreement regarding state inmates (See Exhibit # 2014-038); (3) To approve a bid for Most Dependable Fountains, Inc. for the purchase of outdoor water fountains (See Exhibit # 2014-039); (4) To authorize a contract with The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service Contract renewals (See Exhibit #2014-040); (5) To authorize a contract with Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. for installation of two (2) precision approach PAPI and flight check at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport (See Exhibit # 2014-041). Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action on the I-16/301 Water Tank Logo. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated he had passed out a copy of an email between himself and Wayne Johnson, City of Statesboro Water and Sewer Director, about the logo for the water tank for the I-16/301 project. He stated the contractors are ready for the logo design but according to Mr. Johnson it is going to be \$27,000.00 over the allotted cost in the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Couch stated anything over \$25,000.00 has to be approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Ethridge stated she would like to see a breakdown of the cost for the logo. Mr. Couch

stated he has asked Mr. Johnson for the breakdown. Commissioner Rushing asked why the logo cannot wait to be put on until after the project is complete to see if it is even going to be visible from where the water tank is located. Mr. Couch stated it cannot wait because it has to be put on before the tank is lifted and connected to the concrete pole. After some further discussion on the visibility, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to authorize the County Manager to proceed with approving the cost of the I-16/301 Water Tank Logo on the condition that a breakdown of the cost is provided. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Gibson thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Thompson also thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication and stated he had several things on his mind he would like to discuss and he would like to have a workshop as soon as possible. Commissioners Rushing, Mosley and Ethridge agreed with Commissioner Thompson. Chairman Nevil asked what a good date/time would be for a workshop. Commissioner Thompson suggested maybe after the morning meeting since there has not been very much on the agenda.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. County Manager Tom Couch stated he would like for the Commissioners to email him some topics they would like to discuss during the workshops. He also stated he had passed out a financial statement for the Commissioners to review and if anyone had any questions to let him know. Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated there are two ribbon cuttings. The first one is for Thursday, March 20, 2014 for the Magnolia Women's Healthcare Center. Commissioner Ethridge stated she would attend that one. Ms. Strickland stated the second is on Thursday, March 27, 2014 for J.C. Lewis. Chairman Nevil stated he would plan on attending that one. She also stated on March 30, 2014 there is a State Championship Celebration being held at Bulloch Academy and there is a proclamation that has been prepared to be read off during the program at the celebration. Commissioner Thompson stated he would attend and present the proclamation for the State Championship Celebration at Bulloch Academy.

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 Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board