

April 15, 2014  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Brooklet City Hall. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gibson 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, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Chief Accountant Whitney Richland, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Sheriff Lynn Anderson, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Statesboro-Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Bulloch County Correctional Institute Warden Chris Hill, Deputy Warden Bubba Smith, Shop Superintendent Jesse Durrence, Keep Bulloch Beautiful Director Kelly Collingsworth, 911 Director Kelly Barnard, Assistant Public Safety Director Lee Eckles, and EMS Director Doug Vickers.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to modify the Agenda by moving Item # 3 under Presentation to Item # 3 under New Business. Hearing no further modifications, Commissioner Simmons 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, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

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 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 that Saturday April 26, 2014 is going to be the Great American Cleanup and she would like to invite everyone to come out and attend the event. Chairman Nevil also presented Ms. Collingsworth a Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day on April 26, 2014.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under presentation was for a proclamation from the Board of Education. Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated Superintendent Charles Wilson was supposed to be present for the presentation but had not yet arrived. Chairman Nevil then moved onto 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 Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 1, 2014 and the Workshop held on April 9, 2014; (2) To approve a proposal for Geotechnical testing for I-16/301 Industrial Park (See Exhibit # 2014-056); (3) To approve a resolution to accept a title for a donated motor vehicle (See Exhibit # 2014-057); (4) To approve a bid for the annual right of way mowing and spraying (See Exhibit #2014-058); (5) To approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment to the existing contract with Lavender and Associates for the new annex building (See Exhibit # 2014-059); (6) To adopt a resolution for a federal grant application to the United States Department of Transportation, I-16/US301(See Exhibit # 2014-060); (7) To approve a bid for vehicle allotments to various departments (See Exhibit # 2014-061). Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to accept a bid for performing full depth reclamation on portions of various roads. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch reviewed the bid summary. County Engineer Kirk Tatum stated they are asking for the bid to be approved but there will be a change order submitted with a lower price. After some discussion on the roads, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the low bid from Blount Construction in the amount of \$279,470.67 for the

full-depth reclamation project (See Exhibit # 2014-062). Vice-Chairman Anthony 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 the second item under New Business was for Discussion only to consider an amendment to the county roads and bridges administration policies. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the policy amendment would add section 17.0 to the policies enabling a process to install vertical deflection devices (speed humps, table, cushions, and signage) on county roads located in residential subdivisions and neighborhoods. He stated a citizen of Olney Station had come before the board to request having these installed in her subdivision. Mr. Couch stated a draft has been presented to the Commissioners (See Exhibit # 2014-063). He stated the estimates for installation and maintenance for devices over a ten year period is \$ 3,000.00 but because the type of service is above the basic level of service provided by the Transportation Department, the staff recommends paying an application fee of \$350.00 that would cover the cost of traffic studies, hearings, petition review, and administrative tasks. Mr. Couch stated the policy also provides for establishing special assessment tax districts to cover the cost of installation, future maintenance and replacement. He stated the annual assessment is likely to range from \$12.00 to \$30.00 per property owner depending on the neighborhood's density. Commissioner Thompson asked when the County takes over roads does the signage become the County's responsibility. Mr. Couch replied that it does. After some discussion on the policy change Chairman Nevil moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Nevil stated the third item under New Business was a presentation for Pre-Design of the AG Arena. He called on Statesboro Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins to initiate discussion. Mr. Rollins stated the project started in discussion about building agricultural offices and an AG Arena/Conference Center in 1996. He stated the County had acquired property off of Langston Chapel Road for the project. Mr. Rollins stated a year ago Populous and Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung created a pre-design and cost estimate. He introduced Mr. Dave Fortner with Populous, and Mr.

C.J. Chance and Mr. Eric Johnson with Hussey, Bell, Gay and DeYoung. Mr. Fortner gave a power point presentation (See Exhibit # 2014-064) showing the design layout and estimated cost of the project. Commissioner Ethridge asked if the practice arenas could be optional. Mr. Fortner stated it could just be an option to have in the arena. Commissioner Thompson stated there is a pond on the property and how is it guaranteed that the manure will not go into the pond. Mr. Fortner stated there will have to be a design for that but most arenas erect walls around each of the stalls and the manure is compacted and hauled off. Commissioner Simmons asked what other functions could be held at the complex. Mr. Fortner stated rodeos could be held there, and you could put indoor/outdoor carpet in and have concerts, family reunions, weddings, graduations, etc. Mr. Couch stated it could be an 8.5 million dollar project, and with some land issues that cost could possibly increase. Chairman Nevil stated he was pleased with the options and that the project could be done in phases but the Board would have to look at the different options. He thanked everyone for the presentation and moved onto the next item on the agenda.

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 thanked the representatives with Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung and Populous for the very informative presentation on the AG Arena.

Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the staff. Hearing none, 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 Gibson 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 #2014-065). 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.

After the executive session, 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 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.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board