

June 17, 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 and 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 Mosley, Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Transportation Director Dink Butler, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Chief Accountant Whitney Richland, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, EMS Director Doug Vickers, Shop Superintendent Jess Durrence, Warden Chris Hill and Purchasing Director Faye Bragg.

Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. County Manager Tom Couch asked to modify the agenda by adding an Executive Session for personnel matters. Hearing no further modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda adding the Executive Session as requested by the County Manager. Commissioner Rushing 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 stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation from Jeremy Coulter concerning the roads in Johnson Run Subdivision. Commissioner Thompson asked to defer the request until the July 1, 2014 meeting because Mr. Coulter was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

Chairman Nevil asked for any public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing none, 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 Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on June 3, 2014; (2) To approve a Resolution authorizing property schedule No. 3 to Master Tax-Exempt Lease-Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp (See Exhibit # 2014-103); (3) To approve a bid for paving the parking areas at the Brooklet Maintenance Facility with Ellis Wood Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$ 11,132.00 (See Exhibit # 2014-104) ; (4) To approve a bid for filters to be used on County-owned equipment by Fleet Maintenance to Statesboro Auto Parts

(NAPA) in the amount of \$1,428.14 (See Exhibit # 2014-105); (5) To approve a bid for batteries to be used on County-owned equipment by Fleet Maintenance to Statesboro Auto Parts (NAPA) in the amount of \$1,234.80 (See Exhibit # 2014-106); (6) To approve a Resolution authorizing sale of ambulance stretchers (See Exhibit # 2014-107); (7) To approve Ms. Donna Martin and Ms. Tisha Okungbowa to the Statesboro Regional Library Board. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Rushing 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, and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a renewal of Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated this is a renewal quote for the inmate excess loss medical insurance that covers inmates at the Bulloch County Jail and Correctional Institute. He stated option # 1 is the coverage the county currently has, which includes a \$65,000.00 specific deductible per inmate and a \$500,000 limit of coverage per inmate. Mr. Couch stated the medical insurance reimburses the County for a specific claim when it exceeds \$65,000.00 and reimburses a maximum of \$500,000.00 for a specific claim. He stated the difference between Option # 1 and Option # 2 is in the amount of the specific deductible and the corresponding reduction in premium for the higher specific deductible. He stated that the premium has not increased from last year. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve Option # 1 of the renewal quote for Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance (See Exhibit # 2014-108). Commissioner Rushing 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 stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a bid for the overlaying of Birdie Court. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated Birdie Court was resurfaced a couple of years ago when the roads in Grove Lakes and Hazelwood Subdivision were resurfaced using slurry seal. He stated due to numerous citizen complaints the County went back and overlaid the roads in Hazelwood with plant mix asphalt. Mr. Couch stated the residents of Birdie Court have requested that the County overlay their roads with the plant mix asphalt. Commissioner Gibson asked if there were any other roads that may need to be overlaid with the plant mix asphalt. Mr. Couch stated he is not aware of any. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the bid for overlaying of Birdie Court with Ellis Wood Contracting,

Inc. in the amount of \$8,775.00 (See Exhibit # 2014-109). 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 stated the third item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a bid for paving the County-owned portion of Pippin Place in Johnson Run Subdivision, which includes grading the existing road bed, installing curb and gutter, placing rock base and paving. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the unpaved portion of Pippin Place was inadvertently accepted by the county when the roads in Phase I of Johnson Run were accepted for county maintenance. He stated the quote is for paving that section of road at the same time as the developer-owned roads in Phase II are paved. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the bid for paving the County-owned portion of Pippin Place in Johnson Run Subdivision with Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$19,695.00 (See Exhibit # 2014-110). Commissioner Mosley 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 stated the fourth item under New Business was for Discussion/Action on an application for a FY2014 C.O.P.S. Grant for the Sheriff's Department. He called on Chief Deputy Jared Akins to initiate discussion on the matter. Chief Deputy Akins stated the grant could assist them with hiring additional deputies and went over the memo (See Exhibit #2014-111) submitted by Sheriff Lynn Anderson. County Manager Tom Couch stated they would need to review the budget and see where the extra monies would come from but stated the staff recommends the Sheriff's Department applying for the grant. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Sheriff's Department's application for the FY2014 C.O.P.S. Grant. Commissioner Rushing 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 any general comments or statements from the Commissioners. Commissioners Mosley, Rushing, and Gibson thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Thompson asked whether the County's personnel handbook contained a policy that employees having an affair with each other would be subject to immediate termination. County Attorney Jeff Akins stated that this was in essence a non-fraternization policy, and that the County did not have a specific non-fraternization policy. Mr. Akins further stated that two employees having an affair with each other might be subject to disciplinary action

depending on the circumstances, such as whether it caused significant disruption in the workplace.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any comments from the staff. County Manager Tom Couch stated he should have the FY2015 budget ready for presentation at the July 1, 2014 meeting. Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments from the Commissioners or 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. He stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, 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 as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2) (See Exhibit #2014-112). Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Mosley, voting in favor of the motion

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

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board