

July 8, 2014
Statesboro, GA

Workshop

The Board of Commissioners met at 4:30 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: Chairman Nevil, Vice-Chairman Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Chief Accountant Whitney Richland, Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, and Clerk of Courts Heather McNeal.

Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications to the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Vice Chairman Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion/Action to approve a change order to the contract with Ellis Wood for the widening and road improvements at A.J. Riggs Road. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated that the original survey showing where the utilities were located somehow did not get reviewed by the City of Statesboro. He stated there was a water line that was found to be in conflict with the A.J. Riggs widening project after the project contract was awarded. Mr. Couch stated the purpose of the change order is to relocate approximately 2,588 LF of 12" water line that belongs to the City of Statesboro. He stated there is a proposal from Ellis Wood in the agenda packet. Mr. Couch stated the funds will not be eligible to come from the grant money but there was a provision in the last CIP from which the funds can come. He stated this is a necessity for the project and the staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Thompson stated it is something that has to be done and offered a motion to approve the change order to the contract with Ellis Wood in the amount of \$225,680.90 for the water lines to be relocated for the A.J. Riggs Project (See Exhibit 2014-124). Vice Chairman Simmons seconded the motion. Chairman Nevil asked what distance the road will have to be moved. Mr. Couch stated that it would have to be moved very little. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Vice-Chairman Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item on the agenda was for Discussion/Action to approve confirmation to the Georgia Department of Transportation of the intent to proceed with and fund acquisition of easements and construction of a T-Hangar at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated this is for a capital improvement project at the airport consisting of two easements and a T-Hangar, which collects revenue. He stated there are not any final amounts for the project, but confirmation of an intent to proceed with acquisition and funding is needed in order to secure federal and state funding. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve confirmation to the Georgia Department of Transportation of the intent to proceed with and fund acquisition of easements and construction of a T-Hangar at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport (See Exhibit 2014-125). Vice-Chairman Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Vice-Chairman Chairman Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item was a presentation on the FY2015 Budget. He called on County Manager Tom Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated it could be another twenty to forty days before the audit is out and they will have more final figures. He then gave a power point presentation of the FY2015 Proposed Budget. (See Exhibit # 2014-126). He stated there will be a Public Hearing held following the workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Nevil asked for any general comments or statements from the Commissioners or staff. Clerk of the Board Christy Strickland stated there is a ribbon

cutting Thursday, July 10, 2014 for Parker's Store on Brampton Avenue and asked if anyone could attend. Commissioner Thompson stated he would attend the Ribbon Cutting. Hearing nothing further from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Vice-Chairman Simmons voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Christy Strickland, Clerk of the Board