

November 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. Vice-Chairman Anthony Simmons welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. County Manager Thomas Couch gave the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Maggie Fitzgerald Porter, Human Resources Director recording the minutes, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Vice-Chairman Anthony Simmons, Commissioner Roy Thompson, Commissioner Robert Rushing, Commissioner Ray Mosley, and Commissioner Carolyn Ethridge. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Developmental Services Director Andy Welch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Facilities Director Bob Hook, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

After Roll Call, Vice-Chairman Simmons asked for amendments or modifications to the General Agenda. Hearing no amendments or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Vice-Chairman Simmons asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing no comments, Vice-Chairman Simmons stated that nothing had been submitted in writing.

Vice-Chairman Simmons stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Work Shop and Regular Meeting held on November 4, 2014 and (2) to approve the renewal of the carpet cleaning contract with All Star Carpet Cleaning (See Exhibit #2014-191). Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson,

Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Without any items of Old Business, Vice-Chairman Simmons stated the first item under New Business was for the discussion and/or action to approve the lowest and most responsible bid for re-roofing a County building on College Street. Vice-Chairman Simmons called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated that the Old Health Department building on College Street which is currently leased to Pineland Community Service Board has a failing roof. Mr. Couch stated that discussion is necessary because the lowest apparent bidder did not include required documents with his bid, and this is grounds for rejecting the lowest bid. Mr. Couch further noted that the required documents that the lowest bidder failed to include were an acknowledgment of Addendum No. 1 and the contractor's affidavit required by state law. Mr. Couch stated that further consideration is necessary to determine if all bids should be rejected and bids re-solicited for the project to ensure maximum competition, or if the second lowest bid should be approved. Commissioner Thompson stated that it was fair to accept the second bid, even though it was higher, because the lowest bidder did not turn in the mandatory documents. After further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a bid from Chandler Roofing & Specialty Metals, Inc., for the re-roofing of the Old Health Department building on College Street (See Exhibit #2014-192). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Vice-Chairman Simmons stated the second item under New Business was for the discussion and/or action to consider follow-up information on candidate dirt road paving projects. Vice-Chairman Simmons called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated that Key Akins Road and RJ Kennedy Road are the only two dirt roads for which right-of-way acquisition is 100% complete. Commissioner Rushing asked if the County could pave Colfax Station without paving Miller Street Extension. After further discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to authorize the paving of Key Akins Road, RJ Kennedy Road, and Colfax Station with the provision that the appropriations and timing of the paving be approved at

a future meeting (See Exhibit #2014-193). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Without any further items of New Business, Vice-Chairman Simmons called for general comments or statements from the Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Ethridge asked that everyone remember those that are in need during the holiday. Commissioner Mosley asked Mr. Couch to schedule a workshop regarding road striping after the New Year. Commissioner Rushing discussed imminent domain of right-of-ways. Commissioner Thompson discussed the fees for alcohol licenses and potentially changing the ordinance.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Vice-Chairman Simmons stated that 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 to discuss Personnel Matters. Vice-Chairman Simmons stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about fifteen minutes, the Board would reconvene and in all likelihood move for adjournment. Vice-Chairman Simmons 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 County Attorney Jeff Akins, for the purposes of discussing and deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2014-194). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened, and Vice-Chairman Simmons asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no comments from the Board or Staff, Vice-Chairman Simmons 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 Thompson, Commissioner

Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Anthony D. Simmons, Vice-Chairman

Attest: Thomas M. Couch, County Manager