

February 3, 2015  
Statesboro, GA

### Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30pm in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gibson gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Anthony Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Vice-Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Carolyn Ethridge (came in at 5:40pm) The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, and Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item of business was the approval of the Zoning Agenda. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Zoning Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil called on Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the first item of business. Mr. Newman presented item #1 which was an application submitted by Brenda Hodges requesting a Conditional Use to allow a camper to be lived in while they are constructing a home. The property consists of 6.75 acres and is located at 2249 Bella Terra Road; Map/Parcel 125 000011 000. There was no one signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2015-008) Mr. Newman stated that there was nothing previously on the property and as of January 2015, there has been significant progress made with the construction of the home. He stated the residents should not have an issue with meeting the conditions given. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the conditional use to allow a

camper to be lived in while they finish construction on their home with the condition that the construction be completed by June 30, 2015 (See Exhibit #2015-009). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Ethridge, and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch asked to modify the agenda by moving item #5 (Appointments of Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority Board Members) under the Consent Agenda to item # 2 under New Business for the purposes of discussing the initial terms of office for position 2 and position 6 to the Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority Board. After hearing no further modifications or amendments, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the modifications requested by Mr. Couch. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Vice-Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Ethridge, and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Mr. Daniel Ray Bennett stated the members of Harmony Baptist Church have complied with everything that was suggested by the Board in regards to having Harmony Baptist Church road paved. He stated that they have not been able to get in touch with the owners despite having a signed petition from the owners stating they are willing to give the right-of-way for paving the road. He stated the owners would like someone from the Board to talk with them concerning this matter. Mr. Butler asked Mr. Bennett to provide his contact information and said he will check with Mr. Tatum, the County Engineer, and get back in touch with him. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Bennett for his comments, and stated that each owner will be consulted once all the information is ready.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) approve the minutes of the Work Session held on January 13, 2015; (2) approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on January 20, 2015; (3) approve the alcohol license for package retail beer and wine sales for Lavkumar Valia and Rachel Wasdin (designee) of Lav Brothers, Inc doing business as Clito Store located at 5901 GA Highway 24 Statesboro, Georgia (See Exhibit #2015-010). Without further discussion, Commissioner

Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance by adding Sections 3-35 and 3-36. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance as presented (See Exhibit #2015-011). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was the discussion and/or action to appoint members for the Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority Board. He called on Mr. Couch to begin discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated according to the Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Resolution, the two appointments carry different terms of office. The member selected for position #2 would hold the office for a two-year term and the member selected for position #6 would hold the office for a four-year term. Chairman Nevil stated that he would like to be considered for position #2 for the two-year term. Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to appoint Chairman Nevil to serve in position #2 with two-year term and Benjy Thompson to serve in position #6 with a four-year term for the Joint Development Authority Board. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil called for general comments or statements from the commissioners and staff. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bennett for his attendance and comments, thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and thanked the staff for all their hard work. Commissioner Thompson suggested Mr. Wynn organize a town hall meeting and invite fire fighters, officers and the Chief, to discuss issues relating to the Fire Department. He stated he would facilitate the meeting and invited other Commissioners to attend as well. He would like to see if the meeting can be held on a Monday, preferably during the last of February or early part of March.

Commissioner Gibson stated he would like to see a meeting with the land owners in regards to Harmony Baptist Church road. Mr. Couch stated the next scheduled Work Session will be on February 12, 2015 at 11:45am to 1:15pm. Mrs. Gaines reminded the Commissioners and staff of the following upcoming events: African American Business Owner's Community Foundation banquet on Saturday, February 21, 2015; the Community Leadership Conference hosted by the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce and the Development Authority on February 20, 2015; and the 2015 ACCG Annual Conference held on April 17-20, 2015. Mr. Butler also informed Commissioners and staff of the Better Back Roads Workshop to be held on February 11, 2015 at 9am-3pm at the Agricultural Building located on Langston Chapel road. Mr. Wynn reminded everyone of the Severe Weather Preparedness Week activities and encouraged everyone to practice and prepared in the event of severe weather.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil 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 to discuss Personnel Matters. 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 County Attorney Jeff Akins, for the purpose of discussing and deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2015-012). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

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The meeting was reconvened, and Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the commissioners or staff. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley 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, and Commissioner Simmons voting in favor of the motion.