

February 17, 2015
Statesboro GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Mosley gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Cindy Steinmann, Management Analyst for the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Ethridge. Commissioner Simmons was absent. The following staff was present: County Manager Tom Couch, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, Chief Accountant Kristie King, Solid Waste Director Fred White, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

After Roll Call, Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing none, he stated the next item on the agenda was a presentation on Inmate Medical Savings Program by Mr. Ben Pittarelli, who works with ACCG Health Insurance programs. Mr. Pittarelli explained that the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) has partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield to offer discounts for inmate medical coverage and works in conjunction with the current health insurance plans/programs to assist in saving money through network benefits. He stated through the program, there would be an administrative fee paid to Blue Cross Blue Shield in order to cover an inmate and the administrative fee was based on the size of the jail. Mr. Pittarelli provided a map of Georgia counties who have partnered with ACCG and have had a

combined savings of \$60 billion dollars through this partnership. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Pittarelli for his presentation.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on January 27, 2015; (2) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 3, 2015; (3) to approve the bid from J&M Displays in the total amount of \$21,870 for fireworks displays at the July 4, 2015 and the Swing into Spring 2016 Events (See Exhibit #2015-013). Commissioner Rushing asked if the vendor was a different vendor from the previous year. Mr. Rollins confirmed that this vendor was a new vendor. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, 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 a contract with Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$144,792.50 for paving Horace Mitchell Road. Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve a contract with Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$144,792.50 for paving Horace Mitchell road (See Exhibit #2015-014). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil called for general comments or statements from the Commissioners. The Commissioners thanked everyone for their attendance, thanked staff for all their hard work, and thanked Mr. Pittarelli for his presentation. Mr. Pittarelli asked that the commissioners and staff remember Adrian Peterson and his family during their time of bereavement. Mr. Couch reminded Commissioners of the Community Leadership Conference to be held on February 21, 2015 at 8:30 am; the Annual ACCG Conference to be held on April 17-20th in Savannah, Georgia and stated he will be sending out the FY2016 budget priority survey soon, which will be discussed at the March 17, 2015 meeting. Mr. Fred White informed commissioners and staff the

dumpster site on Brannen Road has been closed and asked for feedback on the potential closure of the dumpster site on Lawrence Church Road. Chairman Nevil thanked everyone for the comments.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk