

March 3, 2015
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 pm in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simmons 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 Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Ethridge (came in at 5:38pm) 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, Chief Accountant Kristie King, Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport Director Kathy Boykin, Road Superintendent Marshall Thigpen, and Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item of business was the approval of the Zoning Agenda. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the Zoning Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Ethridge all 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 Paul Beasley to rezone a 1 acre parcel from R-40 (Residential 40,000 square feet) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The property consists of 1 acre and is located at 395 Cawana Road; Map/Parcel 092 000012A000. Mr. Michael Westbrook acted as agent (See Exhibit # 2015-013). Mr. Westbrook stated his company purchased the land from Paul Beasley and wanted to turn the parcel into office space for the Atlantic Region component of his company. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the rezone request for the 1 acre parcel from R-40 to NC (See Exhibit #2015-014). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson,

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

Mr. Newman presented item #2 which was an application for a conditional use to allow a business office for a Natural Resource and Timber Company under general business. The property consists of 1 acre and is located at 395 Cawana Road; Map/Parcel 092 000012A000. Mr. Jed DeZelle acted as agent. Mr. DeZelle stated that he would like to use the existing home on the property as an office space for general business and the company had already purchased the surrounding 18 acres. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the conditional use request for the existing home on the property to be used as an office space for general business (See Exhibit #2015-015). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

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

Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing none, 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 February 12, 2015; (2) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2015; (3) to approve the Summary Material Modification No. 02 to the Employee Health Care Plan (See Exhibit #2015-016); (4) to authorize a resolution to approve Amendment #1 to ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Bulloch County Employees (See Exhibit #2015-017); (5) to authorize a resolution to approve Amendment #2 to ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Bulloch County Employees (See Exhibit #2015-018); and (6) to approve Amendment #1 to Work Authorization #5, land acquisition (See Exhibit #2015-019). Without further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

Without any further items for discussion, Chairman Nevil called for general comments or statements from the Commissioners. The Commissioners each thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Staff for all of their hard work. Commissioners Thompson provided an update on Parks and Receptions new Disc Golf course and mentioned that citizens from as far away as Jacksonville, Florida came to participate in a tournament held at the new disc golf course. Commissioner Rushing stated that progress was being made on the I-16/301 Interchange. Commissioner Ethridge thanked the Westervelt Company for their business and support in the community, and thanked Mr. Welch and Mr. Wynn for their continued efforts.

Mr. Couch updated the commissioners and staff on the issues surrounding the roll-off containers. He stated that Mr. White had informed him that he was in need of 3 roll-off containers due to deterioration. Because of the dire need, he gave approval for Mr. White to secure quotes and allowed Mr. White to accept the lowest bid. Mr. Couch stated that he was not trying to stretch the parameters of the purchasing policy and in accordance with the policy for the remaining 5 roll-off containers, sealed bids were solicited from vendors and opened on March 1, 2015. He informed everyone that Mr. Richard Deal will be coming to the March 17th meeting to review the 2014 financial audit and answer any questions if needed. He stated that the next Work Session will be held on March 19, 2015 at 11:45am until 1:15pm with a presentation by Shaw-Hankins to discuss Health Wellness Programs, and he reminded those who are interested in attending the 2015 ACCG Annual conference held on April 17-20 to get with Mrs. Gaines for assistance with registration requirements. Mr. Butler introduced Mr. Marshal Thigpen as the new Road Superintendent. Chairman Nevil thanked everyone for their hard work and attendance.

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

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: _____

Olympia Gaines, Clerk