

April 21, 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. County Manager Tom Couch 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 Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Ethridge was absent. The following staff was present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Chief Accountant Kristie King, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Solid Waste Director Fred White, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Transportation Director Dink Butler, and Chief Deputy Jared Akins.

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 Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, and Commissioner Simmons all 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 the approval of the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 7, 2015 and minutes for the Work Session held on April 9, 2015; (2) Resolution to Approve Policy to Implement Method for Determining Eligibility for Bulloch County Employees Health Care Plan (See Exhibit #2015-049); (3) to approve agreement with HiCast Sports (Backstop Camera system for Mill Creek Regional Park) (See Exhibit #2015-050); (4) to authorize lease agreement renewal with

Pineland BHDD (See Exhibit #2015-051); (5) to authorize an engineering agreement EMC Engineering Services for intersection design (See Exhibit #2015-052). Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Simmons all 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 discussion and/or action to authorize negotiation of an agreement for revenue compliance audits with Revenue Discovery Services (RDS). Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated RDS was previously used by the County in 2005-2006 for utility bill auditing. The staff is requesting assistance from RDS for auditing occupational taxes, hotel-motel taxes and alcohol excise taxes for delinquencies. Mr. Ivan Figueroa, Regional Account Representative for RDS, gave a brief description of the company's services. Mr. Couch stated that the greatest yield from the use of RDS would result from the occupational taxes. He stated there are an estimated 100-150 businesses possibly operating in the unincorporated areas of Bulloch County that have not been licensed. Mr. Couch stated the County will likely see increases in the next fiscal years as a result of capturing revenue generated by these businesses along with current licensed businesses. Chairman Nevil asked Mr. Couch to review the cost to the County for this service. Mr. Couch stated RDS would be paid a contingency fee of 40% of any current or previous year occupational taxes discovered and collected. This fee would not apply to any additional revenue collected on these accounts in future years. After some discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to authorize negotiations of an agreement for revenue compliance audits with Revenue Discovery Services (RDS). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Simmons all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item of New Business was discussion on the Curbside Recycling Program. Mr. Couch initiated discussion by stating this program was initially set up by Keep Bulloch Beautiful three years ago and has experienced severely

negative operating issues for the Solid Waste department as follows: (1) poor program design; (2) poor promotion, outreach and feedback; (3) poor collection practices; and (4) inadequate materials recycling facility. These issues have resulted in an operating loss of \$41,825 and an aggregate loss of \$67,825. Mr. Couch stated the County is recommending immediate suspension of the curbside recycling service with adequate notice to customers and potential proportional refunds for the 2015 subscription year. Mr. Couch recommended the following potential options for the Board to consider to accomplish the outcomes in a more cost-effective way: (1) permanent suspension; (2) add or expand convenience centers; and (3) reinstate voluntary curbside recycling. Mr. White stated currently the issues are occurring within the city limits as well as in Brooklet and Portal, but on a smaller scale. He stated there is more garbage than recyclable material being placed in the carts. Mr. Couch stated the County could hold a forum and invite the City of Statesboro officials and citizens for a Q&A and determine a date to suspend operations. He stated the matter would then be brought back before the Board for further discussion and/or action.

Chairman Nevil called for general comments or statements from the Commissioners. The Commissioners thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked staff for all their hard work, thanked the finance department for all of their hard work, and thanked Mr. Butler and his staff for their continued efforts to address issues surrounding the roads. Commissioner Gibson asked the commissioners and staff to remember Mr. Lamar Merck and family during their time of bereavement. Mr. Couch reminded commissioners of the upcoming budget interviews and informed them the schedules will be sent out by the end of the week. Mr. Butler updated commissioners and staff on the progress on Ponderosa Road and current issues surrounding ditches. He stated his department is looking at acquiring sand/dirt to mix with the clay for the dirt roads. Mr. Butler thanked everyone for their support.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil 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. 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 #2015-053). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Mosley voting in favor of the motion.

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

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: _____

Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board