

June 2, 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 Thompson 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. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport Director Kathy Boykin, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

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

Chairman Nevil called on Assistant County Manager Andy Welch to present the first item of business. Mr. Welch presented item #1 which was an application submitted by Krutik Patel to rezone a 0.16 acre parcel from R-25 to GC. The convenience store located on the property has been closed for more than 6 months. The property is located at 8090 Nevils Groveland Road in Nevils, parcel number N01 000016 000. There was no one signed up to speak on this request (See Exhibit #2015-067). Mr. Patel stated that he wasn't aware of the guidelines and due to financial issues closed the store for 6 months. He stated that when he recently tried to rent the store out, he found out about the zoning classification. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the rezone request as presented. 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. Mr. Couch asked to modify the agenda by adding item #7, a resolution to authorize an application for grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation for transportation improvements to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with modifications requested by Mr. Couch. Commissioner Simmons 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 no additional comments from the audience at large, Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) approve minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 12, 2015 and the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2015; (2) approve appointment of Walter Gibson to the Coastal Regional Commission Aging Services Advisory Council; (3) approve re-appointment of Ellis Wood, Brian Kent, Doug Collins, and Alan Davis to the Airport Committee; (4) approve Ground Lease with Air Evac EMS Inc. (See Exhibit #2015-068).; (5) approve appointment of Raymond Scott to the Bulloch County Alcohol and Drug Council; (6) approve renewal contract with Vaisala for weather services (See Exhibit #2015-069); (7) adopt resolution to authorize an application for grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation for Transportation Improvements (See Exhibit #2015-070). Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons 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 stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve an alcoholic beverage license for retail beer and wine sales to Brandi Kea and Lav Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Clito Store located at 5901 Highway 24, Statesboro, Georgia. Chairman Nevil called on Mrs. Gaines to initiate discussion on the matter. Mrs. Gaines stated the license for this store was revoked due to the previous licensee no longer meeting the qualifications listed in the Bulloch County Ordinance that the licensee be a resident of the county. The owner has

submitted another applicant who is able to meet the requirements for being a licensee for the premises. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license for retail beer and wine sales to Brandi Kea and Lav Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Clito Store located at 5901 Highway 24, Statesboro, Georgia (See Exhibit #2015-071) . Commissioner Rushing 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 called for general comments or statements from the commissioners and staff. The commissioners thanked everyone for their attendance, and thanked the staff for all their hard work and help with the budget process. Commissioner Mosley stated that he had attended a recent ACCG-IRMA meeting which was very informative and he felt the issues discussed at this meeting were matters the Board needed to be informed about. Commissioner Rushing discussed his concerns with the number of freight trucks on the roads and referenced recent accidents involving freight trucks. He stated if possible the Board needed to address the safety concerns of the increasing number of freight trucks, especially with the possibility of increasing activity at the port in Savannah. Commissioner Thompson shared with the Board and staff the concerns of Mr. John Smith, owner of RC Machine Tools, involving individuals trespassing on his property who are using the Disc Golf Course. Commissioner Thompson stated Mr. Smith is concerned with potential safety issues arising from individuals coming onto the property.

Mr. Couch discussed the tentative budget workshop schedule with everyone and stated that the first budget workshop would be held on June 4, 2015 at 4:30 pm if the Board was in agreement. The Board members agreed on the date and time for this budget workshop. Mr. Couch stated that he had also been in contact with Mr. Smith and discussed with him possible solutions to his concerns. Mr. Couch stated that the best course of action would be to put in a fence around the relevant areas. Mr. Couch stated the cost of the fence would be in excess of \$10,000 due to the extent of Mr. Smith's property. He stated that he will get with Mr. Smith to get the actual linear footage and then bring the issue back before the Board for discussion.

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 and Potential Litigation

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), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of County Attorney Jeff Akins, for the purpose of discussing and deliberating on Personnel and Potential Litigation Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel and Potential Litigation Matters (See Exhibit #2015-072). 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.

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 Ethridge offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: _____

Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board