

May 19, 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, and Commissioner Mosley. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge were 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 Deputy Director Lee Eckles, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Training Officer Ben Tapley, Warden Chris Hill, and Deputy Warden Wayne Smith.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch asked to modify the agenda by moving item #5 Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance from under the Consent Agenda to item # 3 under New Business. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with modifications requested by Mr. Couch. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley 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 Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on May 5, 2015; (2) To approve a Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License for retail beer, wine and distilled spirits by the drink to Darin Van Tassell of Forest Heights Country Club located at 3772 Country Club Road Statesboro (See Exhibit #2015-063); (3) to adopt a resolution to approve Stop-Loss Insurance for the Employee Health Plan (See Exhibit #2015-064); (4) to authorize a renewal and update of a mutual aid agreement (See Exhibit #2015-065). Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as

presented. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley 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 Shiva's Food (Niren Patel and Cassandra Wiggins) located at 10941 Highway 301 South Statesboro. Chairman Nevil called on Mrs. Gaines to initiate discussion on the matter. Mrs. Gaines directed the Commissioners to review the criminal history information of Mr. Patel. After some discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to deny the Alcoholic Beverage License for Niren Patel and Cassandra Wiggins. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the second item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve the suspension or revocation of an alcoholic beverage license for Clito Store located at 5901 Georgia Highway 24. Chairman Nevil called on Mrs. Gaines to initiate discussion on the matter. Mrs. Gaines stated that the licensee had called and stated she had moved out of the county and would like to have her named removed from the license. Mrs. Gaines explained that there was no designee and the owner of the store was not a US citizen, which is a requirement for obtaining an alcoholic beverage license under Bulloch County's ordinance. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to revoke the alcoholic beverage license for the Clito Store. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the third item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve a quotation for Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the information before the Board was a renewal quote for the Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance that covers inmates at the Bulloch County Jail and Correctional Institute. He stated Option 1 is the coverage the County currently has which includes a \$65,000 specific deductible per inmate and a \$500,000 limit of coverage per inmate, and Option 2 includes a higher specific deductible of \$70,000 with a corresponding reduction in premium for this option. Mr. Couch stated the premium has not

increased in the last year. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve Option 2 on the renewal quote for the Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance (See Exhibit #2015-066). Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley 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, thanked the staff for all their hard work and help with the budget process, and thanked Mr. Couch for the opportunity to be a part of the budget process as it has been very educational and helpful in understanding the various components of the budget. Mr. Couch reminded everyone of the scheduled times for budget interviews today and solicited volunteers for the budget interviews scheduled on May 21, 2015. Mr. Couch also stated he would like to have a meeting to sum up presented budget information and to get a consensus from the Board members of the direction they would like to go in; he stated he is looking at June 4, 2015 as a possible meeting date. Chairman Nevil thanked everyone for all their efforts and stated that any feedback concerning budget presentations and the budget would be appreciated. Mr. Tapley informed commissioners and staff that it was EMS appreciation week. Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Tapley for letting everyone know and for the department's hard work.

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 Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, and Commissioner Mosley all voting in favor of the motion.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk