

May 5, 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 Gibson 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, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport Director Kathy Boykin, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, EMS Director Doug Vickers, Captain Otto Lewis, and Warden Chris Hill.

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 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 called on Zoning Administrator Randy Newman to present the first item of business. Mr. Newman presented item #1 which was an application submitted by Doris Miller to rezone a 5.57 acre parcel from AG-5 to R-80. The property is located on Ash Branch Church Road, parcel number 154 000045 003. There was no one signed up to speak on this request (See Exhibit #2015-054). Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the rezone request as presented. 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.

Mr. Newman presented item #2 which was for an application submitted by Bulloch County for a conditional use for an Air Ambulance Service. The property consists of 1.75 acres

and is located on Hwy 67, parcel number 092 000011B001. Air Evac EMS is acting as agent. There were two people signed up to speak (See Exhibit #2015-055). Commissioner Thompson asked Ms. Whitney Miller if there would be a security fence around the site. Ms. Miller stated that they would be glad to add a fence at the expense of Air Evac. Commissioner Thompson asked if the facility would have 24 hour coverage. Ms. Miller confirmed that the facility would have 24 hour coverage. Ms. Miller and Mr. Jaime Roberts both stated they are able to work along with any specific aesthetic or landscaping requirements. Mr. Akins informed the Board and staff that requirements such as fencing and landscaping can be placed within the lease as the County owns the property. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the conditional use request 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 asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Mr. Couch asked to modify the agenda by removing item #4 under the Consent Agenda to item #3 under New Business. Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with modifications requested by Mr. Couch. Commissioner Thompson 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. Mr. Thurmond Tillman, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, presented information on the initiative supporting the Census Bureau's 2015 Census Test.

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 the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 21, 2015; (2) to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the FY2016 Intergovernmental Agreement regarding State Inmates (See Exhibit #2015-056); (3) to authorize the execution of an agreement for compliance auditing with PRA Government Services, LLC d/b/a RDS (See Exhibit #2015-057); (4) to adopt a resolution to enter into a contract to accept state and federal funding (See Exhibit #2015-058); (5) to authorize an award

and contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of a T-Hangar (See Exhibit #2015-059). Without further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent 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 stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for regional transit funding. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated it has not been determined what the local match requirement will be and determination of funding for the local match is subject to approval in the county budget process. Mr. Couch stated that budget interviews with various departments and outside agencies were underway and the Coastal Regional Commission was scheduled for a budget interview on May 21, 2015. He stated their budget request information will be forwarded to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Couch stated that passing the resolution merely allows for the Coastal Regional Commission to apply for funding. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for regional transit funding (See Exhibit #2015-060). 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 stated the next item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to adopt a resolution concerning the Board of Education's General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Marc Bruce, Attorney for the Board of Education, to initiate the discussion on this matter. Mr. Bruce stated that the BOE intends to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,725,000.00 that will be paid for with revenues generated from the E-SPLOST, and that the bond proceeds will be used for several capital projects. Mr. Bruce stated that the resolution is a formality and that Bulloch County will collect the E-SPLOST for the BOE, keep the an administrative fee, and then remit the balance to the BOE, which in turn will be used to service the debt on the bonds. After further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to adopt a resolution concerning the Board of Education's General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015 (See Exhibit #2015-061). Commissioner Thompson 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 next item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action concerning nominees for the Hospital Authority Board of Directors. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to initiate the discussion. Mr. Couch stated that the Hospital Authority had submitted an application for Stephen Rushing to be considered as a nominee for Seat 2-A and 2-B after the Board had previously voted on nominees at the April 21, 2015 meeting. Mr. Couch asked the Board if they would like to have this matter presented in Executive Session for re-discussion or continue with the present nominees for Seat 2-A as Becky Livingston, Roger Doty, and Phillip Tremble, and for Seat 2-B as Roy Rountree, Verna Bennett, and Laura Daniels. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to continue with the present nominees for Seat 2-A as Becky Livingston, Roger Doty, and Phillip Tremble, and for Seat 2-B as Roy Rountree, Verna Bennett, and Laura Daniels. 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 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, thanked Mr. Tillman for his presentation on the Census 2015 Initiative, and thanked the finance department for all they have done and continue to do. Mr. Couch reminded everyone of the scheduled budget interviews and thanked the commissioners for being involved in the budget interviews. Chairman Nevil thanked everyone for all their efforts and stated that changes in various departments have been constructive and have created more efficiency for those departments and the County. Mr. Couch also asked the staff to remember Benjy Thompson with the Development Authority during his time of bereavement with the loss of his mother, as well as the family of Shannon Mikel, who recently passed away, during their time of bereavement.

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 Gibson offered a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2015-062). 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 Mosley offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons 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

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board