

June 30, 2015  
Statesboro, GA

### Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met for a called meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil called the meeting to order and welcomed staff. 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, Vice-Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Gibson, and Commissioner Ethridge. The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Statesboro-Bulloch Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, Warden Chris Hill, Shop Superintendent Jesse Durrence, and Tax Assessor John Scott.

With no items of Old or Unfinished Business, Chairman Nevil stated the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to dispense with the reading and approve a resolution to adopt the FY2016 General Appropriations Budget. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to begin discussion on this matter. Mr. Couch stated the budget represents a potential gross spending of \$74 million, but the net amount will be around \$60 million. The General Fund is still set at \$36,581,857 with a recommended tax increase of 1.9 mills. He stated the actual mill increase will be determined at the time the tax digest is submitted in mid- July. Chairman Nevil called for comments concerning this matter. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to dispense with the reading and approve a resolution to adopt the FY 2016 General Appropriations Budget (See Exhibit #2015-084). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to approve a resolution establishing annual fees for the Rural Fire District. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Couch to initiate discussion on this matter. Mr. Couch stated the resolution would represent the same fees from the previous years. Without further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve a resolution establishing annual fees for the Rural Fire District (See Exhibit #2015-085). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Mosley, 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 staff for all their hard work and efforts with the budget process. Commissioner Thompson asked Mr. Rollins about the crowds at Splash in the Boro. Mr. Rollins stated the impact is about the same as the previous year. Commissioner Gibson mentioned the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War and the Board honoring the veterans with a proclamation to be presented at the next meeting on July 7, 2015. Mr. Couch issued some guidance with purchasing as the County moves forward with the close out of FY2015.

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

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board