

July 19, 2016  
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. He 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 Thompson, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge. Commissioner Rushing and Commissioner Mosley were absent. The following staff was present: County Manager Tom Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Chief Accountant Kristie King, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Warden Chris Hill, Deputy Warden Wayne Smith, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, and Chief Deputy Jared Akins.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications to the General Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil called for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Hearing none, he 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 July 5, 2016; (2) and to approve the reappointment of Brian Burke and John Roach to the Coastal Area District Development Authority. 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 Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item of New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve an option for right-of-way with the Georgia Department of Transportation in the

amount of \$11,000. Chairman Nevil called on County Engineer Kirk Tatum to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Tatum stated the agreement was with regard to the Georgia DOT project for widening Highway 67 from the current four lanes section at the Fairgrounds to just past I-16. He stated that DOT needed to acquire approximately .06 acres of additional right-of-way from the County at the Denmark Recycling Center. After some discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the option for right-of-way with the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$11,000 (See Exhibit #2016-110). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge 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 Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance. Chairman Nevil called on County Attorney Jeff Akins to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Akins stated the inmate excess loss medical insurance covers inmates at the Bulloch County Jail and Correctional Institute. He stated the renewal quotes contained two options. Option 1 is the coverage the County has in place which includes a \$70,000 specific deductible per inmate and a \$500,000 limit of coverage per inmate. The medical insurance reimburses the County for a specific claim when it exceeds \$70,000 and reimburses a maximum of \$500,000 for a specific claim. He stated the difference between Option 1 and Option 2 was the specific deductible per inmate was at \$75,000 for Option 2 with a reduction in premium rate per inmate, per month. He stated this will become effective August 1, 2016

After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve Option 2 of the Inmate Excess Loss Medical Insurance with a specific deductible per inmate of \$75,000 (See Exhibit #2016-111). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, 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 expressed appreciation for the work they do. Hearing no further comments from the Commissioners or staff, Chairman Nevil stated 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 #2016-112). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Thompson voting in favor of the motion.

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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 Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk