

August 2, 2016
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 Simmons 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, and Commissioner Ethridge. Commissioner Gibson was absent. The following staff were present: County Attorney Jeff Akins, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Statesboro-Bulloch Airport Director Kathy Boykin, Building Inspections/Code Officer Ricky Helton, and Chief Deputy Jared Akins.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item of business was the approval of the Zoning Agenda. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the Zoning Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with 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 stated GA 16 Bulloch LLC had submitted an application to rezone 4,682.33 acres from AG-5 to Light Industrial for industrial uses. Mr. Newman stated this item had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Mr. Newman stated the second item on the agenda was an application submitted by Connie Mathis to rezone 28.87 acres from Highway Commercial to AG-5 for a possible solar generation facility. The property is located on Highway 80 West, parcel numbers 057 000040 000, 057 000008A004, and 057 000008A005. Mr. Newman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with a 4:3 vote. Mrs. Mathis stated she and her husband want to rezone for retirement purposes and the land is being currently farmed by their son. There was no one signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2016-113).

Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the request to rezone 28.87 acres from Highway Commercial to AG-5 for a possible solar generation facility. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Ethridge all voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Newman stated the third item on the agenda was an application submitted by Carolyn Williams for a conditional use to allow a Personal Care Home in the residence. The property is located at 114 Circle Drive, parcel number MS97 000073 000. There was one person signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2016-114). Mr. Newman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial with a 6:0 vote. John Dotson acted as agent. Mr. Dotson stated the Mrs. Williams was asking for a conditional use to operate a personal care home for six residents with a live-in caretaker. He also stated that Mrs. Williams had completed some renovations on the home and the property is enclosed with a chain linked fence.

Reginald Beasley expressed his opposition to the request and is concerned with potential safety hazards in the neighborhood that would have an effect on the individuals in care such as a lack of pedestrian sidewalks, heavy traffic, and multiple ponds in the neighborhood. He also referenced a petition presented at the July 14, 2016 Planning and Zoning meeting which contained names of other residents in opposition to the request. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to deny the conditional use request to allow a personal care home in the residence. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with 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 to the General Agenda. Mr. Welch requested to modify the General Agenda by adding item #2 under New Business for discussion/and or action to approve a proposal from US Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for a bundled lease-purchase agreement for various equipment for Public Safety and Finance. Without further discussion, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda with the modification requested by Mr. Welch. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with 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. Michael Rempe asked the Board to looking into improving the condition of William's Landing boat ramp. Chairman Nevil thanked him for his comments and stated the Board will look into it and see what needed to be done.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on July 12, 2016 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on July 19, 2016; (2) to approve the FY17 tentative allocation letter for federal funding assistance for the Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport to design runway 14/32 rehab, and clear the obstructions to runway 14/32 approaches (See Exhibit #2016-115); (3) to approve bid purchase for motor grader blades from Iron Peddlers in the amount of \$23,107 for 700 blades (See Exhibit #2016-116); (4) to authorize the County Manager to sign a contract with Cyberbidnow.com (Low Country Action & Real Estate) to have an absolute internet auction to sell Bulloch County's surplus vehicles and equipment (See Exhibit #2016-117); (5) to approve agreement for entry upon property to remove debris (See Exhibit #2016-118); and (6) to approve a grant agreement with the State Road and Tollway Authority (See Exhibit #2016-119).

Without 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 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 award of the installation of a sewage grinder at the Bulloch County Jail to Southeastern Civil, Inc. as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$70,595. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Welch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Welch stated there was an ongoing issue at the jail with inmates flushing various objects that are hard to break down which leads to continued maintenance with the City of Statesboro waste treatment pumps. He stated the City of Statesboro has asked that the County purchase a sewage grinder to help alleviate this problem. Chief Deputy Akins stated the department has tried various options, but none have been successful. He stated this option would be the most cost-effective solution.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rushing offered a motion to approve the award of the installation of a sewage grinder at the Bulloch County Jail to Southeastern Civil, Inc. as the

lowest bidder in the amount of \$70,595 (See Exhibit #2016-120). Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, 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 a proposal from U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for a bundled lease-purchase agreement for various equipment and software for Public Safety and Finance. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Welch to initiate discussion on the matter. Mr. Welch stated at the June 21, 2016 meeting the Board approved the FY2017 budget which included the estimated cost to acquire equipment and software for Public Safety and Finance. He stated there was not sufficient SPLOST funding to cover the cost, and the recommendation is to utilize lease-purchase financing through U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$1,261,500 with an annual interest rate of 1.430%.

Without further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the proposal from U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for a bundled lease-purchase agreement for various equipment and software for Public Safety and Finance (See Exhibit #2016-121). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with 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 attending the meeting, the employees for all they do, and thanked everyone for their comments and input. Mrs. Gaines reminded the Commissioners of upcoming events. Hearing no other 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.

He 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 Mosley offered a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2016-122).

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

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: _____
Olympia Gaines, Clerk