

July 5, 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. 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 Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gibson (5:34pm), 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, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Statesboro-Bulloch Airport Director Kathy Boykin, 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 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 stated Kelly Lanier has submitted an application to rezone a 4.77 acre parcel from AG-5 to GC. The property is located at 3041 Williams Road, parcel number 059 000019 001. There was no one signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2016-98). John Dotson acted as agent. Mr. Dotson stated the intent was to renovate the home and convert it into office space. Without further discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to approve the rezone request with conditions (See Exhibit #2016-99). 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 stated the second item on the agenda was an application submitted by Kelly Lanier for a conditional use to allow a Contractor Business to be used in a General Commercial zoning district. The property is located at 3041 Williams road, parcel number 059 000019 001. There was no one signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2016-100). John Dotson acted as agent. Mr. Dotson stated the owner would like to operate his business at the location. Without further discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the conditional use request to allow a Contractor Business to be used in a General Commercial zoning district. 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.

Mr. Newman stated the third item on the agenda was an appeal by Joshua Rogers of the Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of his variance request on June 9, 2016. The variance request is for a side setback to be 1 foot instead of the required 15 feet. The property is located at 17301 Highway 67, parcel number MS88000003 001. Mr. Newman stated the parcel was a 1 acre lot and the owner wanted to locate a new building along the side of the property. There was one person signed up to speak in favor of the request (See Exhibit #2016-101). Mr. Rogers stated he would like to expand his show room space by doubling the size of his current building. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the request for a variance for a side setback to be 1 foot instead of the required 15 feet. 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.

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 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 asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Frank Shilling expressed his concern with the condition of the railroad crossing at Kyle Sorrell and Maria Sorrell road. He stated that he was informed that this was not the County's

responsibility. He stated he would like to know how he can go about getting the process started to fix the railroad crossing. Mr. Couch stated it is the County's responsibility to notify the railroad company of the issues. He stated the County will contact the railroad company, but explained his concerns may not be immediately addressed by the railroad company.

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 June 21, 2016; (2) to approve the appointment of Fred Hill to the Coastal Workforce Investment Board; (3) to adopt a resolution declaring as unserviceable and authorizing the sale of vehicles and equipment (See Exhibit #2016-102); (4) to adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of right-of-way for the paved portion of Herman Rushing Road (See Exhibit #2016-103); (5) to authorize the County Manager to sign a contract renewal for filters and a contract renewal for batteries to be used in county-owned vehicles and equipment (See Exhibit #2016-104); (6) to approve the purchase of a new tractor from Blanchard Equipment in the amount of \$40,501.00 (See Exhibit #2016-105); (7) to approve the purchase of servers and associated items from Georgia Technologies in the total amount of \$38,958.97 (See Exhibit #2016-106).

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 called for general comments or statements from the commissioners and staff. The commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting, thanked the employees for their hard work, and thanked Mr. Shilling for his attendance and comments. Commissioner Thompson inquired about the cost of an employee time clock. Mrs. Richland explained the current time clock used is a web-based time clock which allows employees to sign in and out via fingerprint submission. She stated at the end of the month the employees' time can be exported into an excel document and given to payroll without having to manually input time. Mrs. Richland stated this system has been cost effective and has the capacity to handle several hundred employees. Commissioner Thompson stated that he is agreeable with this type of system to accurately capture employee hours. Commissioner Rushing stated that he is looking forward to the new recycling center at Union Church Road.

Mr. Couch reminded the Board of the previous discussion concerning a scheduled work session. He would like to schedule and possibly plan for July 12th at 11:45am to discuss Splash in the Boro expansion and other pertinent issues if time permits. The Commissioners stated they were agreeable with the date and time of July 12th at 11:45am. Hearing no comments from the Board 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 Ethridge offered a motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2016-107). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Mosley and Commissioner Thompson 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 Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, 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