

May 3, 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, 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, Chief Accountant Kristie King, Zoning Administrator Randy Newman, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Transportation Director Dink Butler, Public Safety Director Ted Wynn, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, Coroner Jake Futch, Sergeant Jimmy Billings, Chief Deputy Jared Akins, Sheriff Lynn Anderson, and County Engineer Kirk Tatum.

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 Bonnie Grist submitted an application for a conditional use for a salvage yard. The property is located on US Highway 301 South, parcel number MS34000006 00. Wes Lee acted as agent. There was one person signed up to speak on the request (See Exhibit #2016-39). Mr. Lee stated that he and his partners would like to turn what was previously the Stubbs Metal and Wrecking Yard into a used auto parts store. He provided a brief background of the formation of his business. Mr. Lee stated he and the other partners took over the Stubbs Metal and Wrecking Yard in late March of 2013. He stated they have grown out of their current location and have shifted their business focus to include salvage parts. He would like to construct

a metal building with an eight (8) foot metal fence, with available parking in the front of the building.

Mr. Lee stated they currently lease 22 acres from the Stubbs family, but only use about 4 of those acres. He stated they have worked to get previous environmental issues into compliance and have not had any citations since they have taken over. Jeanmarie Deloach expressed her concerns with the approval of the request and how it would affect the community overall. She stated she is concerned that the request is contradictory to the County's Comprehensive Plan for land use. She presented pictures for the Board of Scrap Partners' other locations in Metter, Jesup, and Cordele, Georgia and of Aiken, South Carolina to give a perspective of how the salvage yard would look.

Mr. Lee stated that he and his partners are looking to bring a business that is similar to auto part stores such as Advance Auto or LKQ in Savannah. He stated the business would have a uniform presence similar to surrounding businesses. Both Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Rushing referenced how the request could interfere with the City of Statesboro Blue Mile plan and the goals they are promoting. Mr. Lee stated that they have looked at other locations, but have not been able to find something that fits what they need. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to table until the next meeting on June 7, 2016. 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 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 Rushing, Commissioner Mosley, 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. Jill Johns expressed her concerns with the increased speeding on Parrish Road. She stated that she has lost one pet to a super speeder and another pet was recently injured and hospitalized by a super speeder. She stated she has researched various ways to reduce speeding along the road, but

is requesting assistance from the Board for guidance and input into what can be done. Chairman Nevil thanked her for her comments and stated the Board will look into the issue.

Chairman Nevil stated next on the agenda was a presentation concerning a proposal from Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory regarding the disposition of the cremains of deceased indigent persons. Bulloch County Coroner Jake Futch made the presentation and stated that he currently has a number of indigent cremains in his office as well as in local funeral homes here in Bulloch County. He stated in lieu of storing the cremains in his office or the offices of local funeral homes, Joiner-Anderson is proposing that the County purchase a mausoleum crypt or columbarium for the current cremains and any future cremains. Mr. Futch stated the crypt would accommodate around 300 cremains. After some discussion, Chairman Nevil asked the Board to review the proposal and asked that Mr. Futch provide additional information on how other counties handle their indigent remains and other alternatives to the crypt. The Commissioners thanked him for his presentation.

Chairman Nevil stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 19, 2016; (2) to approve the appointment of Alice Holloway to the Aging Advisory Council of the Coastal Regional Commission; (3) to approve Used Tire Recycling/Disposal Agreement with Quality Tires Recycling, LLC (See Exhibit #2015-40); (4) to approve Easement to Georgia Power Company (See Exhibit #2016-41); (5) to approve Right-of-way Agreement with Stephan Paul Hutchins (See Exhibit #2016-42); (6) to approve Right-of-way Agreement with Merville M. Cumberbatch (See Exhibit #2016-43); (7) to approve Lease Agreement with Pineland Mental Health (See Exhibit #2016-44); (8) to approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of roads in Talon's Lake and The Landings at Talon's Lake Subdivisions (See Exhibit #2016-45); (9) to approve Right-of-way Mowing and Spraying Contract award to Jimmy Haire in the amount of \$139,156.50 (See Exhibit #2016-46).

Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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.

Chairman Nevil stated the first item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bulloch County School District for

School Resource Officers (SROs). Chairman Nevil called on Chief Deputy Akins to initiate discussion on the matter. Chief Deputy Akins stated the Sheriff's Department and Board of Education (BOE) had been in discussion concerning the need for resource officers within the schools and have been able to construct an agreement that is mutually beneficial to the Sheriff's Department and the BOE. He stated the purpose of the SRO program is to provide resources and support for the school districts, students, teachers, and staff in law enforcement related matters. Chief Deputy Akins stated the SRO's assignment will be determined by the BOE and the SROs will also attend extracurricular activities after the regular school day both at school and at out of town events. Anytime the school district is not in regular academic session, each SRO will report to the Sheriff's office and perform duties assigned by the patrol division. He stated there will be little cost in the budget and estimates \$20,000 will need to be added to the FY2017 budget, with the school district paying a portion of the cost for the SROs.

After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bulloch County School District for School Resource Officers (See Exhibit #2016-47). 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 from the commissioners and staff. The commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the staff for all they do, and the citizens for their comments and input. They congratulated Ms. Phyllis Thompson and the Blue Mile Team for their advancement in the America's Best Communities Competition and the finalist award of \$100,000. Commissioner Gibson thanked Mr. Futch for his presentation and stated the Board will look into the proposal. Commissioner Rushing stated that he is glad that the Ag Arena is moving along and is happy about the new recycling center to be placed on Union Church road. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Ethridge expressed appreciation for Bulloch County and the community. Sheriff Anderson stated his department will address speeding issues and work with Mrs. Johns to find a solution.

Mr. Couch informed the Board of a potential Special Called Meeting to discuss the stop loss insurance for the Employee Health Plan and a MOU for an economic development project to be scheduled on Thursday or Friday of this week depending upon receipt of the information. Mrs. Jennifer Durham, Regional Director of Statesboro Regional Library shared a calendar of

events for the upcoming months and notified the Board of upcoming vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

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 Rushing, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Simmons, and Commissioner Mosley all voting in favor of the motion.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk