

May 6, 2016  
Statesboro, GA

### Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met for a called meeting at 12:00 pm in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil called the meeting to order and welcomed staff. 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 Simmons, Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Ethridge, and Commissioner Rushing. The following staff were present: Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Chief Accountant Kristie King, and Chief Deputy Jared Akins.

Chairman Nevil asked for changes or modifications of the General Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Ethridge, and Commissioner Mosley 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 first item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for an economic development project. Mr. Couch began discussion on the matter. Mr. Couch stated the memorandum of understanding pertains to Project Greyhound. He provided a brief analysis of the project by county staff to include performance metrics in which Project Greyhound is estimated to bring in a minimum of forty (40) full time jobs, a \$ 12 million capital investment, and an average wage of \$15.80 per hour for full time jobs. Project Greyhound will be located on 31.176 acres in Gateway Industrial Park Phase II, north –northeast of Great Dane, and will generate an estimated \$59,232 in annual real and personal ad valorem taxes by year three of its operation.

Mr. Couch asked Benjy Thompson, executive director of the Development Authority of Bulloch County, and Steve Rushing, attorney for the Authority, to explain additional aspects of

the MOU and Project Greyhound. Mr. Thompson stated the Authority was contacted initially in December 2015 concerning the project. The Company visited Statesboro in January 2016 and was pleased with what they saw. He stated the Company has committed to providing a minimum of 40 full time jobs and a capital investment of \$12 million, but he believes they will exceed this threshold. Mr. Thompson stated that Gateway Boulevard will have to be extended. He stated the Company would like to start in the fall of 2016. Mr. Thompson stated the Authority will apply for a One Georgia grant to pay for necessary costs in connection with the extension of Gateway Boulevard; however, if the grant is insufficient to cover the total cost, the Authority has agreed to pay the first \$100,000. If the grant is not awarded, the County will build a narrower road with the Company paying the first \$100,000 in costs and the County being responsible for any costs in excess of \$100,000. Mr. Thompson also stated the County will apply for an EIP grant to construct a rail spur. If the grant is insufficient to cover costs of the rail spur, or if the grant is not awarded, the Company will pay the first \$100,000 in excess costs, the County/Authority will pay the next \$110,000 in excess costs, and the Company will pay any additional costs above that amount for the rail spur.

Mr. Rushing stated that incentives have been built into the agreement and the Company is committing to 40 full time jobs and capital investment of \$12 million. He stated in the event the anticipated jobs and investment do not fully materialize, the Company will be subject to the provisions regarding force majeure. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding for Project Greyhound (See Exhibit #2016-48). 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 stated the next item under New Business was for Discussion and/or Action to adopt a resolution to approve stop-loss insurance for the Employee Health Plan. Mr. Couch stated the stop-loss insurance quotations have been received from Reliance Standard, who is the current insurer, and from Nationwide. He stated that Reliance was the lowest and most advantageous proposal, and that premiums would not need to be increased if Reliance's proposal is accepted. After some discussion, Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the stop-Loss insurance for the Employee Health Plan (See Exhibit #2016-49). Commissioner Mosley 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. Hearing no comments from the commissioners or staff, Chairman Nevil commended the Development Authority in its efforts to provide economic growth and development to the community and thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Rushing for their presentations. Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

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J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

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Olympia Gaines, Clerk