



BULLOCH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES • JULY 18, 2017

Regular Meeting

North Main Annex Community Room

8:30 AM

115 North Main St, Statesboro, GA 30458

I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME MEDIA AND VISITORS

Chairman Thompson welcomed guests and called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Gibson gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Olympia Gaines, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, performed the roll call for the commissioners and staff.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Mosely	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Robert Rushing	Commissioner	Present	
Anthony Simmons	Commissioner	Present	
Curt Deal	Commissioner	Present	
Roy Thompson	Chairman	Present	
Walter Gibson	Commissioner	Present	
Jappy Stringer	Commissioner	Present	

The following staff were present: County Manager Tom Couch, Assistant County Manager Andy Welch, Chief Financial Officer Whitney Richland, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Management Analyst Cindy Steinmann, Purchasing Manager Faye Bragg, Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Hook, Solid Waste Director Fred White, Transportation Director Dink Butler, County Engineer Kirk Tatum, Interim Shop Superintendent Johnny Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Ricky Helton, and Captain Howard Nesmith.

IV. APPROVAL OF GENERAL AGENDA

Chairman Thompson asked for changes or modification to the General Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the General Agenda as presented.

1. A motion was made to approve the General Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	Approved [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Curt Deal, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ray Mosely, Commissioner
AYES:	Mosely, Rushing, Simmons, Deal, Gibson, Stringer

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Thompson called for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. There were no public comments from the audience at large or in writing.

VI. PRESENTATION

Chairman Thompson called on City of Statesboro Mayor Jan Moore to begin her presentation. Mayor Moore started by thanking the Board of Commissioners for allowing her to come before the Board and present information concerning the Tax Allocation District (TAD). She also thanked County Manager Tom Couch and County Attorney Jeff Akins for their assistance with the Tax Allocation District (TAD) plan. Mayor Moore stated the City of Statesboro would like to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County for a Tax Allocation District (TAD). She stated the City of Statesboro is asking the County to participate in increment financing, where the County would match what the City is paying in. Mayor Moore stated the funds would be used to spur development along the "Blue Mile".

Mayor Moore stated a Tax Allocation Committee will be constructed with equal representatives from both the City and County. Financing for specific projects must be unanimously approved by the Tax Allocation Committee prior to being submitted to the City Council for approval. She stated the County will never contribute more than the City; the County will have equal representation concerning projects; the construction and/or development of government buildings is prohibited. Mayor Moore stated if projects have not commenced within ten (10) years, then the intergovernmental agreement will terminate.

She stated the City would like the County to be a partner in the Tax Allocation District (TAD). Mayor Moore provided information concerning the City's positive tax allocation increment for the fiscal years of 2016 (\$21,082), 2017 (\$73,310) and 2018 (\$75,000). She stated they do not have any specific projects in mind, but she anticipates a stream of projects becoming available if the County consents to the contribution of its positive tax allocation increments to the Tax Allocation District. Commissioner Gibson asked if the funds could be utilized for cleanup of blighted and dilapidated properties. Mr. Couch stated the TAD funds would have more of a specific purpose than cleaning up properties.

Chairman Thompson thanked Mayor Moore for her presentation. He stated the County is having issues with solid waste and illegal dumping. He asked Mayor Moore if the City would consider opening the transfer station on Saturday to help alleviate this problem. Mayor Moore stated the City is willing to assist in any way possible and they would need to discuss the logistics to see what could be done. She recommended the County discuss the possibility of opening the transfer station with City Manager Randy Wetmore.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Mosley left the meeting prior to voting on the Consent Agenda and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made to approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	Approved [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Walter Gibson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jappy Stringer, Commissioner
AYES:	Rushing, Simmons, Deal, Gibson, Stringer
AWAY:	Ray Mosely

1. Minutes Approval: Tuesday July 11th, 2017 05:30 PM
2. 1064 : Approve a sole source purchase order in the amount of \$21,550.00 for repair services on the clock tower at the Bulloch County Courthouse (See Exhibit #2017-99).
3. 1065 : Approve a professional services agreement with Lyon & Associates in the amount of \$18,800 for the consulting and design for the roof replacement for the Judicial Annex. (See Exhibit #2017-100)
4. 1066 : Authorize the County Manager to sign a one year contract with O'Reilly Auto Parts for batteries to be used by Fleet Maintenance in county-owned vehicles. The contract period will be from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018 (See Exhibit #2017-101).
5. 1067 : Authorize the County manager to sign a one year contract with O'Reilly Auto Parts for filters to be used in county-owned vehicles. The contract period will be from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018 (See Exhibit #2017-102).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 1063 : Approve real estate sales contract by and between Bulloch County and Denise Burnsed for the purchase of 31,450 cubic yards of soil in consideration for the payment of \$50,000.00 (See Exhibit #2017-103).

Chairman Thompson called on County Attorney Jeff Akins to begin discussion on the matter. Mr. Akins stated he and Transportation Director Dink Butler were able to negotiate a soil easement agreement with Denise Burnsed for the purchase of 31,450 cubic yards of soil in consideration for the payment of \$50,000.00 Mr. Akins stated the unit price is below market value and he and Mr. Butler recommend approval. He stated if approved the County will make payment of \$50,000.00 to Mrs. Burnsed at closing and the County will have an initial period of five (5) years to remove the soil, subject to a right to extend the easement for an additional two (2) years if necessary. Mr. Butler stated the County has been running low on dirt for several years and believes this will aid the County in meeting that need.

A motion was made to approve the real estate sales contract by and between Bulloch County and Denise Bursed for the purchase of a soil easement (See Exhibit # 2017-103).

RESULT:	Approved [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Anthony Simmons, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Curt Deal, Commissioner
AYES:	Rushing, Simmons, Deal, Gibson, Stringer
AWAY:	Ray Mosely

IX. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Chairman Thompson thanked Mayor Moore for her presentation and other City of Statesboro officials for their attendance at the meeting. He thanked the staff for their attendance and the work they do.

X. ADJOURN

Hearing no further comments from the commissioners and staff, Chairman Thompson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

1. A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Anthony Simmons, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Robert Rushing, Commissioner
AYES:	Rushing, Simmons, Deal, Gibson, Stringer
AWAY:	Ray Mosely

Chairman

Attest: _____
Olympia Gaines, Clerk