

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mrs. Myra W. Lewis, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Jeffrey A. Utley, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in Special Called Session at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioner Verna H. Phillips was in conference by phone.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. J. Gibson Huger, Ms. Alene Grovenstein, Mr. Kenneth Gay, Ms. Debra Gay, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Ms. Gussie Nease, Mr. Ashley Kieffer, Ms. Loretta Pelote-Johnson, Mr. Darrell Tannehill, Jr., Ms. Angi Tannehill, Ms. Lisa Stivers, Mr. Daniel Check, Mr. Richard Knowlton, Mr. Brian Mundy, Mr. James Thompson, and Mr. Bryan Shearouse.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Vice-Chairperson Lewis gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the American Flag.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

County Administrator Crawley stated that the Board needed to add Executive Session to the Agenda.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Executive Session. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion (see copy of agenda resolution on minute book page number \_\_\_\_\_). The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AND THE BUDGET  
RESOLUTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

**(01):** County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board has held workshops

and public hearings concerning the Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff recommends approving the budget.

Mrs. Ruth Lee, Ms. Alene Grovenstein, Ms. Debra Gay, Mr. Gibson Huger, and Mr. Ashley Kieffer stated their concerns on approving the budget as it is presented.

County Administrator Crawley stated that if the Board chooses not to approve the Budget before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2009, an approved Resolution to continue the 08/09 Budget will be needed.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a Resolution to extending the current budget and for staff to review the line items for any more possible reductions. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. Commissioner Loper removed his second. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. Roll call for approval of the motion is as follows: Commissioner Brantley – approved, Commissioner Loper - opposed, Chairman Zeigler – approved, Vice-Chairperson – approved, Commissioner Utley – approved, and Commissioner Phillips – approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Phillips left the meeting

**CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID ON THE EMS/OMNI FLIGHT FACILITY (02):** Project Manager Kobek explained that the Board has previously approved a lease agreement with OmniFlight. As a result of that agreement, the Board has decided to construct a new facility to house EMS headquarters and OmniFlight. This facility will be located on First Street behind the hospital and adjacent to the communication tower. The apparent lowest bidder is RL Construction Company from Thunderbolt.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to award the bid on the EMS/OMI Flight Facility to RL Construction Company. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH R. L. CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EMS/OMNI FLIGHT FACILITY (03):** Project Manager Kobek explained that the Board has awarded the bid to R. L. Construction for the construction of the EMS/OMNI Flight facility. A contract with R. L. Construction for the EMS/OMNI Flight Facility is now needed.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a contract with R. L. Construction for the EMS/OMNI Flight Facility (see minute book page \_\_\_\_).

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property and pending litigation. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Crawley and Commissioners discussed personnel and pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number \_\_\_\_\_).

**CONTINUE – REGULAR SESSION**

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Commissioners returned to Regular Session.

**CLARIFICATION OF THE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 09/10**

County Attorney Gotwalt wanted to clarify the Resolution to continue the budget.

County Administrator Crawley explained that the Resolution to continue the budget includes provision for no capital expenditures, no changes in salary unless the evaluation is for last fiscal year, no cost of living adjustments and no new capital outlays unless approved by the Board of Commissioners until the 09/10 fiscal budget is approved.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to clarify a Resolution to continue the budget for fiscal year 09/10, which is to continue to operate under the Fiscal Year 2009 operating budget and capital outlay until a new budget is approved. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.