

September 15, 1992
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met in the Community Room of the North Main Annex at 8:30 A.M. with all members present. Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Members of press, twenty-three visitors and one commissioner-elect were welcomed.

Minutes of the regular meeting on September 1, 1992 were reviewed. Upon motion by Commissioner Raybon Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, minutes of regular meeting on September 1, 1992 were approved as presented.

Chairman Cox asked for any old business and commented the agenda for this meeting was quite short. Only item was a request from the Humane Society to be included on the agenda. He recognized Robert Underwood.


Mr. Underwood introduced himself as President of the Humane Society and introduced other officers. He presented an outline of how the Society was founded, the purpose of the Society, the goals of the Society, the current financial situation. He gave an overview of the activities of the Humane Society and said their main problem was lack of funding. He said seventy percentage of funding has come from United Way but this will probably be cut in 1993. He added the shelter has received several citations from the Department of Agriculture and could be closed. He reviewed several immediate problems, improper ventilation, overcrowding, pest control problem, rampant disease problem. He present request for an annual operating budget of \$67,151. beginning January 1, 1993 which means additional funding of \$47,751. will need to come from the city and/or county. He added without this funding the Humane Society will be forced to close.

Chairman Cox said the Commissioners appreciated the efforts of the Humane Society.

Information presented would be reviewed and Society would be contacted with proposed questions and hopefully some solution.

Chairman Cox comment several individuals had been contacted concerning proposals to eliminate a couple of roads from the county's public road system. He advised because of legal requirements no action would be taken on these road closings in this meeting but would be handled in a future meeting.

Chairman Cox asked for further business or comments, there being none the meeting was adjourned subject to call.


ATTEST


Robert T. Cox

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PUBLIC HEARING

Following the regular Board meeting a Public Hearing was held to present budgets for the General Fund, Jail Add-on Fee Fund, Civil Defense, 911 Emergency Service and First District Fund for fiscal year July 1, 1992-June 30, 1993.

Chairman Cox commented the proposed budget for county's general operation for fiscal year 1992-1993 had increased some over last year and some of this increase was due to mandates from the State with no funding to carry them out. He added although Commissioners do not always agree with action of the State Legislature they try to abide by the law. He said not all the increase was related to mandate but a portion of them are.

Chairman Cox announced the county's proposed operating budget for fiscal year 1992-1993 was \$9,823,214. He commented, personally, he thought the budget was somewhat larger than it should be. He added he didn't agree with everything in the budget but did not have a vote so couldn't do much about it. He opened the meeting for discussion or questions on the budget.

Mr. Lamar Deloach, former commissioner, said the thing that concerned him was the budget did not have any direction to tell where the county was going. He compared the 1991-1992 budget of \$8,832,955. to the 1992-1993 proposed budget of \$9,823,214. and said what the budget doesn't show and the newspapers doesn't show when it speaks of \$1,000,000. increase over 1991-1992 budget, this isn't true. He added he had figures which show the 1991-1992 expenditures were \$8,223,877. which makes the difference of \$1,600,000. He said proposed budget was \$1,600,000 over last year's expenditures.

Commissioner Raybon Anderson said he would like to verify figure for actual expenditures for 1991-1992, this seemed to be a different figure than he remembered. He asked the Clerk