

Chairman Cox advised that the Department of Transportation had requested Bulloch County to make application for stop light at Highway 301 South and Eastside Connector. Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Deloach and carried, application will be completed for stop light at Highway 301 South and Eastside Connector.

Commissioner Cox advised a representative of ALW Mortgages, Inc. had requested permission to present their program to county employees. Supposedly this plan shows how to save money in payment of home mortgages. He added he was a little skeptical about such plans being present to employees without more knowledge about the plan.

Upon motion by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, details of plan will be reviewed by County Clerk Evelyn Wilson and brought back for Board review.

Commissioner Deloach inquired status of proposed handicap ramp for North Main Annex. Chairman Cox said sketch for ramp had been completed by Ed Eckles and building of ramp, which will be done by inmate labor, should begin in about two weeks. Chairman Cox said due to steep incline at back of building, Mr. Eckles had recommended ramp be placed at side entrance of the building. He added he had also received complaints that back steps were too steep and narrow and planned to investigate extending these steps or having some type of ramp for this entrance.

Commissioner Deloach said building codes were scheduled to go into effect on April 1st. He added the county has not been able to hire an inspector and members of the Homebuilders Association had indicated they would like more time to educate themselves on codes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, implementation of Building Codes was extended to July 1, 1989.

Commissioner Deloach reported that he, along with County Clerk Evelyn Wilson, was working on county employee insurance plans and reports on options should be ready soon.

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

Evelyn H. Wilson
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Robert T. Cox
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April 4, 1989
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met in the Community Room of the North Main Annex at 7:00 P.M. with all members present. Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman recognized Tax Assessor Guy Williams, Tax Commissioner Carlene Johnson and representatives from the Georgia Department of Revenue. Mr. Williams referenced H.B.230 and said this bill changed the criteria for taxing property. He added that the digest has to be correct by 1991 or the county could lose some state funds. Mr. Williams said there were problems in the digest and it will cost to have an acceptable digest as a total re-evaluation for the county will be necessary. He advised that 1989 and 1990 digest will be reviewed and problems will be pointed out, then if the 1991 digest is not correct, it will not be approved and tax can't be collect on digest without court order by a Superior Court Judge.

Mr. Williams introduced Mr. Charles Penny of the Georgia Department of Revenue. Mr. Penny said Mr. Williams had basically covered requirements. He remarked that at some point in time, State funds could be cut off if digest was not accepted. He commented that problem is equalization between classes of property and said re-evaluation is necessary to obtain reasonable 40% of fair market value. He said 1989 digest will be accepted, if 1990 digest was rejected, then county would have one year to correct.

Chairman Cox asked Mr. Perry of the 39 counties he covered how many were on computer. Mr. Perry said this was hard to answer, in some counties the tax assessor office was on computer, in others the tax commissioner office was on computer and in some counties both offices were on computer. He added the Revenue Department offered a computer program for Tax Assessors, but county would need to purchase the hardware.

Tax Commissioner Carlene Johnson commented that presently there were 7 classes of property but in 1990 there would be approximately 52 property classes.

Commissioner Deloach asked if its possible to complete requirements by 1990. He was told it will take at least to 1991 to complete. Mr Williams commented it will take close to two years to do mapping, there are 17,000 parcels to be drawn to scale on maps.

Chairman Cox said Commissioners will address this task and get busy to complete. He said Department of Revenue will probably be contacted for assistance from time to time in this project.

Chairman Cox presented agreements between the City and County on projects which will be joint efforts. He commented these agreements were needed on joint projects being considered for 1% Special Optional Sales Tax. He presented four agreements and commented the City Council had approved these agreements in Council Meeting today.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Deloach and carried, four project contracts between Bulloch County and City of Statesboro were approved. See exhibits 1989-4, #1989-5, #1989-6, #1989-7.

Chairman Cox said there were several projects which needed attention and funding. He presented a resolution requesting the Probate Judge to call a referendum for 1% Special Optional Sales Tax.

Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deloach and carried, resolution requesting the Probate Judge to call referendum for 1% Special Optional Sales Tax was adopted. See exhibit #1989-8.

Chairman Cox advised the Department of Transportation had requested Bulloch County make application for a stop light at Highway 67 and Eastside Connector. Upon motion by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, application will be completed for stop light at Highway 67 and Eastside Connector.

Chairman Cox commented that a couple of years ago the State Conservation Committee had offered funds for the county to have a Soil Conservation Technician. The State reimburses the county for employee's salary and county is responsible for employee benefits. Funds have again been appropriated for this program and agreement has been received to continue it for another year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, agreement to extended contract for Soil Conservation Technician Program through June 1990 was approved.

Chairman Cox said a commission had recently formed a Victim-Witness Assistance Program to assist victims of violent crimes. He explained the Commissioners had been requested to proclaim the week of April 9 to 15 1989 as Victims' Right Week in Bulloch County. Upon motion by Commissioner Alston, seconded by Commissioner Deloach and carried, a Proclamation declaring the week of April 9 to 15, 1989 as Victims' Right Week will be presented.

Chairman Cox said some properties in county had changed hands several times in past years and commented on property on Highway 301 adjacent to County owned property. Eugene Stuckey, owner of this property has requested a exchange of land with the county in order to straighten a property line. Chairman Cox presented a plat of the property which showed the county would acquire 3.34 acres in exchange for 2.29 acres. This property has been appraised by a Licensed Appraiser who indicates this will be an equal exchange.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, the exchange of this property was approved and deeds will be executed.

Chairman Cox commented on the Airport Committee and its overseeing of airport functions. He added that there had been several improvements at the airport and a new hanger was needed to accommodate the F.B.O. He explained rent of the hanger would pay for construction over a period of time. Chairman Cox added the committee had some funds but would need to borrow additional funds to finance construction of the hanger. He requested approval of a loan at no interest of \$37,500 (this amount will also be provided by the city) to the Airport Committee to finance construction of hanger. Loan will be repaid from monthly rental receipts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, loan of \$37,500 to Airport Committee was approved. An agreement will be executed between the City, the County, and the Airport Committee.

Chairman Cox commented this ended the Commissioners' business and asked for questions or comments from visitors.

A group from volunteer fire departments were present and voiced concerns on how the money included in the 1% Special Optional Sales Tax proposal would be spent. Steve Logan said funding a rural county wide fire department is not a one time project, there should be a on going tax and a budget each year. He added the rural fire departments had not been contacted for input in how monies would be spent.

Chairman Cox said it is the intent of the Commissioners to have county wide fire protection. However, this cannot all be done at one time. He added this program will include Statesboro Fire Department which will be the communication center. He said rural fire departments had not been contacted because Commissioners were making this proposal to general populous but realize they will have to have someone on board at county stations and they will be included in determining how monies are spent.

Commissioner Alston said 1% Special Optional Sales Tax can be used only for capital improvements. He added the Commissioners ears are not deaf and they know operating cost will go up which can be addressed in county budget.

Commissioner Deloach commented that Portal and Brooklet Fire Departments would also be included in this program.

Chairman Cox recognized Mr. Nelson Lightsey of the Homebuilders Association. Mr. Lightsey said Homebuilders Association has presented proposals for changes in the county building code ordinances. He said there were several areas which need to be more specific. He asked the Commissioners to rescind the ordinance and form a committee including homebuilders to re-write the ordinance.

Commissioner Alston asked wasn't the proposed ordinance presented to the Homebuilders Association and weren't they asked for their input before the ordinance was finalized.

Attorney Jimmy Franklin commented that he and Chairman Cox met with Homebuilders Association approximately one year ago and presented proposed ordinances. He added that any changes to the ordinance could be done with amendments, there was no need to withdraw entire ordinance.

Commissioner Deloach said he didn't see putting implementation of ordinance off another 9 months until January 1st, it had been already postponed a year.

Chairman Cox said Commissioners will meet with Homebuilders Association to discuss building codes.

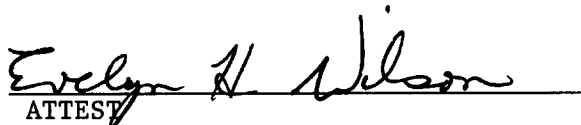
Chairman Cox recognized a group representing the Statesboro Service League who said they were just observing the works of the County Commissioners.

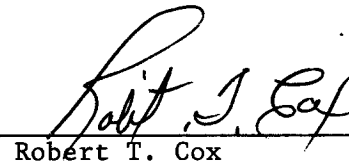
Chairman Cox said he had been approached with a proposal by Mr. Henry Bell and had asked Mr. Bell to present his idea to the entire Board. Mr. Bell said in hearing of proposal for county wide fire program he had an idea for a computer to handle incoming calls. By using a telephone number, this system could pin point location and give directions to location. He added this program could also be used by Sheriff's Department and E.M.S.

Commissioner Alston suggested Mr. Bell meet with Joe Beasley of the Statesboro Fire Department and Lee Eckles of Bulloch County E.M.S. to present this idea. Mr. Beasley and Mr. Eckles can then give a written report for the Commissioners' consideration.

Chairman Cox advised the Commissioners were planning to attend a state wide County Commissioners Conference which conflicted with the next regular scheduled meeting. He said next Commissioners meeting would be moved one week to Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00 A.M.

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


Evelyn H. Wilson
ATTEST


Robert T. Cox

April 25, 1989
Statesboro, Georgia

The Board met in the Commissioners' Office at 11:00 A.M. with all members present. Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and Commissioner Alston gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Cox said there was only one major item of business to be handled. He presented bids for two tractors which had been obtained from three companies. Bids were Joiner International-\$13,777.25 each; Bulloch Tractor-\$13,995.00 each and Strozso Equipment Company-\$14,015.50 each. He commented that companies had bid on basically same size tractor and formula used to make selection didn't come out to be the lowest bid.

Commissioner Deloach added that bid price was divided by number of horsepower for each tractor and by using this formula Bulloch Tractor Company had the lowest bid.

Upon motion by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Alston and carried, bid of \$13,995.00 from Bulloch Tractor Company was accepted. Commissioner Anderson abstained in this vote.

Commissioner Deloach asked if the Homebuilders Association's questions concerning the building codes been addressed and was ordinance still to be implemented on July 1st.

County Attorney Jimmy Franklin said only need to hire an inspector for ordinance to be implemented and added amendments, if needed, to ordinance to satisfy Homebuilders questions can be handled at any meeting. He commented that this office would also be in charge of Sedimentation Ordinance which would be ready by July 1st.