

PRESENT: Chairman Larry Dixon, Commissioners C. K. Curry, Ronald E. Dempsey,  
Lorraine Dusenbury, Alton L. Wooten and Ronald Young.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Roy E. Brogdon and Attorney Thomas J. Lee.

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Chairman Dixon opened the meeting by calling on Commissioner Wooten for the invocation.

The Chairman then recognized Brunswick Mayor R. L. Holtzendorff and asked if he would like to address the Commission. Mayor Holtzendorff replied that the Brunswick News had erroneously reported that the City Commission had failed to take action on adoption of a one percent local option sales tax distribution.

Chairman Dixon then welcomed Don McWaters and his Government Class from Brunswick High School.

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Request for Construction of Bike Paths on St. Simons Island.

Mrs. Ann Smith asked the Commission to submit an application to the Department of Natural Resources for matching grant to construct 4.4 miles of bike paths on St. Simons Island. Mrs. Smith said cub scouts and other organizations had raised \$6,200 for this project and felt sure citizens could raise as much as \$20,000. She estimated construction cost at \$30,000 per mile, and commented that the Sea Island Company and the St. Simons Island Chamber of Commerce both supported this project. Jim Gould also described additional bike paths as being extremely important, particularly to tourists.

Commissioners Dempsey and Curry questioned the estimated \$30,000 per mile paving figure for a six foot bike path. Commissioner Young concurred, adding that he did not see this as a priority project at this time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury to approve the general concept of constructing additional bike paths on St. Simons Island, without obligating any funds at this time, and authorizing pre-application for grants to support said project.

Aye: Chairman Dixon, Commissioners Dempsey, Dusenbury, and Wooten.

Nay: Commissioner Young.

Abstaining: Commissioner Curry.

Motion passed.

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Request for Purchases for Georgia State Patrol.

Sergeant Kenneth Gray explained that he was seeking local help for purchase of three radar units, new drapes, and three rooms of carpeting for the Brunswick Post, Georgia State Patrol in the total amount of \$5,654.55. Sgt. Gray advised that the Brunswick Post served a three-county area, with bond forfeitures for the past year as follows: Glynn \$145,144, Camden \$137,548, and Wayne \$38,000. Sgt. Gray said Wayne County had agreed to pay a pro-rata share of the requested purchases based on the schedule of bond forfeitures for the previous year.

Commissioner Dempsey made a motion to pay \$2,500 toward the requested \$5,700 purchase from the Commissioners Emergency Fund, with drapes and carpet receiving first priority. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Curry.

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Beer and Wine License for Wine & Cheese Celler, Inc.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on application of A. R. Wooldridge to sell Beer and Wine, for consumption on premises, at the Wine & Cheese Celler, Inc. (existing business), located at 211 Refern Village, St. Simons Island.

Administrator Brogdon advised that all requirements of the Beer and Wine License Ordinance had been met, and he recommended approval.

Motion to approve issuance of subject license was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Young, and unanimously adopted.

Request for Closing Portion of Lucian Street.

Hearing was continued from a previous meeting on application of A.G. Proctor, Inc., to close and abandon that portion of Lucian Street extending from Cary Street to Crispen Boulevard in Glynn Heights Subdivision in order to fence in and secure Days Inn property.

Attorney Lee advised that he and Administrator Brogdon had looked at the property and saw no problem with officially closing the street as it served no real purpose.

Bob Miles, attorney for the applicant, commented that they had agreed to comply with all requests of adjoining property owners, but said property owners still objected to closing of the street.

Edward B. Liles, attorney for Payless Food Store proprietor J. H. Dykes, expressed opposition to closing of Lucian Street in order for the applicant to erect a fence because such action might be detrimental to his grocery store business.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that this was a public street and public objection had been expressed against closing it. She then moved to deny request of A.G. Proctor Co. for closing of Lucian Street, and Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Dusenbury and Young.

Nay: Commissioners Dempsey and Wooten.

Abstaining: Commissioner Curry.

Chairman Dixon stated that subject portion of Lucian Street remained a public road, and the applicants could present their request to the Commission again if they chose to.

GC-3-80; Dr. W. Doyle Watson's Application to Rezone.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on subject application to rezone from HC Highway Commercial to GC General Commercial the following described property:

A 7,100 square foot tract located 400 feet north of the intersection of Demere Road and Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, tract being the location of the Island Animal Hospital.

Joint Planning Commission Director, Ed Stelle, conveyed recommendation for approval.

There being no opposition, Commissioner Young moved to accept recommendation of the JPC and approve subject rezoning. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

GC-4-80; J. B. Thompson's Application to Rezone.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on subject application to rezone from R-9 One Family Residential to M-20 One Family Residential the following described property:

A 20,000 square foot lot located on the Old Jesup Road,  
288 feet south of the intersection of Walker Road and Old Jesup Road.

Joint Planning Commissioner Director, Ed Stelle, presented tax maps showing the property and conveyed recommendation for denial. He explained that subject property was a portion of a larger tract containing a number of violations, and the requested zoning change to allow an additional mobile home would create further zoning problems.

Mr. Thompson asked the Commission to approve this rezoning because he was retired with a fixed income and needed rent from apartments and mobile homes on this lot. Mr. DeWitt Foster spoke in favor of Mr. Thompson's application, and Mrs. Emma Roberson expressed objection. Building Inspector Vernon Lewis commented that the requested zoning change would extend a non-conforming use. Mr. Thompson then said he was physically disabled and his son would live in the proposed mobile home to help take care of him.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to send this application back to the JPC to see if there was any way to allow an additional mobile home unit on the property. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

GC-6-80; Sea Island Company's Application for Amendment to Master Plan.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on subject application to amend the Master Plan of the Island Club proposed use of GR General Residential and RR Resort Residential/Multi-Family Uses to SF Single-Family Use.

Joint Planning Commission Director, Ed Stelle, conveyed recommendation of approval, adding that no objection had been presented.

Motion to approve subject Master Plan Amendment was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury, and unanimously adopted.

Final Plat Approval of Marsh Landing Subdivision.

JPC Director, Ed Stelle, presented final plat of Marsh Landing Subdivision, developed by J. L. Johns, along with deed of conveyance on the access road and check in the amount of \$540.00 in lieu of open land space dedication. Mr. Stelle advised that all County requirements had been met, and he recommended approval of the Plat and acceptance of deed on the road.

Commissioner Wooten moved to approve Marsh Landing Subdivision Final Plat, and accept the check in lieu of open land space and deed of conveyance on the access road. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

ALCO Service Club Request for Lease.

Harry Padgett, President of ALCO Service Club, asked the Commission to approve lease of a two-acre tract at the Old Brunswick Airpark for construction of a Service Club to be utilized by Alcoholics Anonymous and recovering alcoholics. He related that this proposal had been approved by the Joint Planning Commission and the City Commission.

Attorney Lee expressed disapproval of the proposed 50-year lease term and a provision allowing mortgage of the leasehold interest.

Commissioner Dempsey moved to establish a committee to work with Attorney Lee and ALCO representatives to develop an agreeable lease. Commissioner Wooten seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Curry abstaining.

Commissioner Dempsey and Wooten volunteered to work on this committee.

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Award of Bid for Constructing a State Court Facility.

Architect William Hooker presented a recap of bids recently received for constructing a State Court facility beneath the Detention Center. He recommended award to the low bidder, Bob Brown Engineering, in the total amount of \$155,112.00.

Commissioner Wooten moved to award subject bid to Bob Brown as recommended, and to authorize execution of contract by Chairman and Clerk, subject to Attorney's approval. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Authorization for Construction of Car Wash at Public Works.

Administrator Brogdon asked for approval to proceed with constructing a car wash facility at the Public Works compound. He commented that \$4,000 had been budgeted for materials and the work would be performed by Public Works forces.

Commissioner Dempsey moved to authorize Administrator Brogdon to proceed with construction of the car wash as outlined by him and budgeted. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Curry questioned progress of plans for constructing a new shop building. Administrator Brogdon replied that a contract had been let for this project and the concrete foundation had been poured. After the concrete has cured for 21 days the building will be put up, Mr. Brogdon said, with completion expected in a few weeks.

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Purchase of Fireworks for Fourth of July.

Chairman Dixon commented that the City of Brunswick had expressed an interest in continuing to provide a Fourth of July fireworks display from the pier on St. Simons Island to be purchased from Causeway funds.

Administrator Brogdon recommended an allocation of \$4,000 for this purchase which would be from the same dealer used by the County last year.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Young, and adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Curry.

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Appointment to Library Board.

Commissioner Dusenbury nominated R. H. Dawson to finish out Mrs. Lisa Winship's term on the Brunswick-Glynn County Regional Library Board, pursuant to Mrs.

Winship's recent resignation. Mr. Dawson was unanimously appointed.

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Appointment to Glynn County Electrical Advisory Board.

Commissioner Dusenbury nominated Royce Leggett to serve a four year term on the Glynn County Electrical Advisory Board to fill position previously held by C. D. Malone, Sr.

There being no further nominations, Chairman Dixon closed the floor and Mr. Leggett was unanimously appointed.

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Nominations to Hospital Authority.

A letter was presented from the Glynn-Brunswick Hospital Authority requesting three nominees from which they will appoint a member to said Authority to fill vacancy occurring in March upon expiration of William Stewart's term.

Chairman Dixon nominated Clarke Wiggins.

Commissioner Wooten nominated William Stewart.

Commissioner Dusenbury nominated Dr. John Burns

Chairman Dixon closed the floor for nominations and announced that the above three names would be submitted to the Hospital Authority for their consideration.

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Authorization for Pre-Application for Grant Funds.

Leisure Services Director, Don Skeens, asked the Commission to approve pre-application for grant funds to continue development of various recreation facilities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury and seconded by Commissioner Dempsey to authorize pre-application for HCRS grants for development of the following projects:

Bike Paths - Old Jesup Road  
Blythe Island Regional Park, Phase II  
Demere Park  
Paulk Park

Unanimously adopted.

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Consideration of Filling District Four Commission Post.

Commissioner Young suggested that the Commission establish rules and procedures to be used in making appointment to fill Commission Post No. Four recently vacated by Eugene Highsmith through court order.

Attorney Lee advised that state statute provides that the County Commission make this appointment and that a candidate must be 25 years of age, a citizen of Glynn County and the Fourth District, and must receive a majority of four votes to win.

Commissioner Dempsey made a motion that each Commissioner be limited to one nomination. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey that any candidate receiving only one vote be eliminated, and if the first round of voting produced no winner there would be a run-off between the two top candidates. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was adopted by the following majority vote: Commissioners Dempsey, Dusenbury, Wooten, and Chairman Dixon.

Bill Hicks requested that the appointment be made immediately. James Land suggested that nominations be made on a democratic/republican party basis.

For the purpose of eliminating any unnecessary discussion, Commissioner Dempsey moved that voting on this appointment be done by secret ballot. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with one dissent cast by Chairman Dixon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young to defer the actual appointment until the next regular meeting. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion and it was adopted by the following majority vote: Commissioners Young, Curry, Wooten, and Chairman Dixon.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved to close discussion on this matter at this time. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Board of Tax Assessors.

Commissioner Wooten moved to set salaries for the Board of Tax Assessors at \$400 per month for the Chairman and \$300 per month for other members, and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Wooten and Curry.

Nay: Commissioners Dusenbury, Dempsey and Young.

Motion failed.

Commissioner Dempsey moved to set Tax Assessors salaries at \$30.00 per day, with a day being defined as not less than four hours. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was adopted by the following affirmative vote: Commissioner Dempsey, Dusenbury, Wooten and Young.

Billy Gibson suggested that the minimum four-hour working day not be required and no car allowance granted.

Commissioner Curry moved to rescind the four-hour work day concept, and the motion died for lack of support.

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Distribution Agreement for One Percent Local Sales Tax Proceeds.

Commissioner Curry moved to approve and authorize execution of agreement with the City of Brunswick covering Distribution Formula for one percent local option sales tax proceeds, as follows, and Commissioner Young seconded the motion:

City of Brunswick shall receive 38.76%

County of Glynn shall receive 61.24%

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury commented that this agreement should be updated according to current population figures. Commissioner Dempsey said this formula was not fair to the unincorporated areas and he would work to change it in the future.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved that the Brunswick-Glynn County Charter Commission be asked to provide a copy of their study on value of services received by City and County citizens in order to make a proper distribution of these funds when the tax millage is set again. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Curry dissenting.

Commissioner Dusenbury made a motion to assure citizens of Glynn County that the Commission intends to roll back ad valorem taxes with proceeds of the local one percent sales tax this year. Commissioner Wooten seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Amendment to Wrecker Ordinance.

Attorney Lee presented copies of proposed amendment to the County's Wrecker Ordinance which he explained provided for a rotation call system for wrecker services to be operated by the Glynn County Police Department.

Commissioner Wooten moved to defer adoption of this amendment until the next meeting. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

A large number of wrecker drivers in attendance asked that immediate action be taken. Commissioner Dempsey moved to recind the previous motion in order to consider adoption of said amendment. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

The following persons engaged in wrecker services identified themselves and commented on various aspects of the amendments: Donny Gibson, Ken Plyman, Randy Mock, Tony Leachman, Wylly Hodges, John Stanton, and E. W. Merritt.

Attorney Lee read the entire amendment and Chief Harris and the Commissioners discussed each section at length with the interested parties.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry and seconded the Commissioner Dusenbury to adopt subject amendment, effective immediately. (Note: This amendment was subsequently revised by the County Attorney and ratified by the Commission in called meeting held February 26, 1980, and included in the minutes at that time).

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Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve minutes of regular meeting held February 7, 1980. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Curry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to approve minutes of February 11, 1980. Adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Curry.

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Request for Adjustment to Sea Island Police District Fund Balance.

Commissioner Dusenbury related that Mr. W. Q. Walker was present and desired to address the Commission concerning request previously presented to the Commission for adjustment to the Sea Island Police District fund balance to correct inequities resulting from overcharges. She then moved that the Commission hear Mr. Walker on this matter, and Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion. The motion received affirmative vote of Commissionrs Dusenbury, Dempsey and Wooten, and failed to pass for lack of majority.


Commissioner Dusenbury then requested that this item be placed near the top of the next agenda.

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County Insurance Coverage.

Chairman Dixon commented that Mike Herrin had expressed interest in bidding on the County's liability insurance coverage which is scheduled for renewal on March 15. He then appointed Commissioners Young and Dempsey to study this insurance program with him.

ATTEST:   
Roy E. Brogdon, Clerk

  
Meeting Adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
Larry Dixon, Chairman