

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GLYNN COUNTY
GEORGIA, HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 3,
1980 AT 8:30 A.M.

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.

Chairman Dixon called on Commissioner Dempsey for the invocation.

Introduction of New Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Mary Morris introduced new Executive Director for the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Lee Davenport.

Mr. Davenport expressed his intention to work to continue the excellent relationship between the Chamber of Commerce and the County Commission, and to provide any needed assistance.

Mrs. Morris then presented each Commissioner with a Chamber of Commerce lapel pin.

Discussion of Underwriting \$9 Million Hospital Bond Issue.

Attorney John Gilbert, Chairman of the Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital Authority, introduced a delegation in support of the Authority's request that the Commission underwrite a \$9 million bond issue for expansion of the hospital.

Dr. Tom Willis, Hospital Chief of Staff, asked the Commission to support this bond issue, and Authority Member Gene Briggs reiterated this request. Joe Isenberg also supported this proposal and commented that treatment provided at the local hospital was equal to that received at any hospital in the country.

H. G. Fitzpatrick opposed the County's support of this project and said the stock market was down and he doubted that anyone would purchase the bonds. W. H. Cowman said the County had passed up the chance for a 150 bed private hospital, and he did not think it right to underwrite the proposed bond issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Dempsey to support the proposed bond issue, with the County Attorney to approve any such resolution or contract.

Commissioner Curry offered a qualified nay vote on the basis of inflation, escalated construction cost and uncertainties of the tax digest. He suggested the local hospital cut off area patients in times of over-crowding in order to care for local people, thereby eliminating need for expansion.

Motion carried.

Requirement for Wrecker Operators to Obtain County Business License.

Ken Plyman objected to requirement that wrecker operators in Glynn County obtain a \$35.00 County Business License. Mr. Plyman said he should be exempted from this requirement because he held a City of Brunswick Business License and he operated out of the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury to ask the Business License Committee to consider this matter and also to determine if the City honored County business licenses under reverse circumstances. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Refund of Building Permit, and Water/Sewer Tapping and Impact Fees.

Joe McDonough requested refund of Building Permit, Sewer Permit and Electrical Permit in the total amount of \$1,145. He explained that his client had not been able to obtain financing for construction of a home, therefore, the permits could not be used.

Administrator Brogdon recommended approval of Mr. McDonough's request, in accordance with existing provisions of County Ordinances.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury to authorize refund of said permit fees in the amount of \$1,145.00 as requested,

Unanimously adopted.

Chairman Dixon asked Administrator Brogdon to present the Commission with a recommendation on handling fees for future refunds.

GC-10-80; Harold J. Altman's Request to Rezone; Nathan & Nathan Agent.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on application to rezone from R-9 One Family Residential to HC Highway Commercial the following property:

A lot containing 14,259 sq. ft. located at the intersection of Third Street and U. S. Highway 17 North.

Joint Planning Commission Director Ed Stelle explained that a portion of this tract contained a commercial establishment, and rezoning was sought in order to expand. Surrounding property owners had signed a petition stating no objection, Mr. Stelle said, and the JPC recommended approval.

Ivan Nathan, on behalf of the applicant, requested approval of this zoning change.

There being no opposition, motion for approval was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and unanimously adopted.

GC-11-80; Billy R. Logue's Application to Rezone.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on subject application to rezone from R-9 One Family Residential to M-12 One Family Residential the following described property:

A lot containing 18,979 sq. ft. fronting 99 ft. on Elizabeth Road west with ingress from Jenkins Lane in the Dock Junction area.

Joint Planning Commission Director Ed Stelle explained that the applicant wanted to place a mobile home on the property. A number of mobile homes already existed in the area, he said, and the Joint Planning Commission recommended approval.

There being no objection, motion was made by Commissioner Curry to grant this rezoning. Commissioner Wooten seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

GC-49-79; Request for Site Plan Approval; Norman Reu, Five Flags Construction, Applicant

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on subject application for site plan approval for mini-warehouses/office structure in a PD-G Planned Development-General District consisting of 3.1 acres located approximately 300 ft. west of the intersection of Skylane Drive and Demere Road to be leased at McKinnon Airport Industrial Park on St. Simons Island.

Joint Planning Commission Director Ed Stelle conveyed recommendation of approval, stating that no conflict existed with the airport development and master plan.

There being no objection, motion for approval of said site plan was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Dempsey and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury expressed concern regarding planting and screening, and Mr. Stelle replied that this item would be considered in the lease process.

Alcoholic Beverage License for Maynard D. Harrison.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on application of Maynard D. Harrison for License to sell Alcoholic Beverages for consumption on premises only, at the Horses Head Pub located on 1701 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island.

Administrator Brogdon advised that all requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance had been met, and approval was recommended.

There being no objection, motion for approval was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Young, and unanimously adopted.

Inventory of Rolling Stock and Surplus Equipment Sale.

Finance Director Charles Stewart presented a detailed written inventory of the County's rolling stock covering 310 vehicles, including trailers. Mr. Stewart recommended sale of all surplus equipment, particularly that held by the Police Department.

Police Chief Jay Cee Harris said he would like to sell his accumulation of bicycles, and he was ready to pursue the necessary authorization through the District Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Dempsey moved to authorize Chief Harris to proceed with appropriate steps in order to dispose of accumulated bicycles at public auction. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Curry made a motion that all surplus County vehicles be disposed of at public auction. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Personnel Pay Plan Briefing.

Finance Director Charles Stewart asked for comments on dealing with pay increases for employees listed in grade 10 and above on the pay classification plan. He related that 74 employees in this category had been moved to scale when the pay plan was instituted a year ago, but they had not received increases for longevity as had employees in lower grades because of austerity move at that time. Reference was made especially to one police officer whose salary was not compatible with his rank and longevity.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury to consider giving any employee who has received promotion at least a 5% increase, and that such action be discussed and determined in a work session.

Adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Curry.

Report on Year-To-Date Expenditures.

Finance Director Charles Stewart presented a detailed report, by department, of expenditures to date as compared to the overall budget. While noting that some departments had over-spent, Mr. Stewart advised that overall expenditures were within the budget.

Commissioner Dempsey moved that any department head that had overextended his budget to date and anticipated overspending for the year present a letter of explanation to Administrator Brogdon and Finance Director Stewart and that they be prepared to come to the Commission with their recommendations at the earliest possible date; further, that Constitutional Officers that expect to overspend their budget for the year present a letter of explanation to the entire Commission, along with any requests for additional appropriation. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Proposed Amendments to County Retirement System.

Chairman Dixon related that a number of employees had asked that they be allowed to contribute to the Retirement System in order to have a greater retirement return.

Finance Director Charles Stewart noted that Lincoln National could amend the retirement plan to incorporate such a change. He also suggested that action be taken to stop the practice of allowing persons leaving the County's employment after five or six years from drawing out retirement funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten to authorize Mr. Stewart to make the necessary arrangements with Lincoln National to cease withdrawals from the Retirement System from short-term employees who leave the County. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey to review proposed changes in the Retirement System which would allow employees to voluntarily participate toward a greater retirement; said changes to be discussed in work session and instituted by the first of next year. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Affirmation of Charter Commission Activities.

Pursuant to legislative action extending the life of the Brunswick-Glynn County Charter Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury to affirm the membership and continuing activities of said Commission. Commissioner Wooten seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Proposed Naming of the Blythe Island Regional Park.

Chairman Dixon suggested that the Blythe Island Regional Park be named "Jimmy Carter Recreational Park".

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Dempsey to authorize Chairman Dixon to appoint a committee to study naming of the Blythe Island Park.

Unanimously adopted.

Chairman Dixon appointed Commissioners Wooten, Young and Dempsey, and Attorney Lee and Bill Cowman to serve with him on this committee.

Commissioner Dusenbury suggested that Bill Cowman's name be given to the park.

Award of Bid for County Liability Insurance Coverage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry to award contract for the County's Liability Insurance Coverage to Hunter Hopkins Insurance Agency in the amount of \$117,864.00, and Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wooten made a substitute motion to award this contract to Garlington-Hardwick Insurance Agency in the amount of \$63,632.00 and Commissioner Dempsey seconded the substitute motion which failed for lack of further support.

Commissioner Curry's motion to award said contract to Hunter Hopkins Insurance Agency was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Dixon, Commissioners Curry, Dusenbury and Young.

Nay: Commissioners Wooten and Dempsey.

Commissioner Dusenbury suggested that advice be obtained from someone expert in the field of risk management in preparing a proper bid procedure for future insurance coverage awards. Commissioner Dempsey commented that vehicle insurance would be up for renewal in October and he would like to see the bid procedure on this item put into effect at least three months prior to that date.

Execution of Paving Contract for Whitlock Street and Yacht Road.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Dempsey to authorize Chairman and Clerk to execute contract with the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$74,000.00 for paving of Whitlock Street and Yacht Road.

Unanimously adopted.

Chairman Dixon asked Administrator Brogdon to be prepared to discuss priorities for road paving at the next work session.

Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to re-appoint William Downey to a four-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Chairman Dixon, Calvin Waye was re-appointed by acclamation to a four-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Dempsey to authorize Attorney Lee to investigate the possibility of requiring a minimum attendance or participation by members appointed to various boards.

Appointment to Plumbing Advisory Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Curry, C. H. Crews was re-appointed by acclamation to a four-year term on the Plumbing Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury that pending appointments be listed on the agenda four weeks before the appointment is to be made.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolution Supporting Multi-State Transportation System.

Administrator Brogdon reported on attendance at a recent meeting of the Multi-State Transportation System Advisory Board in Kansas City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry and seconded by Commissioner Wooten to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for several years a unified effort has been underway to bring about a Multi-Mode Transportation Service between the Mid-Continent and South Atlantic Coast which will serve Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Florida as a national demonstration project; and

WHEREAS, this Multi-State, Multi-Mode Transportation System is considered to be of vital importance in serving a large portion of the United States to meet transportation needs and provide appropriate economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, this Transportation Corridor has been designed with point of origin in Brunswick, Georgia and extending to Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, that portion of the proposed route serving Southeast Georgia, which is known as "Priority Primary Route Z" originates in Brunswick and extends through Nahunta, Waycross, Willacoochee and Tifton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting held April 3, 1980, that we express to the Multi-State Transportation System Advisory Board our continued support of the Brunswick to Kansas City Transportation Corridor;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also express to said Advisory Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation our support and approval of "Primary Route Z" covering the Southeast portion of Georgia.

Unanimously adopted.

Purchase of Skates for Casino Skating Rink.

Administrator Brogdon requested authorization for purchase of skates for the Casino Skating Rink as follows:

Southeast Skate Company	\$1,125.00
Chicago Rink Skate Company	\$3,592.35

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury to authorize purchase of said skates as listed above.

Unanimously adopted.

Sponsorship of Traffic Engineers Meeting.

Administrator Brogdon announced that the Georgia Department of Highway Safety had asked the County to finance a Traffic Safety Engineers meeting on Jekyll Island in June at approximately \$30,000.00, with the total amount to be reimbursed to the County by grant.

Motion to approve this proposal was made by Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury, and adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Curry abstaining.

Underwriting of Hospital Addition Bond Issue.

At the request of Attorney Lee, Commissioner Wooten moved to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to enter into an amendatory contract (the 1976 contract) with the Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital Authority covering issuance and sale of \$9.8 million bonds to finance construction of addition to the Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Curry abstaining.

Salary Scale for Library Employees.

Commissioner Young said he had received a letter from an employee of the Brunswick-Glynn County Regional Library stating that said employee was not receiving the minimum wage.

Inasmuch as the County appropriates funds toward operation of the Library, Commissioner Dusenbury moved to authorize Chairman Dixon to write a letter to the Library Director bringing this matter to his attention and asking their intentions concerning raising these salaries to the minimum scale level. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Location of Office Space for Magistrate and Child Support Recovery Unit.

Commissioner Young said he had been approached by Magistrate Lloyd Grimes concerning the possibility of locating his office in a vacant building across the street from the Court House.

Chairman Dixon expressed concern over a lease of office space in the Brown Building across from the Court House by the Child Support Recovery Unit, adding that he had not been authorized to approve such lease. He then asked Administrator Brogdon and Finance Director Stewart to work with him and the District Attorney to consider the feasibility of moving the Child Support Recovery Unit Office to the Office Park Building.

Bids on Workers Compensation Coverage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dempsey to accept offer of Garlington-Hardwick Insurance Company to help prepare specifications for bidding on Workers Compensation Coverage, and that said specifications be reviewed and edited by the County Attorney prior to release to any agent; with bid opening to be scheduled from April 14. Commissioner Wooten seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Acquisition of Property for Sterling Fire Station.


Attorney Lee advised that quiet title work needed to be done on County owned tract at the northeast intersection of U. S. 341 and Old 99 in Sterling prior to construction of a new fire station.

Commissioner Young made a motion authorizing Attorney Lee to proceed with the necessary legal action in this matter and Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion.


Unanimously adopted.

Meeting Adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA


Larry Dixon,
Chairman

ATTEST:


Roy E. Brogdon, Clerk

Prepared by Martha Kiff,
Deputy Clerk