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CALLED MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GLYNN
COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD MARCH 22, 1979
at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Alton L. Wooten, Commissioners C. K. Curry, Ronald E. Dempsey, Lorraine Dusenbury, and Eugene Highsmith.

ABSENT: Commissioners Larry Dixon and Ronald Young.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Roy E. Brogdon

Proposed Acquisition of Blythe Island Park Property.

Administrator Brogdon reported that test borings made on that portion of the Blythe Island Park property considered for a landfill had not been promising and had indicated that leaching into the aquifer could result. The Environmental Protection Division has just about closed the door on use of this property for a landfill unless a layer of clay or plastic liner is used, Mr. Brogdon said, and the cost of either measure would be prohibitive.

Leisure Services Director Lee Silver advised that the General Services Administration and Department of Interior had agreed in concept to the dual use of this tract for recreation and landfill. These two agencies are fighting to determine which has the right to give the park property to Glynn County, Mr. Silver said. He asked for a policy decision as to whether to abandon efforts to acquire the Blythe Island Park or whether to proceed with a scaled down development plan. In explaining that the General Services Administration and Department of Interior require a development plan in order to consider conveying this land to Glynn County, Mr. Silver outlined ways of trimming down the previously proposed development plan as well as grants that could be obtained to offset approximately one-half the expense. He then asked that the Commission vote to proceed with acquisition of this property and development in a prudent fashion.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved to authorize Mr. Silver to proceed with negotiations for this property and to make commitments that are necessary to secure the same for the future use of Glynn County. Commissioner Dempsey seconded the motion, and it failed for lack of further support.

In response to this action, Mr. Silver advised that he would write a letter to the Administrator of the General Services Administration expressing gratitude for their consideration and relinquishing Glynn County's request for the Blythe Island Park property. He advised the necessity of also rescinding contract with consulting engineers who have been designing development plans for this park and paying them for services rendered, and to cancel application for grant that has been submitted. Mr. Silver said he was extremely sorry this park did not materialize.

Commissioner Dempsey said he felt it was a mistake to forfeit this property and its potential.

Purchase of Eleven Police Automobiles.

Administrator Brogdon noted that he and the Purchasing Agent and Chief of Police had recently discussed a proposal to utilize Hertz rental cars for the Police Department, however, they did not consider it feasible to commit the County to such a program for the three-year period required by Hertz at this time. Administrator Brogdon and Chief Harris expressed a desire to study

a program that would implement a one car per patrolman plan to be considered in next year's budget. Administrator Brogdon then asked for approval to purchase nine police automobiles under state contract and two under state grant.

Motion to authorize purchase of eleven police automobiles, as requested by Administrator Brogdon and Chief Harris, was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Dempsey, and unanimously adopted.

Purchase of Fireworks for 4th of July.

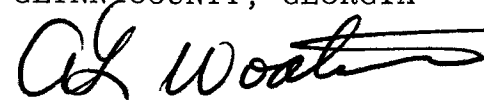
Chairman Wooten related that the Causeway Committee met earlier in the day and agreed at that time to allow purchase of 4th of July Fireworks from Causeway funds.


Commissioner Dusenbury moved to authorize purchase of fireworks in the amount of approximately \$3,500 from Causeway funds. Commissioner Curry, though expressing reluctance, seconded the motion and it was adopted by majority vote with one negative vote by Commissioner Highsmith.

Attorney Lee insisted that the fireworks company provide verification of proper insurance prior to the fireworks display.

Meeting Adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Alton L. Wooten, Chairman

Attest.

Roy E. Brogdon, Clerk