

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GLYNN  
COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY  
5, 1978 AT 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Roy J. Boyd, Commissioners C. K. Curry, Larry Dixon,  
Lorraine Dusenbury, Robert E. Owens, Henry T. Smith, and  
Ronald Young.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Harry G. Perkins, Attorneys Thomas J. Lee  
and J. Thomas Whelchel

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Chairman Boyd called upon Commissioner Owens for the invocation

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Resolution to Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Owens read the following resolutions and presented a framed  
copy to Commissioner Smith:

WHEREAS, Henry T. Smith has served effectively and diplomatically as  
Chairman of the Glynn County Board of Commissioners during 1977; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Smith's fellow Commissioners wish to express their  
recognition of the conscientious effort he displayed in dealing fairly with all  
citizens, and the patience and understanding he exhibited in handling matters  
presented by his fellow Commissioners, all of which exemplify the highest degree  
of service to be rendered by a public official; and

WHEREAS, it is noted that during his year as Chairman, Mr. Smith sought  
to fulfill his responsibilities to those who entrusted him with the duties, the  
burdens, and sometimes the rewards of public office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY the Board of Commissioners,  
Glynn County, Georgia, in Regular Meeting held January 5, 1978, that said Board  
commend Chairman Henry T. Smith for exemplary leadership during 1977 as a member of a  
governmental team dedicated to productive public service.

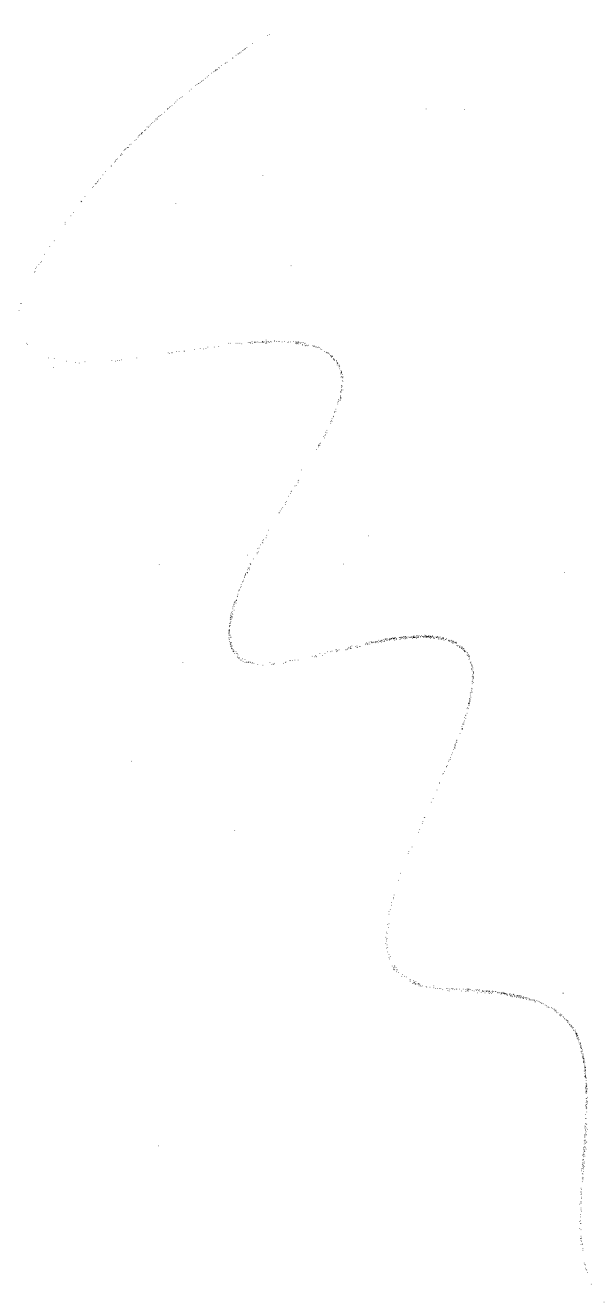
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be recorded on the  
official record of this Board, and an appropriate copy presented to Chairman Smith.

Commissioner Smith made the following comments: "I would like to express  
my thanks for your kind thoughts and words. I would like, based on my own experience,  
to urge my fellow Commissioners to give Chairman Boyd their full support. I would like  
to urge all of us, including myself, to make the Chairman's task easier for him by  
seeking his recognition before making comments on matters before us. I hope that all of  
us will let him conduct our meetings himself without undue interference. I intend to  
give Chairman Boyd all my help this year and urge my fellow Commissioners to do the  
same and to recognize him in all our meetings as our Chairman."

Motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Commissioner Dixon, seconded  
by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Boyd thanked Commissioner Smith for his remarks of support and  
presented him with the gavel he used in 1977.

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William Bennett and Tom Smoot re Underwriting County Insurance Claims.

Attorney Tom Whelchel introduced Messrs. Tom Smoot and Roy Bennett for the purpose of interpreting current County Group Insurance coverage provided by South Eastern Brokers and Consultants through a Federal Group Trust policy, and to explain claim procedures.

Mr. Bennett outlined the process leading to receivership status of previous insurer, Old Security Life, as well as the measures taken for Federal Group Trust to assume coverage. He explained that South Eastern Brokers and Consultants would process claims for 4.5 percent of claims disbursed. A lengthy discussion followed relative to the Commission's earlier decision to underwrite the group coverage and the formula to be followed in paying off claims.

Sam Cofer and Delegation re Alcoholic Beverage License Fees.

Chairman Boyd welcomed the large delegation present regarding Alcoholic Beverage License fees recently established by the Commission and invited their insight into this situation. Subsequent discussion among Commissioners revealed that the Administrator and Chief of Police had been instructed not to enforce said license renewals until questions relating to new fees have been resolved.

Sam Cover spoke first on behalf of the local whiskey dealers. In his opinion, timing as well as publicity on rate changes recently enacted was extremely poor. He commented that over 50 percent of the money taken into his business now goes for taxes, noting that this type business makes less net profit per investment than any other type business in Glynn County. He said he felt these businesses were taken advantage of especially at this time of year, and suggested the following rates:

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| Package Store (Liquor, Beer and Wine)           | \$1,000.00 |
| Consumption on Premises (Liquor, Beer and Wine) | \$1,000.00 |
| Combination of the two above                    | \$1,500.00 |

Mr. Cofer added that he did not support proposals of a class action suit against the County in protest of the increased fees.

Jackie Kinlaw explained that local whiskey dealers are already facing the 1% local sales tax commencing April 1, as well as increased FICA and Social Security. He said other businesses have suffered no increase in license fees this year. He said he felt they should have been given more time to prepare for the fee increase and the increase should have been smaller. He suggested a possible freezing of these fees for five years, or increasing in increments to \$850 this year and \$1,000 next year.

Bart Shaw pointed to a general agreement that the fee schedule should be re-evaluated. He recommended that the matter be referred back to a study group for compilation of an ordinance that would not become effective before 1979.

Commissioner Smith explained that subject Wine and Malt Beverage License Ordinance and Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance had been discussed by the Commission for at least two months before adoption. This action was brought about as a result of comments by County Attorney Tom Lee that criteria should be established. The Commissioners acted on these two ordinances with full knowledge of what they were doing, he said, and people in these businesses are now appearing before the Commission because of personal problems.

Commissioner Smith then made a motion that existing Alcoholic Beverage License, for package sales and individual consumption, be recognized as valid until the recently enacted ordinances are re-evaluated and revised, and that such action take place prior to the next regular meeting with a final determination to be made at that time, and that no further licenses be approved or issued until that final determination is made, including those listed on the agenda for today's meeting. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Commissioner Owens noted that Glynn County's fees are still much lower than surrounding counties, and reiterated the necessity for said ordinances based upon advice of counsel.

Aye: Commissioners Dusenbury, Smith, Dixon, Curry and Owens.

Abstaining: Commissioner Young.

Motion passed.

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Robert Hammer's Application for Alcoholic Beverage License at Pam's No. 1.

Attorney Jim Williams, speaking on behalf of Robert Hammer, asked if the preceding moratorium on issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses precluded consideration of his client's application for such license for consumption on premises at Pam's No. 1 located on Highway 17 North (previously "The Torch"). Mr. Williams pointed out that his application had been advertised for public hearing and was listed on the agenda for action. He stressed the need for immediate action, explaining that his client had approximately \$50,000 tied up in this business venture.

Chairman Boyd expressed his understanding of Mr. Hammer's position, adding, however, that the previous motion precluded action on any new application. He assured Mr. Hammer that his request would be considered at the next regular meeting.

Attorney Young asked Attorney Tom Lee if Mr. Hammer could be allowed to operate his business on a 1977 license until further action is taken by the Commission.

On the basis that Mr. Hammer did not have a 1977 license, Attorney Lee replied that in the absence of some Commission action today, he did not believe Mr. Hammer could operate his business. He added that Mr. Hammer's application would not require further advertising.

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"Citizens For Quality Education" Requesting Special Referendum re School Board.

Mr. Ralph Graham, along with other members of "Citizens For Quality Education", presented a written and verbal request for a special referendum on the issue of an elected school board vs. the present appointive method. Mr. Graham explained that the existing appointive process does not provide equal representation throughout the County, inasmuch as members are appointed by the City Commission and Grand Jury, with County Government having no participation. He explained that a special referendum was being asked for because two years ago when this decision was placed before the voters it was in the form of a constitutional amendment and was difficult to see on the ballot.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved that the Commission recommend to local legislators that a referendum be held in Glynn County some time in the year 1978, as soon as reasonable, for the purpose of deciding whether or not the citizens of Glynn County would like to have an elected school board rather than an appointed school board, based on a general outline of proposal submitted by the Citizens for Quality Education and placed on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Curry seconded the motion.

Commissioner Young expressed his opposition to his move on the basis that the voters were given a choice in this matter only two years ago at which time it was defeated.

The motion was adopted by majority vote with one dissent by Commissioner Young.

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Tax Commissioner's Request for Automobile Allowance.

Glynn County Tax Commissioner Curtis Tucker asked that he be provided an automobile and gasoline of \$2,000 annual auto allowance. He said he put approximately 10,000 work related miles on his automobile in 1975 and 1976, and 13,600 in 1977. He estimated 1978 usage at 17,000 miles, which will cover operation on his automobile by himself and his staff in handling matters relating to banking, field inspections, collection of bad checks, etc.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Boyd requested that Administrator Perkins place this item on the agenda of the next work session. He then assured Mr. Tucker an answer by the next regular meeting.

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Mrs. Bettie Stephens Request for Rezoning.

Public Hearing was continued on application presented at the last regular meeting for amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from R-9 One Family Residential to M-9 Mobile Home Residential the following described property: (GC-48-77; Mrs. Bettie Stephens, Agent)

A triangular tract containing approx. 41,241.58 sq. ft. fronting 333.4 ft. on the southeast side of the Old Jesup Highway and 401.2 ft. on the west side of Habersham Street at the intersection of the two rights of way.

Attorney Tom Lee said he did not believe the Commission would be violating any legal principal in granting this rezoning. He recommended, from a legal standpoint, that the Commission vote for approval.

There being no objection present at this time, Commissioner Smith moved for approval of said request. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Application for Rezoning by Charles B. Williams and Bob Merrill.

Pursuant to advertisement, public hearing was held on application to amend the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from HC Highway Commercial to GC General Commercial the following described property: (GC-50-77; Charles B. Williams and Bob Merrill, applicants)

All of Lot 4 and the southwesterly 50 ft. on Lot 3 in Block 14 of Ocean Breezes Subdivision on St. Simons Island; said property fronting 80 ft. on the northwesterly side of Ocean Boulevard with a minimum depth of 116 ft., lying 74.5 ft. northeast of the intersection of said Boulevard with Union Street, and being the site of "The Crab Trap".

Administrator Perkins read the Joint Planning Commission's recommendation of approval contingent upon the following conditions:

The proposed parking areas are to conform to specification of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance in regard to curb cuts.

There being no objection, Commissioner Dixon moved for approval subject to conditions set out above. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Jerry Miller's Application for Rezoning.

Pursuant to Public Hearing, duly advertised, upon recommendation of approval by the Joint Planning Commission and no opposition appearing, motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Owens to authorize amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from HC Highway Commercial to GC General Commercial the following described property: (GC-51-77; Jerry Miller, agent)

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 14 of Ocean Breezes Subdivision on St. Simons Island; said property fronting 130 ft. on the northwesterly side of Ocean Boulevard and 122.3 ft. on the southside of Ocean Boulevard and 122.3 ft. on the southwest side of Arnold Road, and being the site of "Bob's Super Market."

Unanimously adopted.

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Application of Mrs. Minnie Lee Clements and Michael Clements for Rezoning.

Pursuant to advertising, Public Hearing was held on application to amend the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from R-9 One Family Residential to HC Highway Commercial to GC General Commercial the following described property: (GC-54-77; Mrs. Minnie Lee Clements and Michael Clements, applicants)

An Irregularly shaped tract containing approx. 17.04 acres, fronting approx. 2,084.15 ft. on the northeast side of the Golden Isles Parkway (I-95/F-009 Spur), and lying approx. 404.81 ft. northwest of the intersection of said Parkway with U. S. Highway 17 North; access to property involved from said Highway 17.

Administrator Perkins read the Joint Planning Commission's recommendation of approval subject to the following conditions:

The property is to be subdivided in accordance with the Glynn County Subdivision Regulations prior to any building permits being issued for construction.

Motion for approval, subject to the above condition, was made by Commissioner Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted.

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Final Plat Approval of Quail Run Subdivision.

Joint Planning Commission Director Ed Stelle presented for approval the Final Plat of Quail Run Subdivision (formerly known as The Fairway), Brunswick, Georgia, accompanied by a letter of credit from the First National Bank insuring completion of improvements within the Subdivision. Said letter of credit had been attested by the County Engineer that it was in an amount sufficient to pay for improvements within the Subdivision.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted.

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Receipt of Bids for Furnishing Hose for the Glynn County Fire Department.

Pursuant to advertisement, the following bids were received for furnishing Fire Hose for the Glynn County Fire Department:

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| Major Sales and Service     | \$8,970.00 |
| Jack Cocke and Company      | \$8,345.00 |
| McLarty                     | \$8,806.00 |
| Fire Fighters Equipment Co. | \$9,090.00 |

Chairman Boyd appointed Commissioner Dixon and Owens to review bids with the Fire Chief and Purchasing Agent, with a report to be presented at the next regular meeting.

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Bids on Three (3) 1978 Cab/Chassis equipped with Six (6) Cubic Yard Dump Body.

Commissioner Owens and Chairman Boyd having been appointed to review bids received at the last regular meeting for furnishing the above equipment for the Public Works Department, Commissioner Owens moved that said equipment be re-bid due to controversy contained in the two lowest bids.

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Bids on Two (2) 1978 Diesel Truck Tractors equipped with 20 Cubic Yard Refuse Collection Body.

As spokesman for committee appointed to review bids received in the last regular meeting for furnishing the above equipment for the Public Works Department, Commissioner Owens recommended the low bidder, Lynch-Davidson Ford.

Motion to award the bid to Lynch Davidson Ford was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Young and unanimously adopted.

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Contracts with the Georgia Criminal Justice Council.

Administrator Perkins presented for approval two contracts with the Georgia Criminal Justice Council whereby the County would pay local matching funds to the Council in return for representation for indigents accused of crime in Glynn County for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

Commissioner Smith commented that he had not had the opportunity to review these contracts, and Chairman Boyd deferred action pending further consideration.

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Status of Causeway.

Commissioner Dusenbury stressed the need to confer with the City Commission regarding their recent letter relative to the status of the Brunswick-St. Simons Bridge and Causeway.

Chairman Boyd replied that such conference would be scheduled soon.

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Re-scheduling of Traffic Light.

Commissioner Owens asked Administrator Perkins to request the Department of Transportation to re-schedule the traffic light located at the intersection of Highways 303 and 341 to better facilitate the traffic flow in response to the sharp drop in the number of southbound motorists since opening of I-95. He asked that other intersections be reviewed also.

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Road Maintenance.

Commissioner Owens asked Administrator Perkins to direct the Public Works Department to take necessary measures to control dust on Yacht Road and Nix Lane.

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Appreciation Expressed by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Owens expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of working with Chairman Smith in the capacity of Vice Chairman during 1977. He said there had been no political battle in the selection of a Chairman this year, and Commissioner Boyd's selection for this position was completely agreeable with the whole Commission. He added that the entire Commission looks forward to a good year with the desire to represent the citizens as well as possible. He closed his statement by responding to rumors relative to the possibility of his seeking re-election this year by saying he had not yet made such decision.

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Public Defender.

Commissioner Smith referred to Eric Kocher's letter dated December 22, 1977 tendering his resignation as Public Defender.

Chairman Boyd asked Commissioner Smith to continue working with the Public Defender's Office in finding a suitable replacement for Mr. Kocher.

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Disclaimers to John H. Stiles and E. W. Stanford.

Attorney Tom Lee commented that Attorney Ed Liles recently requested quitclaim deed to John H. Stiles and E. W. Stanford covering a small area located between a cul de sac at the end of Club Drive, County Club Park Subdivision, and Brunswick Country Club property. Based on the Commission's decision at that time disclaimers to said property have been prepared, Attorney Lee said, and they appear to be in order.

Commissioner Owens then moved for execution of said disclaimers, and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Curry dissenting and Commissioner Dixon abstaining.

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Chairman Boyd appointed Commissioner Dixon to continue as the Commission's representative to the Glynn County Board of Health through 1978.

Meeting Adjourned

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

*Roy J. Boyd*  
Roy J. Boyd, Chairman

Attest:

*Martha Kiff - Deputy Clerk*  
Harry G. Perkins, Clerk