

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1975
AT 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Roy J. Boyd, Lorraine Dusenbury, Percy F. Harrell, Robert E. Owens and Henry T. Smith.

Also Present: Administrator Harold H. Baer and Attorney J. Thomas Whelchel.

Commissioner Owens called the meeting to order with invocation and announced the first item to be ratification of appointments for the current year and continuation of the business at hand.

Commissioner Dusenbury moved for ratification of appointment of Commissioner Percy F. Harrell as Chairman for the current year and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Harrell moved to ratify appointment of Commissioner Lorraine Dusenbury as Vice Chairman for the current year. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harrell then assumed the chair and welcomed new Commissioner, Henry T. Smith, to the Commission stating that he looked forward to working with him during the coming year.

Commissioner Owens moved to ratify appointment of A. L. Lokey as Chief of Police for 1975 and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury made a motion to ratify appointment of James A. Bishop and J. Thomas Whelchel as Associate County Attorneys for the year and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Owens moved to ratify appointment of Hugh C. Oxford as Consultant to the Brunswick - St. Simons Bridge and Causeway for 1975 and Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Motion to ratify appointment of Mrs. Ollie Mae Cook as Deputy Clerk for the current year was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously approved.

Pursuant to advertisement, Public Hearing was held on application to amend the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from FA Forest Agricultural and CP Conservation Preservation to PD-G Planned Development General the following described property:

(GC-55-74; Mrs. Audrey Stutts and Max Williams, applicant)

Two (2) tracts of contiguous land containing a total of 27.6 acres, fronting 156 ft. on the southeast side of Georgia Highway 303 and approx. 650 ft. on the north side of Taylor Drive; said tracts extending approx. 2,000 sq. ft. to the South Brunswick River and being bounded on the east by the westerly right of way of Interstate 95 and lying approx. 950 ft. north of the intersection of said highway with the Colonel's Island Railroad right of way.

Mr. Ferman Ricks advised that the group he represents holds an option on subject property, and they plan to proceed with plans for developing a marine life exhibit and related facilities immediately upon rezoning.

Joint Planning Commission Director, Ed Stell, advised that all plans meet the specifications of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers.

There being no opposition present, Commissioner Boyd moved for approval of said request subject to approval by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Agency. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Joint Planning Commission Director, Ed Stelle, presented for Commission approval a final plat of Island Club Subdivision, Phase 1. He commented that development has been completed with installation of roads, drainage and water and sewer according to preliminary development plans.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Dusenbury subject to one minor revision to the plat and final approval by the County Engineer. Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Stelle next presented a plat covering final development plans for Lagoon Villas located at Sea Palms, St. Simons Island.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to refer to the decision that was taken by the Commission with a three to two vote in a special called meeting held December 27, 1974 for closing of a portion of Neptune Road on St. Simons Island. He said he did not believe the actual act of abandonment had taken place, stating that there is no certification that the road has been released and the Commission has neither a plat nor an easement. He then moved for reversal of said action taken in the aforementioned meeting releasing a portion of Neptune Road to owners of the King and Prince Hotel. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and further discussion followed.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that she had voted against the proposal and registered her strong opposition, however, action has been taken and it should stand. Commissioner Owens added that he believed action had been taken in all fairness, but he seconded Commissioner Smith's motion for reversal because he felt the Commission had been misinformed on their position.

Commissioner Boyd then ascertained from Administrator Baer that Commission minutes reflect that action referred to by Commissioner Smith was taken in an official called meeting and from Attorney Whelchel that the County does have an easement on said portion of Neptune Road and that an official decision has been rendered by the County Government. Mr. Whelchel further stated that his inclination was that the Commission has acted on this matter in a way that is binding. Commissioner Boyd then asked if it were not true that according to Robert's Rules of Order, under which Glynn County's Commission Meetings are conducted, only a member participating in the original action could make a motion to rescind.

Voting aye on Commissioner Smith's motion for reversal:

Commissioners Smith and Owens.

Voting Nay: Commissioners Boyd and Dusenbury and Chairman Harrell.

Motion failed.

Pursuant to advertisement, the following bids were received for furnishing one 3/4 Ton Cab Chassis with Utility Body for the St. Simons Water and Sewer District:

Colonial Ford	\$ 4,761.85
Coastal Chevrolet	\$ 4,890.39 - bid price
	\$ 5,781.15 - list price

Commissioner Boyd moved to authorize review and award of bid to the lowest and best bidder by Commissioner Owens, Purchasing Agent and Consultant to the St. Simons Island Water and Sewer District. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Upon request by residents of Eldorado Subdivision for paving of Riviera Drive by the County at County expense, Commissioner Owens said he did not believe paving could be accomplished in this manner as it has not been the Commission's policy to pave roads or streets in privately developed areas except by petition for paving by assessment by property owners abutting the designated street.

Chairman Harrell concurred with Commissioner Owens' statement and directed Administrator Baer to notify the parties involved of the Commission's position in this matter and to inform of the customary procedure to be followed to effect paving by assessment.

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Commissioner Smith moved to defer action on the following appointments until the next regular meeting so that a list of duties, obligations and qualifications for each post may be obtained as well as possibly a list of candidates for each vacancy:

H. G. Fitzpatrick - Community Action Committee
(3-year term)

Bobby Roebuck - Glynn County Plumbing Board
(4-year term)

Boyd Troupe - Glynn County Plumbing Board
(4-year term)

Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Relative to appointment of a Commission member to serve on the Glynn County Board of Health, Commissioner Boyd noted that it has been customary in the past for the Chairman to serve in this position. He noted, however, that the work load of the Chairman requires a great deal of time and recommended some other member whose schedule is more lenient be delegated to this position. He then nominated Commissioner Henry T. Smith to serve on the Board of Health for the current year. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Paul Asher questioned the status of paving of Fifteenth Street from Ocean Boulevard to Beachview Drive and Oglethorpe Street from Fourteenth Street to Mallory Street. He said he understood that petitions for the paving, which were presented some time ago, had been approved and he wondered when the paving would take place.

A discussion with County Engineer, Don McCaskill, revealed that some trees will have to be moved while the streets will be paved around others. He added that Public Works' crews have been busy working on bike paths and have not had time to do the necessary clearing work preliminary to paving.

Commissioner Dusenbury suggested that Mr. McCaskill obtain advice from the Forestry Department and County Agent regarding removal of the trees and Commissioner Smith noted that one tree in particular was in bad condition and its removal would result in no great loss to the community.

Chairman Harrell advised Mr. Asher that a decision would be reached regarding removal of the trees and scheduling of paving as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury to authorize Chairman and Clerk to execute to Mrs. Marian G. Reardon covering the unopened portion of Wood Avenue adjacent to the Reardon property fronting Ocean Boulevard, East End Subdivision, St. Simons Island. It was noted that Evans and Mitchell Industries acquired the portion of said street abutting their property in 1971.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve matching funds in the amount of \$21,373.00 for continuation of Glynco Economic Development Administration Grant in the amount of \$64,118.00 representing a total budget of \$85,491.00 covering Glynco Reuse Planning for a fifteen-month period extending from April 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Owens expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from fellow Commissioners during his Chairmanship in 1974. He stressed that loyalty, help and kindness had been shown by everyone involved in County Government. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity of serving as Chairman and wished Chairman Harrell the best in this position for 1975.

Chairman Harrell thanked Commissioner Owens for his comments and replied that he hoped to have the same cooperation during the coming year.

Commissioner Boyd said that he looked forward to serving with the Board in 1975 and welcomed Commissioner Smith, assuring that everyone would be working in close harmony.

Administrator Baer reported that trees around the Court House are in need of trimming and requested permission for same.

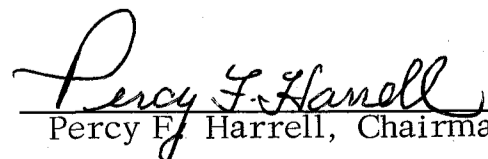
Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted.

Administrator Baer informed the Commission that the title of the Judge of Ordinary has changed to Judge of Probate Court.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:


Harold H. Baer, Clerk


Percy F. Harrell, Chairman