

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975
7:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Chairman Percy F. Harrell, Vice Chairman Lorraine Dusenbury, Commissioners Roy Boyd, Robert Owens, Henry T. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: County Administrator Harold H. Baer and County Attorney James Bishop

Chairman Harrell called the meeting to order and invocation was given by Commissioner Robert Owens.

Chairman Harrell, on behalf of the Board, expressed pleasure and extended congratulations to Mrs. Lorraine Dusenbury on her appointment as Chairman of the Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1975.

Dr. John Teel, President of Brunswick Junior College, addressed the Commission regarding the acquisition of one hundred acres of property at Brunswick Airpark for future expansion of Brunswick Junior College. Dr. Teel told of the critical need for the additional land to prevent the encroachment of other things on the College and the importance of the demonstration of good faith to the Board of Regents. He also related the interest of the College to build jointly with the community a fine arts center with a large auditorium at some future date. He also commented briefly on the possibility of a four-year college.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd that the County and City deed a one hundred acre tract of land, located at Brunswick Airpark, to the Board of Regents, University System of Georgia, with the stipulation that the City and County retain use of said property until such time as needed for expansion of Brunswick Junior College.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury commented on the great asset Brunswick Junior College is to the community, and expressed particular pride in the new Vocational - Technical Division.

Attorney James Bishop noted that the establishment of a four-year college had been requested and the acquisition of the additional one hundred acres by the Board of Regents would be very helpful in influencing a decision.

Mr. C. Edward Nicholson, Attorney, who is President of the St. Simons Island Chamber of Commerce and member of the Joint Planning Commission, requested the establishment of a Citizens Crime Commission. Mr. Nicholson stated that the Crime Commission would be composed of volunteer local citizens authorized to collect information and then make recommendations to the County Commission and the Police Department to help in curbing the local rising crime rate.

He pointed out that there would be no expense involved to the County, since the persons serving on the Crime Commission would be expected to do so without compensation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Owens that Mr. Nicholson prepare a draft resolution for consideration by the County Commission.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Judge Eugene Highsmith, of the State Court, along with Mr. Bill Rustin, Director of the Coastal Georgia Alcoholism Treatment Clinic, located in Brunswick, appeared before the Commission to request authorization to establish a school for drinking drivers. Judge Highsmith told the Board that persons convicted of alcohol - related driving offenses would be fined an additional \$30 and sent to classes of instruction on the dangers of driving while intoxicated. He emphasized that the DWI School would be a penalty imposed on offenders in addition to fines and/or terms in jail.

Judge Highsmith also asked the Board of Commissioners to approve an application for a grant from the State Office of Highway Safety, application for Highway Safety Project Grant to finance the establishment of said school, which would then be sustained through the additional fines imposed on persons attending the school. He also explained that classes would be conducted at Brunswick Junior College through the Division of Continuing Education, that the Brunswick Jaycees are sponsoring the school as a club project and that an administrator and part-time secretary would be needed.

Commissioner Henry T. Smith made a motion that the Commission approve the establishment of the Safe Driving Education Program and that the Chairman of the County Commission be authorized to sign the application for State funds.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted to approve Financial Reports, Operational Reports and List of Vouchers issued for the month of May, 1975.

Dr. Roland Clark, 4226 8th Street, St. Simons Island, Georgia, told the Commission that he had erected a \$2,000 storage shed and utility building at the rear of his property, which occupies 9 feet of County alley at the rear of his property and about 6 feet on one side.

Mr. Vernon Lewis, County Building Inspector, explained that a water line lies one foot from the building and a sewer line, if extended would go under the building.

Commissioner Smith stated that although in sympathy with Dr. Clark's problem, a precedent would be set by allowing the building to remain.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion that the building be removed from County alley ways within a 60-day period. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Smith requested that consideration of three appointments to the Electrical Advisory Board be postponed until the meeting of July 3, 1975.

Commissioner Boyd moved that the item be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dusenbury announced that Mr. Larry Clark of the 341 Wrecking Company will remove junk automobiles from property without charge.

County Administrator Harold Baer reported that Commissioner Roy Boyd had been elected to a five-year term on the Forestry Commission, with term to expire on June 30, 1980

Meeting adjourned.

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Percy F. Harrell

Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

Attest:

Harold H. Baer

Harold H. Baer, Clerk