

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1975
7:30 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Administrator Harold H. Baer; County Attorney J. Thomas Whelchel

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

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from this earth on Sunday, August 3, 1975, James D. Gould, Jr., and

WHEREAS, his passing has caused great sorrow to the people of this county, for whom he has rendered efficient and valued service to the progress of this community, taking leadership in many civic efforts.

WHEREAS, one of his greatest achievements while serving as a member of the Board of Regents of Georgia, was the establishment of the Junior College, one of the finest and most beautiful educational institutions in the State, stands as a lasting monument to the man who made it possible, and local citizens feel very grateful to him, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gould served as a Glynn County Commissioner for the years 1953 through 1960, having served as Chairman of the Board for two years. His record as a Commissioner is indeed a matter of common knowledge, and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Georgia Senate for three years and one of the most popular legislators and one of the ablest, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, in regular meeting assembled August 19, 1975 that we express our profound regret at the loss of this distinguished citizen of Glynn County and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a copy be presented to the family of the late James D. Gould, Jr.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
/s/ Percy F. Harrell

/s/ Mrs. Lorraine Dusenbury

/s/ Roy Boyd

/s/ Robert Owens

/s/ Henry T. Smith

Attest:

/s/ Harold H. Baer
County Administrator

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from this earth, Dr. Benjamin Hartwell Boyd, Jr., on Monday, September 29, 1975.

WHEREAS, his passing has caused great sorrow to the people of this county, for whom he has rendered efficient and valued service to the progress of this community.

Dr. Boyd was appointed a member of the Glynn - Brunswick Memorial Hospital Authority on October 5, 1966. He served until his death on September 29, 1975. He also served on the Glynn-Brunswick Cobalt Fund Committee, the Intensive Coronary Care Committee, the Surgical

Intensive Care Committee, in addition to serving on the Hospital Authority Professional Committee and Joint Conference Committee, his entire tenure on the Hospital Authority.

Dr. Boyd will be remembered greatly for his work in the establishment of an intensive Coronary Care Unit for the hospital. This unit was named the Dr. Hartwell Boyd Intensive Coronary Care Unit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, in regular meeting assembled, October 2, 1975, that we express our profound regret at the loss of this distinguished citizen of Glynn County and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a copy furnished his family.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

/s/ Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

/s/ Lorraine Dusenbury, Vice Chairman

/s/ Roy Boyd

/s/ Robert Owens

/s/ Henry T. Smith

Attest

/s/ Harold H. Baer
County Administrator

Motion was made by Commissioner Roy Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Dusenbury and unanimously approved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, has previously by Resolution dated June 19, 1975, voted to convey by Deed to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia the interest of Glynn County in a one hundred (100) acre tract of land, located at Brunswick Air Park, with a stipulation that the City of Brunswick and Glynn County retain the use of said property until such time as needed for the expansion of Brunswick Junior College, and whereas it is now deemed to the best interest of the County and the development of said College and further that the use of said property is no longer required or necessary for County purposes,

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Glynn County convey to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia all of Glynn County's right, title and interest in and to the one hundred (100) acre tract of land located at the Brunswick Air Park, said tract of land being further identified and described as lying and being in the 26th General Militia District of Glynn County, Georgia, and being more particularly shown and depicted on a certain plat of a boundary line survey dated August 27, 1975, and prepared for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by James L. Conine, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1545 (a copy of said plat being filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia), and that the conveyance be without any stipulation or reservation as to the retaining of said property by the City and County pending need for development or expansion of said College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, be and he is hereby authorized to execute the conveyance of the right, title and interest of Glynn County in and to the aforesaid real property to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (and that the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, be and he is hereby authorized to attest the execution of said conveyance and to affix thereto the seal of said County) on behalf of Glynn County, Georgia; and that the conveyance of said right, title and interest in said real property may be a joint Deed of conveyance in which Glynn County, Georgia, conveys its interest and the City of Brunswick also conveys its interest in said property, or said Deed of Conveyance may be a Deed of Conveyance wherein the County of Glynn separately conveys interest in said real property, the determination of whether a single Deed of Conveyance or separate Deeds of Conveyance shall be executed, shall be decided upon between the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, and the appropriate officer or officers of the City of Brunswick.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

/s/ Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Harold H. Baer, Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unani-
mously adopted to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1975.

Delegations voiced numerous complaints about the conduct of persons patronizing the Sport Palace, an amusement center for teen-agers, 5000 Altama Avenue, enumerating various incidents of disturbances within the neighborhood. Other delegations spoke in support of the Sport Palace. Among persons addressing the Commission were Mr. Cork Mixon, Attorney Grayson Lane, Glynn County Police Chief, A.L. Lokey, lease holder representative Al Burke and owner, Luther Warren.

Motion was made by Commissioner Henry T. Smith that the Commission submit this matter to the Grand Jury for investigation for a determination of the true facts, and for recommendations.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bobby Owens that a public hearing be held to establish an ordinance to regulate hours for businesses of this type, and that a draft of said resolution be published in the newspaper prior to the hearing.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Ms. Georgia Culbertson, President of the St. Simons Island Civinette Club, addressed the Board in reference to the closing of Magnolia Street between 12th and Oak Streets on St. Simons Island. Mrs. Culbertson explained that Magnolia Street had been used for forty years until a quit claim deed was issued to nearby property owners and the street was fenced.

County Attorney J. Thomas Whelchel stated that he believed that easement rights had been retained by the County. Commissioner Roy Boyd further commented that the Board was given erroneous information from the onset and had acted in good faith on the information from the onset and had acted in good faith on the information supplied. He stated that the Commission would do everything possible to reopen the easement.

Mrs. Harriett Robinson, speaking for a delegation, asked the Board to pass a resolution to request the Legislature to introduce legislation in the next session of the General Assembly to hold a referendum in order that voters may choose between elected or appointed members of the Board of Education.

Motion was made by Commissioner Henry T. Smith that the annual fall meeting of the Commission with legislators be open to the public, bring the matter to the legislators at that time, place notice of meeting in the newspaper and specifically notify Mrs. Robinson of said meeting.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to advertisement, Public Hearing was held on application to amend the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance changing from FA Forest - Agricultural to HC Highway Commercial the following described property: GC-20-75; Robert E. Tatum.

An irregularly shaped tract containing approx. 10,937 sq. ft. and having frontage of approx. 137 ft. at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of the I-95 F009 Spur and Canal Road.

Recommendation for denial was previously adopted by the Joint Planning Commission.

Mr. Tatum told the Commission that he had no immediate plans for development and requested the rezoning in order to obtain access to his property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously adopted to approve application.

Pursuant to advertisement, Public Hearing was held on application to amend the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance to consider a request to rezone from R-6 One-Family Residential to GC General-Commercial the following described property GC-21-75; William P. Oister, etal Robert M. Greene, Attorney).

All of Lots 27 through 34, inclusive, in Block A of St. Simons Heights Subdivision, St. Simons Island; said lots fronting 400 ft. on the west side of Georgia Street with a depth of approximately 120 ft. and lying approximately 125 ft. north of Brunswick Avenue.

Homeowners in St. Simons Heights spoke in opposition to the rezoning, enumerating their objections as noise, devaluation of property through bringing a commercial district closer to their residential property, and detrimental effect on the character of the residential area. Commissioner Roy Boyd pointed out that the additional parking space, proposed by Mr. Oister,

was necessary to the commercial area, which is already established.

County Engineer Don McCaskill pointed out that a county drainage ditch now runs through the area of the proposed parking lot.

Commissioner Robert Owens made a motion that the rezoning request be denied, based on the recommendation of the Joint Planning Commission; that the parking lot would not accommodate a large number of cars, the proximity to a residential area, and safety factors.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Smith and Owens

Nay: Commissioner Boyd

Abstaining: Commissioner Dusenbury

Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

Commissioner Dusenbury commented that she would like to make an on-site inspection, review plans and recommendations.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to delay action until the next evening meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion

Unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted to delay recommendation for appointment to the Hospital Authority, to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Hartwell Boyd until it could be ascertained whether a practicing physician is prohibited from serving as a member of the Hospital Authority.

Pursuant to advertisement, the following bids were received for one sedan for the Police Department and one station wagon for the Fire Department:

Fire Department (With Trade-In)

Coastal Chevrolet, 1976	\$3,672.42
1975	\$2,768.00

Colonial Ford	\$3,980.00
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Bachrodt Pontiac	\$3,964.35
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Police Department

Colonial Ford	\$4,011.00
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Coastal Chevrolet	\$5,000.00
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Cisco (Folkston, Ga.)	\$4,176.44
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Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd to refer the bids to a committee for award to lowest and best bidder. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted.

The Board appointed Bobby Owens, Roy Boyd, and Chairman Harrell to review and award bids.

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

Commissioner Boyd made a motion that Hugh Oxford, Consulting Engineer to the F. J. Torras Causeway be authorized to proceed in obtaining a design and to obtain bids to build a toll plaza on the east side of Back River Bridge.

Commissioner Dusenbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Henry T. Smith told of a complaint he had received from a resident of Dunbar Acres beyond Deer Run Villas where hunters were shooting into the back yards of a residence. The matter was referred to County Administrator Harold H. Baer for appropriate action.

Chairman Harrell directed Administrator Baer to reply to a letter from a consulting firm which specializes in mosquito control, stating that their proposal is under consideration.

Commissioner Smith asked for guidance from the Joint Planning Commission regarding the future of Blythe Island State Park.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously adopted to approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County and it is hereby resolved, that the foregoing attached Agreement, relative to Project RF-U-009-2 (32) Spur Ph. 1 on Cypress Mill Road at S. R. 25 in Glynn County be entered into by Board of Commissioners and that Percy F. Harrell as Chairman and Harold H. Baer as Clerk, be and they are, hereby authorized and directed to execute the same for and in behalf of said Glynn County.

Passed and adopted this the 23rd day of October, 1975

BY /s/ Percy F. Harrell

Attest:

/s/ Harold H. Baer, Clerk

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation owns a maintenance site located on the west side of U. S. Highway 341 approximately 0.7 miles south of the intersection of U. S. Highway 341 approximately 0.7 miles south of the intersection of U. S. Highway 341 and State Route 303, which consists of 1.908 acres; and

WHEREAS, Glynn County owns property located approximately 1,000 feet west of U. S. Highway 341 Sterling, which is adjacent to other property owned by the Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, Glynn County and the Department of Transportation desire to exchange their

respective tracts of land; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Code Section 95A-601 authorizes the Department of Transportation and Glynn County to acquire real property or interest therein by exchange, where such exchange is to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Glynn County have determined that it is to the best advantage of both the Department of Transportation and Glynn County to exchange the 1.908 acre site for a portion of Glynn County property consisting of 2.83 acres;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the exchange of the said one tract of land for the other, and of other valuable consideration moving to the Grantor, the Grantor hereby grants, bargains, sells and conveys unto the Grantee, as hereinafter set out, the following described real property, to-wit:

ALL that tract or parcel of land lying and being in G.M.D. 1356 of Glynn County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a southeast property corner of property now or formerly owned by the Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company, said corner also being described as corner number 5-27 of said Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company property, and being a point in the east zone of the Georgia Coordinate System at $x=688,645.98$ $y=460,900.44$; running thence $S 77^{\circ}18' W$ along the southern property line of said property 586.80 feet to an iron pin; thence $N 18^{\circ}22' W$ along a western property line of said property 173.81 feet to a concrete marker; thence $N 71^{\circ}03' E$ along a northern property line of said property 603.92 feet to an iron pin; thence $N 11^{\circ}35' W$ along a straight line 161 feet to an iron pin; thence $S 12^{\circ}47' E$ along an eastern property line of said property 238.96 feet back to the point of beginning, said property being 2.83 acres.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Grantee and its successors in office forever, in fee simple.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal, acting by and through its duly constituted and elected officials, the day and year first above written.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Attest:

/s/ Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

/s/ Harold H. Baer, Clerk

Adopted this the 23rd Day of October, 1975.

The feasibility of placing signs at strategic locations along the beaches to warn against the picking of sea oats was discussed. Commissioner Dusenbury noted that a state law as well as a Dune Protection Ordinance prohibits the picking of sea oats.

Mr. Stelle, Director of the Joint Planning Commission, stated that Mr. Brooks, had reestablished his vegetable stand on the corner on St. Simons Island where it was originally located. Mr. Stelle further explained that tentative plans had been made to house vendors of this type at an airport location.

Chairman Harrell directed the finance director to prepare a report on how Glynn County has used revenue sharing funds and what taxes will be increased, services cut or other adjustments made if Congress fails to renew general revenue sharing, to be submitted to senators and representatives. In addition, motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously approved to adopt the following resolution to be submitted with said report:

WHEREAS, County governments in nearly half of the state budget from July through June and all counties must make long term budget commitments to efficiently meet the needs of their citizens;

WHEREAS, Counties depend on general revenue sharing dollars for essential county programs;

WHEREAS, Revenue sharing dollars enable counties to fill locally determined vital needs with minimal red tape and federal restrictions;

WHEREAS, Responsive county government depends on efficient county planning and budgeting and ample time for citizen participation;

WHEREAS, The current revenue sharing program expires December 31, 1976 and July through June fiscal year counties must begin budgeting the previous spring;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Glynn County, that general revenue sharing be re-enacted by the first session of the 94th Congress providing counties with advance dollar figures that can be used for efficient, responsive planning of programs and budgets and that can be identified for more than half of their fiscal '76 year and can be incorporated in long term effective planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution along with the summary report be immediately forwarded to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

/s/ Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Harold H. Baer, Clerk

Commissioner Owens requested that Mr. Ed Stelle, Director of the Joint Planning Commission make surveys and formulate plans for the clearing of easements throughout the county.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA


Percy F. Harrell, Chairman

Attest:


Harold H. Baer, Clerk