

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1975
7:30 P.M.

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

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

The meeting was opened with invocation by Commissioner Robert Owens.

Mr. Robert W. Howe, a County employee, was presented a Certificate of Recognition by Mr. W. P. Chrouch, District Sales Manager of Southern Railroad, in appreciation for his prompt action in stopping a train when a load had reshifted, thus preventing a dangerous accident.

Mr. Harold H. Baer, County Administrator, reported charges made against him by Mr. Marvin Highsmith, Clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Baer read an excerpt from Mr. Highsmith's letter demanding that Administrator Baer be removed from office pending a grand jury investigation of \$30,000 in funds charged against salaries for his office, and under the control of the County Administrator. Mr. Baer stated that he had contacted the grand jury and requested a speedy investigation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted that a vote of complete faith and confidence be given Administrator Harold Baer.

Commissioner Boyd further commented that the Commission was pleased that Mr. Baer had requested a speedy investigation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of October 23 and November 6 and called meetings of October 28 and November 10, 1975.

Mrs. Georgia Culbertson and a delegation of members of the St. Simons Civinette Club appeared before the Commission to ask what action had been taken to reopen Magnolia Street on St. Simons Island. Attorney J. Thomas Whelchel reported that the owners on each side of the street held quit claim deeds, that the County lost its right to said property and condemnation power would have to be used in order to reopen the street.

Commissioner Dusenbury pointed out that no objections were made when the street was closed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that the County exercise powers of eminent domain and re-acquire the closed street from private individuals. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Smith and Owens.

Nay: Commissioners Dusenbury and ^{Boyd} Owens.

Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

Chairman Harrell directed County Engineer, Don McCaskill to proceed with locating utilities on easements to the street and to make every effort to reach an agreement without going to court.

Mr. Herman Lang, bidder on a maintenance contract for radio communication for the Detention Center, asked if contract had been awarded. Chairman Harrell explained that the contract had not as yet been awarded but would go to the lowest and best bidder.

Public hearing was held on a request to rezone from R-6 One-Family Residential to GC General Commercial the following described property: GC-21-75; William P. Oister, et al (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 approx. 120 ft. and lying approx. 125 ft. north of Brunswick Avenue.

David Israel, an area resident, presented a petition bearing the signature of approximately 200 persons. The petition urged the Commission to follow the recommendation of the Planning Board and deny the rezoning.

Commissioner Dusenbury made a motion for denial of the rezoning request on the basis of increased noise level in the neighborhood, recommendation of the Joint Planning Commission and that once the zoning is changed, the Commission would have no voice in the use of the property in question.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Dusenbury, Smith and Owens.

Nay: Commissioner Boyd.

Motion carried.

Pursuant to Public Hearing, duly advertised, upon recommendation by the Joint Planning Commission, and no opposition appearing, motion was made by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted to approve final site plans for a LI-Limited Industrial use to be located in the Planned Development - General zoned area of Malcolm McKinnon Airport on St. Simons Island, Georgia (GC-1-75; Hanibal Scientific, Inc., Robert Plumbo, President)

County Attorney J. Thomas Whelchel pointed out that an escalation-deescalation clause must be added to the lease, as required by FAA.

Pursuant to public hearing, duly advertised, upon recommendation of the Joint Planning Commission, and no opposition appearing, motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted to approve final plat, Revision of Lots 6 and 7 in Block "C" and Lot 1 in Block "E" of Windward Acres Subdivision, Phase 1, Final Approval.

Recommendations for appointment to the Glynn-Brunswick Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Hartwell Boyd were as follows:

Commissioner Boyd nominated Mr. Wendell Collum and Mr. Clarke Wiggins.

Commissioner Dusenbury nominated Mr. William Phalen.

Commissioner Smith nominated Mrs. Sudy Leavy.

Commissioner Owens nominated Mr. Hugh Leggett.

A secret ballot was tallied by Attorney Whelchel and motion was made by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously adopted that the names of the three persons obtaining the highest votes be submitted to the Hospital Authority, as follows:

Mrs. Sudy Leavy

Mr. Hugh D. Leggett

Mr. Clarke Wiggins.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Dusenbury and unanimously adopted to appoint Commissioner Henry T. Smith to the local Advisory Committee of the Georgia Criminal Justice Council.

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

Commissioner Boyd requested that a survey be made to determine the number of street lights and poles needed for streets leading onto Newcastle Street outside the City limit.

Commissioner Owens also requested a Department of Transportation input on speed limits.

Commissioner Dusenbury reminded the Board of the Public Hearing to be held at Howard Coffin Recreation Building on Tuesday, November 25, 1975 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of presenting to the citizens pertinent information on Community Development Discretionary Funds and the possible use to establish a Neighborhood Multi-Service Facility within the County.

Mr. Ed Stelle, Director of the Joint Planning Commission, stated that a second public hearing would be held on December 2, at the Glynnvilla Community Center.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dusenbury, seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted to send letters of appreciation to the high school students who participated in the "Youth in Government" Day in Glynn County,

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously adopted to present a resolution of congratulations to Mr. Rudolph Beggs, County Extension Chairman, for having been named one of the five state winners in the "Search for Excellence" Program.

Commissioner Boyd requested that an inquiry be made concerning a law requiring the presence of attendants at self-service stations, and if so, that this law is being upheld.

Attorney Whelchel announced that the Sports Palace hearing has been postponed.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
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Percy J. Harrell
Chairman

Attest:

Harold H. Baer
Clerk