

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, GLYNN COUNTY,
GEORGIA, HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1971 AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT Chairman Roy J. Boyd, Commissioners Gerald H. Edwards, Reginal L. Holtzendorff,
R. E. Owens and John E. Taylor.

The meeting opened with invocation by Commissioner Owens.

Lloyd Grimes, attorney for Miss Judy Lee, stated that his client was recently injured at the Casino skating rink, St. Simons Island. Miss Lee has contended that her injury was a result of faulty skates, and requested compensation from the County to cover cost of medical care.

County Attorney Whelchel replied that the skating rink is operated as a public service and is not covered by liability insurance, and inasmuch as Glynn County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia it is not subject to liable unless made so by statute. Mr. Whelchel further stated that should Mr. Grimes submit some authority by which the County could justify such a claim the Board would consider it.

Mr. T. M. Bennett requested that the County divest itself of interest in 121-1/2 ft. portion of Fourth Street located northwest of Railroad Avenue, St. Simons Island. This area was platted on the subdivision map as a street but was never accepted, worked or maintained by the County. Property is an unopened street to which Mr. Bennett claims ownership.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff, to rescind Board's action of August 19, 1971 granting quitclaim deed to subject area.

Unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that request of Mr. Bennett be granted, and that County declare it has no interest whatever in 121-1/2 ft. portion of Fourth Street which was never opened, located northwest of Railroad Avenue, St. Simons Island, and owned by Mr. Bennett.

Aye: Commissioners Edwards, Holtzendorff and Taylor.

Nay: Commissioner Owens.

Motion adopted.

Commissioner Owens requested that Board review policy of granting quitclaim deeds to property owned by the County and obtain information from the County Surveyor regarding County owned properties.

Angelo Victor, owner of property involved in the Newcastle Street Project, reported that impending condemnation of his property has prevented development necessary to provide for payment of taxes and requested collection of taxes on said property be deferred until settlement of purchase can be reached.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holtzendorff, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that Tax Commissioner be instructed not to levy on Mr. Victor's property for payment of taxes until acquisition has been settled.

Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman directed Administrator to inform the Tax Commissioner of the Board's decision.

Pursuant to Public Hearing, duly advertised, upon recommendation of approval by the Joint Planning Commission, and no opposition appearing, motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff, to authorize amendment to the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance to provide for the rezoning from R-12 Residential to TR-20 Temporary Residential, the following described property: (GC-42-71; Larry W. Holmes, applicant)

Lots 23 and 24 in Block J of Blythe Beach Subdivision fronting 150 ft. on the northeast side of Blythe Island Drive and 150 ft. on the northwest side of Park Street.

Aye: Commissioners Edwards, Holtzendorff and Taylor.

Nay: Commissioner Owens.

Said rezoning to limit placement of one mobile home on the two combined lots.

Motion passed.

Eric Thompson, Director of the Joint Planning Commission, presented request of Richard Brazell for correction to Zoning Plate Map No. 45. Mr. Brazell explained that right of way line of U. S. Highway 17 has been incorrectly plotted on this map and zoning lines likewise follow the same incorrect pattern, thereby altering values of affected property owned by Mrs. Mary T. Lowther. The Joint Planning Commission recommended that Highway 17 right of way line be corrected.

Commissioner Owens moved that action be deferred for discussion with the State Highway Department regarding U. S. 17 right of way. After brief discussion, Commissioner Owens withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that right of way line for U. S. 17 at subject location be corrected.

Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman recommended that Mr. Brazell go through regular channels in order to have area in question zoned to the classification desired.

Eric Thompson, Director of the Joint Planning Commission, presented Zoning Plate Map No. 41 covering area not previously shown on the Zoning Maps and requested that it be adopted as an official Zoning Plate Map of Glynn County.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff, and unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to advertisement, the following bids were received for furnishing Baseball Equipment for the Recreation Department:

Sports Shop, Waycross, Georgia

Golden Isles Sports Shop, Brunswick, Georgia

Commissioner Owens requested a copy of each bid and a break-down of prices.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that bids be accepted for information and review.

Unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff, that Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute Maintenance Agreement, Resolution Covering Acquisition and Clearance of Rights of Way With Control of Future Encroachments and Regulation of Vehicular Traffic on Highway Construction Projects, and other documents necessary for obtaining a paving contract from the State Department of Transportation for paving of Broadway Road and Lawrence Road, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Aye: Commissioners Edwards, Holtzendorff and Taylor.

Commissioner Owens expressed opposition to these projects as they do not correspond to priorities submitted to the State Highway Department, and stated that his vote was nay on the Lawrence Road Project and aye on the Broadway Road Project.

Motion adopted.

Clarke Wiggins requested that Board consider recommending an insurance agent for appointment to the Hospital Authority in view of the large amount of revenue received by the hospital from insurance companies.

Clarke Wiggins, representing residents of Glyndale Subdivision, expressed opposition to reports of the County constructing an oxydation pond in the Glyndale area. The Chairman advised that no such project is underway.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff approving portion of St. Simons Bridge and Causeway Budget and St. Simons Island Water & Sewer District Budget covering salaries for fiscal year 1972.

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Holtzendorff stated that inasmuch as the City of Brunswick is a part of Glynn County and shares the County tax burden, an ambulance completely staffed should be placed in the City at no cost to the City government. Commissioner Holtzendorff moved that one ambulance unit be placed in the City with County supplying attendant and driver, County to hire two drivers if necessary, with City government to furnish housing for the ambulance and staff.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Aye: Commissioners Holtzendorff, Taylor, and Chairman Boyd.

Nay: Commissioners Owens and Edwards.

Motion passed.

The Chairman directed Administrator to contact the City Manager regarding this proposal.

Commissioner Holtzendorff moved that Attorney be authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to alleviate problem of Mr. Gene Lee's junk yard located at corner of Fifth and Habersham Streets.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens and unanimously adopted.

In response to query by Commissioner Owens, Attorney Whelchel informed that he has contacted Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company officials in Jacksonville regarding donation of right of way required for the B & W Grade Road. Mr. Whelchel was informed that this situation could be worked out although it will take some time. He stated the matter could be expedited if purchase were made.

The Administrator presented a letter of resignation from Fire Chief R. L. Carpenter, due to illness.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Owens, that Chief Carpenter's resignation be accepted and that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Ralph L. Carpenter has served with distinction as Fire Chief of Glynn County since January 15, 1967, and

WHEREAS, his long career in fire protection service has brought a feeling of security to the many residents of Glynn County, and

WHEREAS, the many sacrifices and dangers to which he was exposed in the interest of protection to the people of this County are appreciated and recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt this resolution of appreciation for the distinguished service of Ralph L. Carpenter as recognition by the entire County for the dedicated and unselfish commitment to the people of this County; and

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, as evidence of this official action.

Unanimously adopted.

The Finance Department was instructed to keep Chief Carpenter on the payroll through December, and action was deferred regarding appointment of a new Fire Chief.


Upon recommendation by Finance Director, motion was made by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Holtzendorff, that in lieu of past practice of alternating banks each year, Finance Director be authorized to divide various accounts between the two banks: General Fund in American National Bank -- Payroll Account, Computer Service and St. Simons Causeway Account in First National Bank.

Unanimously adopted.

The Administrator presented the following items of information:

1. Letter from the Glynn County Mental Health Association announcing meeting scheduled for December 19 at the First National Bank.
2. Letter from Mr. James Williams announcing beginning of construction on the Glynn - Brunswick Disaster Control Center.
3. Letter from Governor Jimmy Carter acknowledging receipt of resolution on ambulance service.
4. Letter from Congressman W. S. (Bill) Stuckey acknowledging receipt of resolution on watershed projects.

Meeting Adjourned.


 Roy J. Boyd, Chairman

Attest:


 Harold H. Baer, Clerk