

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING  
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 224  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT: Michael Browning, Chairman, District 1  
Bill Brunson, Vice Chairman, District 4  
Dr. Peter Murphy, Commissioner, District 2  
Wayne Neal, Commissioner, District 3  
Allen Booker, Commissioner, District 5  
David O'Quinn, Commissioner, At Large Post 1  
Bob Coleman, Commissioner, At Large Post 2

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Ours, County Manager  
Aaron Mumford, County Attorney  
Dhwani Patel, County Clerk

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

1. Receive an update on the Coronavirus from the Department of Public Health [REPORT](#)

Adam Sanchez, County Nurse Manager with the Glynn County Health Department, spoke to the Board regarding COVID-19. He stated that Coastal Health District did not have any cases of COVID-19 so far. He reported that COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath which appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. The average incubation period of COVID-19 is reported to be about 5 days with eighty percent (80%) of patients with confirmed COVID-19 having mild symptoms. In very severe cases, patients with COVID-19 have developed pneumonia in both lungs and in some cases, COVID-19 can be fatal.

Mr. Sanchez advised citizens of the following measures to prevent an infection: washing hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, and then throwing the tissue in the trash; staying home if sick; and avoiding close contact with people who are sick. He also recommended cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, cabinet handles) using regular household cleaning products and water, and cleaning electronic devices (phones, tablets, laptops, keyboards) with approved wipes or cleaning products.

Mr. Sanchez also outlined who should be tested, and how to prepare households, businesses and the community for potential outbreaks. Mr. Sanchez then answered various questions from the Board.

Alan Ours, County Manager, reported on the ways Glynn County has prepared for the virus. He stated that the County has increased their messaging by notifying the public of cancellations and pushing out information that is shared from the Department of Public Health. He stated that the economic impact of the outbreak is undermined at this time, so the county has cancelled all non-essential travel and restricted all non-essential spending. He also stated the they have put a hiring freeze in place through the remainder of the year for non-public safety positions, which may be extended if necessary. The County's cleaning contractor will hire additional personnel to increase cleanings to twice a day. Non-essential public meetings and indoor recreation programs are being cancelled, and spring recreation sports have been postponed. He also reported on the processes of public safety personnel and stressed the importance of not overloading the EMS system. He also stated that the County has been in constant communication with the hospital as well as the Department of Public Health and for their guidance and offering assistance if necessary. Sheriff Jump has restricted visitation at the Detention Center and the County is looking into holding virtual meetings.

2. Receive an update from Anchor Shipping Group regarding the proposed ferry and trolley transportation services project on Saint Simons Island and Jekyll Island (Stephen Williams)

This item was not discussed.

3. Receive an update on the proposed changes to the Airport Commission Ordinance (Hillary Stringfellow) [REPORT](#)

Hillary Stringfellow, representative and counsel for the Airport Commission, reported that Chapter 2-8 Airport Commission Ordinance of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances was adopted in 1984 and has not has a major rewrite of ordinance since. She explained the current ordinance as written is outdated and the Airport Commission appointed an Ordinance Review Committee to begin a rewrite in February of 2019. That subcommittee reviewed every section of the ordinance and has recommended the attached revision to the Glynn County Board of Commissioners after being approved by the Airport Commission and the Development Authority.

The current ordinance as written has the Airport Rules and Regulations Ordinance embedded into the Airport Commission Ordinance as sections 2-8-51 to 2-8-137. The new amendment proposes removing the entirety of the Rules and Regulations section and posing it as a separate document, which they argue would allow for it to be flexible and updated as necessary without going through the protocols of a typical ordinance amendment such as a public hearing. Another significant change in the Ordinance restructures the composition of the Airport Commission from 9 members to 5 members.

The Board held a discussion regarding the proposed changes and Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney, and Ms. Stringfellow answered various questions from the Board. Ms. Stringfellow then highlighted each of the proposed changes in Chapter 1 of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Browning then invited former Commissioner Mark Stambaugh to share his concerns regarding the proposed changes.

4. Discussion regarding the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution [REPORT](#)

Michael Morris, President of the Georgia Chapter of It's Our Right, reported that they have been working throughout the state to ask counties and municipalities to consider adopting their second amendment sanctuary resolution. Mr. Morris stated that the Senate Bill 281, known as Georgia Firearms and Weapons Act, was introduced in the state to place heavier restrictions on guns and magazines. This bill was not passed. Their proposed resolution would allow the Sheriff and the County to not enforce any state laws that could be unconstitutional.

The Board held a discussion on this matter and the Chairman did not receive any motions to proceed.

5. Receive an update on SPLOST 2016 Projects [REPORT](#)

Dave Austin, Director of Public Works, and Paul Andrews, County Engineer, provided an update on each of the SPLOST 2016 projects.

6. Consideration of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST 2020) project list [REPORT](#)

Mr. Ours reported that staff has added additional comments to help explain each project. He stated that he felt a conservative estimate of \$110 million for the projected revenue for SPLOST 2020 was fair after speaking with ACCG who advised that new legislation had been passed and signed by the Governor that requires internet sales to pay for sales tax. He found out that the school system is using a projection of \$105 million for their ESPLOST, but Mr. Ours has not been able to get in touch with Superintendent Dr. Cole to find out why they are using their number. He stated that it is important to have the project list finalized so the County is prepared to educate the public about each project and allow the Chamber of Commerce to help spread the importance of SPLOST.

The Board discussed how they would trim the project list down to fit the \$110 million projection.

7. Creation of the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel [REPORT](#)

Commissioner O'Quinn reported that the Board has been discussing how they can ensure that the Police Department keeps moving in the right direction. He stated that he appreciates Jay Wiggins stepping into the interim role of Police Chief but he hopes that the Board could put together a panel of extremely qualified individuals to serve on a panel to further the mission of the Police Department. This panel would help ensure that the goals outlined in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) report would be met and their accreditation would be restored.

He says three names have come forward during the discussions to serve on this panel including Ralph Basham, former Director of the United States Secret Service, Charles (Charlie) Rinkevich, former FLETC Director, and Carl Alexander, former Glynn County Police Chief. Commissioner Browning stated that diversity is also important on this panel and that he would look to Commissioner Booker to help find a right candidate for the panel as well. The point of

discussing this at the meeting was to make sure there was consensus among the Board to continue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

The Board did not hold an executive session during this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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Michael Browning, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners  
Glynn County, Georgia

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Dhwani Patel, County Clerk