

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
EMERGENCY MEETING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 224
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 AT 4:00 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 (via telephone)
Bob Coleman, Commissioner, At Large Post 2

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

State law allows the calling of a meeting without giving twenty-four hours' notice when special circumstances exist.

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared a State of Emergency for the state of Georgia due to COVID-19.

Chairman Browning called for this emergency meeting to consider declaring a State of Emergency for Glynn County. The legal organ, The Brunswick News, and other local media were notified via email and telephone of this meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020. The meeting notice was also posted in county buildings and on the county's website.

The local media was in attendance at the meeting.

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

1. Consider adopting a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Glynn County due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) [REPORT](#)

Commissioner Browning stated that the purpose of the Emergency Special Called meeting was to discuss Glynn County's local response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency that was put into effect by Governor Kemp.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adopt a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Glynn County due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The motion carried unanimously. Resolution #R-13-20

2. Consider adopting an emergency directive resolution to close the beaches of St Simons Island including Massengale Park, Coast Guard Park, and the Pier [REPORT](#)

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of closing the beaches. Interim Police Chief Jay Wiggins and Lieutenant Colonel Chris Wright, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, were available to answer the Board's questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to adopt an emergency directive resolution to close the beaches of St Simons Island including Massengale Park, Coast Guard Park, and the Pier. The motion carried 5-2 with Commissioner Browning and Commissioner Neal opposed. Resolution #R-14-20

3. Consider adopting an ordinance allowing restaurants licensed to sell beer and wine for on premise consumption to sell unopened bottles of beer and wine for takeout consumption off premises [REPORT](#)

The Board discussed the benefits and limitations of this ordinance. Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney, was available to answer questions by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adopt an ordinance allowing restaurants licensed to sell beer and wine for on premise consumption to sell unopened bottles of beer and wine for takeout consumption off premises. The motion carried unanimously. Ordinance #O-2020-02

4. Consider authorizing the County Manager to implement the Planned Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic for Glynn County Employees [REPORT](#)

Alan Ours, County Manager, reported that this document is not finalized, however he was requesting permission from the Board to implement it once it was finalized and he was ready to move forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Booker to authorize the County Manager to implement the Planned Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic for Glynn County Employees. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion regarding additional actions in response to COVID-19

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to amend the County Manager's spending limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000 until April 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board held a discussion regarding shutting down bars and restaurants in Glynn County. The Board did not take action regarding this matter.

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 5:25 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk