

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
EMERGENCY MEETING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

In an effort to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC for the COVID-19 pandemic, this emergency meeting is being held via video teleconference. The public has simultaneous access to the meeting. The meeting will be streamed online for public viewing at the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Youtube page at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvBAttm0Y0U6E3n5hVANapQ/live> and;
live streamed on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Facebook page.

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
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager

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

On Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order to for the state of Georgia to limit large gatherings statewide, order "shelter in place" for specific populations, and close bars and nightclubs for fourteen days due to COVID-19. On Thursday, March 26, 2020, Governor Kemp issued an Executive Order for the closing of public elementary and secondary schools through April 24, 2020 to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Georgia.

Chairman Browning called for this emergency meeting to consider adopting an Emergency Order Resolution related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to consider closing the beaches of Sea Island, to prohibit the rental and/or occupancy of Commercial Lodging Establishments for a period of less than 30 consecutive days until April 30, 2020 for St. Simons Island and Sea Island, and to

extend Resolution #R-13-20, Resolution #R-14-20, Resolution #R-15-20, and Ordinance #O-2020-02 to April 30, 2020; and for other purposes.

The legal organ, The Brunswick News, and other local media were notified via email and telephone of this meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020. The meeting notice was also posted on the county's website.

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

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

Commissioner Browning announced that the emergency special called meeting was due to COVID-19 and took a roll call of the members of the Board and staff that were in attendance.

Commissioner Browning stated that the Board has received many calls from citizens regarding short term rentals and the Sea Island beach. He opened the floor to comments from the other Commissioners to discuss Sea Island beach first. Each of the Commissioners weighed in on the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Neal to close the Sea Island beach beginning immediately and to reopen it at the same time the St. Simons beach is opened. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Browning asked Alan Ours, County Manager, his thoughts on extending the previous actions taken by the Board to April 30, from their original date of April 13. Mr. Ours stated that he would recommend the Board extend their orders to April 30. He based his recommendation after holding a conversation with Dr. Lawton Davis, the District Director of the Department of Public Health, who stated that he expects the number of COVID 19 cases in the community to increase in the upcoming weeks as more testing is conducted. Dr. Davis indicated that the measures the Board has put into place need to be continued to help flatten the curve. The Board held a discussion regarding this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to extend the deadline for all of the actions the Board has taken thus far in response to COVID 19 to April 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Browning introduced the topic of prohibiting short term rentals. Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, outlined a list of essential lodgers who would be exempt from the ban on short term rentals, and the Board asked Mr. Mumford to include incident responders working on the motor vessel Golden Ray to the list of essential lodgers. The Board discussed prohibiting short term rentals in the community, including people who would be exempt and the locations the ban would apply.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to cancel any further reservations on St. Simons Island and Sea Island to short term rentals, to bed and breakfasts, to hotels and motels beginning at 6 a.m. on April 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2020 with exceptions as outlined by Mr. Mumford. The motion

carried unanimously. *Clerk's note: Commissioner Coleman was not present at the time of the vote due to technical difficulties, however he stated he was in favor on the motion when he rejoined the meeting at 12:10.*

The Board also discussed taking action in regards to the airports in Glynn County.

Commissioner Browning asked the Board to take a recess due to technical difficulties with the computer streaming out the live meeting. The meeting resumed 18 minutes later.

The Board discussed other items to consider implementing in response to COVID 19. Commissioner Brunson started a conversation to place signage throughout the County reminding citizens to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Booker to place signage throughout the County. The motion carried unanimously.

Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, stated after taking direction from the Board at this meeting, he drafted a resolution that the Board could formally adopt to close the Sea Island beaches, prohibit the rental and/or occupancy of Commercial Lodging Establishments for a period of less than 30 consecutive days until April 30, 2020, for St. Simons Island and Sea Island, and extend Resolution #R-13-20, Resolution #R-14-20, Resolution #R-15-20, and Ordinance #O-2020-02 to April 30, 2020. He went through the Emergency Order Resolution with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner O'Quinn to adopt the Emergency Order Resolution. The motion carried unanimously. Resolution #R-16-20

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner O'Quinn to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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 12:20 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk