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GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 AT 6:00 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
Pamela Thompson, Director of Community Development
Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Julian Smith submitted his written comments and the County Clerk read them aloud into the record. Mr. Smith comments were regarding the public comment period, the previous Board of Commissioners meetings, and the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel item on the agenda.

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner O'Quinn to defer items 5 and 27 from the agenda, and to add item number 28 to the agenda to consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a Declaration in the matter of Longwood Preserve Holdings, LLC et al. v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – General Business

1. Approved the minutes of the special called meetings held [March 17, 2020](#) at 1 pm, and [March 17, 2020](#) at 4 pm, and the emergency special called meetings held [March 20, 2020](#), and [March 25, 2020](#), subject to any necessary corrections. (D. Patel)
2. Authorized the submittal of a letter to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requesting a revocable license agreement (RLA) and a permanent easement in order to construct the Pennick Road Paving Project. (D. Austin) [REPORT](#)
3. Approved submittal of Amendment 2 for the six month no cost grant extension on the Coastal Incentive Grant, Cycle 21 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Coastal Resource Division. (J. Dunnagan) [REPORT](#)
4. Accepted the property from Island Townhouse Condominium Association, Inc. (ITH) as described in the attached Right of Way deed and Purchase Agreement, once executed by the ITH and pending the County Attorney's approval. (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)
- ~~5.~~ Approve a Relocation Agreement with Dwight Capital for the relocation of a diesel fuel tank and construction of certain related safety improvements at 160 Public Safety Boulevard, Brunswick, GA 31525. (C. Provano) [REPORT](#) *This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting.*

CONSENT AGENDA – Finance Committee

6. Awarded the contract for the July 4th fireworks show to Starfire Corporation in the amount of \$35,000 with funding to be provided by the FY20 Recreation Operating Budget. (R. Jordan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
7. Accepted the 2020 ACCG Georgia County Internship Grant and to amend the FY20 Police Fund Budget revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,607.60 (J. Dunnagan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
8. Denied a request from Gigi Capes on behalf of property owner, Peggy Capes, to refund penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,044.54 paid for 2018 taxes on Parcel #04-06279. (J. Chapman) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
9. Approved the Real and Personal Property corrections and exemptions as recommended by the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser at their Thursday, February 13, 2020 meeting, with clarification that this does not approve a tax refund. (R. Glisson) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)

10. Approved the use of \$60,000 in General Fund undesignated fund balance to cover the incurred and expected legal fees related to the Coleman lawsuit. (J. Dunnagan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
11. Revised the January 16, 2020 Board of Commissioners budget adjustment to the Demere Road - East Beach Causeway Roundabout Project to reflect the use of \$66,155 to be provided by the SPLOST 2016 North Harrington Drainage Outfall Project and \$37,245 to be provided by SPLOST 2016 St. Simons Village Drainage Project. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
12. Approved the grant application for the FY21 Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and associated documents and the submittal of such application to the Georgia Department of Human Services. (J. Dunnagan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
13. Approved and executed the addendum with Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) for FY21 appropriation in the amount of \$36,000 and dues in the amount of \$83,516. (J. Dunnagan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
14. Approved the Concession License Agreement for Neptune Park for Summer 2020 with TNR Investments LLC dba Sunset Slush, St. Simons Island, GA, in the amount of \$7,706. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
15. Approved the Concession License Agreement for Massengale Park for Summer 2020 with Sno Biz Shaved Ice, Adel, GA, in the amount of \$6,550. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
16. Approved entering into instructor agreements with Jeanne Dismer, Alex Binkney, and Romina Lopez-Ortiz to instruct Swim lessons at Neptune Park pool and with Bluewater Diving, Inc. to instruct Snorkeling and Scuba lessons at Howard Coffin Park and Neptune Park pools with funds from the FY20 and FY21 Recreation and Parks Budgets. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
17. Approved the Blythe Island Regional Park (BIRP) Campground Host Agreements with Stacey Beasley and Donna Briley. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
18. Awarded a contract for the LMIG 2020 Project to East Coast Asphalt, Douglas, Georgia, in the amount of \$1,582,011 and \$90,000 of contingency for a total of \$1,672,011 with funding to be provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation LMIG 2020 in the amount of \$722,876.88 with the remaining amount of \$949,134.12 to be provided by SPLOST 2016; reject the bid alternative for the Demere Road turn lane Construction in the amount of \$402,520; and rebid that project separately. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)

19. Exercised the first year option with Thompson Consulting Services to provide Debris Monitoring services in the event of a man-made or natural disaster. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
20. Approved the contract for tree removal and maintenance services with Jones Maintenance Company of St. Simons Island with funding to be provided by the FY21 Public Works Department operating budget effective July 1, 2020. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
21. Approved the FY21 contract with Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) for the mowing of rights-of-way and litter pickup on 22.23 miles of state routes in Glynn County at a reimbursement rate of \$2,625 per mile for a total annual reimbursement of \$58,353.75. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
22. Approved demolition of the Glynn County Gun Range Structures by Public Works Department. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
23. Approved the first-year option for Commercial Solid Waste Services to Republic Services effective January 1, 2020 at a projected cost of \$151,057.28 with funding to be provided by various FY20 and FY21 operating budgets. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
24. Approved a proposal from Southeast Logging, Inc. to remove all harvestable trees from the new Animal Control Facility at the Safety Complex on Carl Alexander Way and approved the clearing and grubbing operations by Public Works staff. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
25. Rescinded approval of the Elavon Merchant Processing Service contract approved by the Board on March 5, 2020 and approved a new agreement with Elavon Merchant Processing Service with revised fees, not to include accepting American Express, for online payment processing utilizing the Information Technology Purchasing Exemption, with funding provided by the Community Development Operating Budget. (J. Catron) [REPORT](#) (FC Vote: 3-0)

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve all items on the consent agenda except item 5 which was deferred at the beginning of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

26. Consider adoption of an amendment to Sections 2-3-3 and 2-3-7 of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances to permit hotels and motels without qualifying food service and dining accommodations to now sell distilled spirits, in addition to beer and wine, to registered guests of the hotel or motel and their invited guests for consumption on the

premises upon issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for same; to establish hours for the sale of such distilled spirits to be the same as for beer and wine at such locations, and for other purposes. (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)

Pamela Thompson, Director of Community Development, reported that the ordinance amendment before them allows liquor as an allowable sale in addition to beer and wine for hotels that are under 40 rooms and don't have food service in their establishment. Commissioner Murphy explained that this request began with Hotel Simone on St. Simons Island. Ms. Thompson elaborated that Home 2 Suites and Hotel Simone currently have applied for this license to her knowledge, but any establishment that meets the criteria would be eligible to apply for this license and would have to come before the Board through a public hearing. Ms. Thompson and Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, answered various questions from the Board regarding the amendment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adopt the amendment to Sections 2-3-3 and 2-3-7 of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances to permit hotels and motels without qualifying food service and dining accommodations to now sell distilled spirits, in addition to beer and wine, to registered guests of the hotel or motel and their invited guests for consumption on the premises upon issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for same; to establish hours for the sale of such distilled spirits to be the same as for beer and wine at such locations, and for other purposes. The motion carried unanimously. Ordinance #O-2020-03

27. Consider adopting a resolution and bylaws creating and establishing the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel. [REPORT](#) *This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting.*
28. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a Declaration in the matter of Longwood Preserve Holdings, LLC et al. v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. [REPORT](#)

Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney, reported that the County Attorney's office received a request from local attorney Jim Bishop. Mr. Bishop has a client that placed a Conservation Easement over their property. That client is involved in litigation with the IRS regarding a dispute over some parts of that Conservation Easement. One of the issues in the litigation deals with what happens to the proceeds if any part of the property is condemned. The Declaration that Mr. Bishop's client wishes for the County to sign states that the County does not currently have any plans to condemn that property. Mr. Worley clarified that the Declaration does not bind the County in any way, but rather is a statement of fact and answered other questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to authorize the Chairman to sign a Declaration in the matter of Longwood Preserve Holdings, LLC et al. v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. 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 6:41 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk