

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
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TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 2:00 PM

PRESENT: 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

ABSENT: Michael Browning, Chairman, District 1

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Ours, County Manager
Aaron Mumford, County Attorney
Dhwani Patel, County Clerk
Kathryn Downs, Assistant County Manager
Byron Jones, Chief Financial Officer
Judy Dunnagan, Finance Manager
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager
Tiffani Hill, Division Manager Animal Control
Dave Austin, Director of Public Works
Paul Andrews, County Engineer
Trey Monroe, Managing Director, Stifel

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<https://youtu.be/QwSqkEaTx-E> and;
live streamed on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Facebook page.

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

1. Receive a presentation regarding refinancing options for current debt (Trey Monroe)
[REPORT](#)

Trey Monroe, Managing Director of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, reported regarding the refinancing options for the Series 2015B Taxable Revenue Bonds for the Airport Project and the 2016/2017 Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) lease purchase agreements for fire equipment. He explained that the 2015 taxable bonds are currently outstanding at an average interest rate of 3.01% and are taxable bonds, and that the ACCG lease purchase agreements are currently outstanding at an average interest rate of 2.82% and they are tax exempt bonds. Both obligations can be refinanced at any time without penalty.

Mr. Monroe further explained that the markets right now are erratic at the moment and suggested putting together a bid package with rates from several investors. He explained the difference between public bond offering and private debt offering and how it would save the county added expense. He outlined the refinancing analysis and explained money the County could save. He stated the County could elect to take the savings in FY21 or over the course of 2-10 fiscal years.

Commissioner Brunson thanked Mr. Monroe for his report. He then opened the floor up to Board for a brief discussion before directing Mr. Monroe to go ahead and proceed with initiating the bid process.

2. Receive an update on the proposed amendment to the Domestic Animals Ordinance (Tiffani Hill) [REPORT](#)

Tiffani Hill, Animal Control Division Manager, gave a presentation on a Proposed Humane Tethering Ordinance. She stated that approximately 75% of calls received of an animal welfare nature have to do with dogs being chained in someone's back yard. In Glynn County, there is not currently an enforceable ordinance to improve situations or to prevent neglect or cruelty that occurs when dogs live outside. The proposed ordinance amendment will provide clear standards to ensure more humane treatment of animals and will give the officers the ability to write citations and fines.

Ms. Hill gave a quick overview of tethering ordinances in the state of Georgia. It is estimated that over 50% of Georgians live in communities that have some type of tethering restrictions whether it be a band or a restricted tethering ordinance. This ordinance will ban the use of heavy chains, anything greater than 10% of the dog's body weight. It will ban dogs being chained on vacant or abandoned properties and it mandated a minimum of six feet of tether length, and the tether to be clear of entanglements. It also requires proper fitting collars that do not prong, pinch or choke and that the animal has accessible shelter, food, and water.

Ms. Hill stated that this Ordinance will provide consistent and enforceable minimum standards. It also gives the police department and animal control officers the opportunity to educate dog owners on proper care. Studies have shown that when ordinances like this are in place, there is a reduction in the amount of neighbor complaints. It also reduces the threat to public safety as chained dogs are more likely to become aggressive as they are frustrated and bored.

Ms. Hill provided background on two dogs, Cloth Line and Hank. She also discussed the importance of education and assistance, over banning tethering completely.

The Board held a discussion on this matter and requested that the ordinance amendment be prepared for the May 7, 2020 meeting.

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

Dave Austin, Director of Public Works, reported on the LMIG traffic Circle at Frederica and Demere. Paul Andrews, County Engineer gave an update on the Canal Rd Right of Way and Widening Project and reported that EMC is preparing alternatives for the intersection.

Mr. Austin gave updates on the Sea Island at Demere project, Frederica and Demere roundabout, Ocean Blvd and Mallery Street sidewalk improvement, Kings Way and Frederica, East Beach Causeway and Demere Road. He also provided updates regarding Spur to Glynnco, Harry Driggers Blvd, Frederica Road Sidewalks, and Arnold Road Tide Gates Replacement.

Mr. Andrews continued with an update on the College Park Drainage Improvements, Chapel Crossing Road Drainage Improvements with FLETC, Somersby Point to Martin Palmer Drive Drainage Improvements, and Golden Isles Parkway Extension Drainage Improvements.

Mr. Austin closed with an update on the Animal Control Facility.

4. Discussion regarding the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2020 (SPLOST 2020)

Commissioner Brunson introduced the topic to state that due to the current state of the economy, the SPLOST 2020 vote be postponed. The Board held a discussion regarding postponing the SPLOST vote to a later date.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to take the SPLOST 2020 list off of the November ballot for consideration that someday in the future, for a future Board to decide. The motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Neal opposed.

5. Consider accepting the Supplemental Emergency COVID grant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$8,289 and increase the FY20 Drug Court's revenue and expenditure budgets by \$8,289 each. (J. Dunnagan) [REPORT](#)

Ms. Judy Dunnagan, Finance Manager, reported that a supplemental grant is available to the Drug Court to assist them in purchasing PPE for their councilors and staff performing drug screenings and to aid them during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant funds are available from April 13, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and there is no local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Booker to accept the Supplemental Emergency COVID grant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$8,289 and increase the FY20 Drug Court's revenue and expenditure budgets by \$8,289 each. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider appointing three (3) citizens to serve on the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel. Their terms begin May 1, 2020, and end on April 30, 2022.

[Teresa Hoyt](#)

[Domenic McClinton](#)

[Calvin Waye](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to appoint Teresa Hoyt, Domenic McClinton, and Calvin Waye to serve on the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel. The motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Coleman opposed.

7. Consider appointing Commissioner O'Quinn to the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to appoint Commissioner O'Quinn to the Glynn County Police Advisory Panel. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Coleman indicated that he has discussed a point of order with Kathryn Downs and Tiffani Hill to allow the volunteers back at the Animal Control Shelter.

Ms. Hill expressed her gratitude toward the volunteers at Animal Control that are willing to risk their health to come out and assists with homeless pets. She gave a brief update on the status of the animals at the shelter and what they are doing to remain in compliance with the county mandate to have the building closed. She stated that there are 25 dogs in foster care at this time and there is a decrease in the numbers of animals at the shelter. Since the shelter is operating at a low occupancy and is fully staffed, they do not need assistance from the volunteers at this time. However, when the shelter reopens and as the occupancy rate increases, help from volunteers may be needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk