

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager
Tiffani Hill, Animal Control Manager

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rev. James "Major" Woodall submitted his written comments and the County Clerk read them aloud into the record. Rev. Woodall's comments were regarding the judicial accountability in Brunswick and Glynn County in response to the case regarding Ahmaud Arbery.

Theawanza Brooks submitted her written comments and the County Clerk read them aloud into the record. Ms. Brooks is Ahmaud Arbery's aunt and her comments were regarding the response of county officials and the judicial system regarding his case.

Carla Chavez submitted her written comments and the County Clerk read them aloud into the record. Ms. Chavez is Ahmaud Arbery's aunt and her comments were regarding the response of county officials and the judicial system regarding his case.

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Browning read a statement regarding Ahmaud Arbery's case on behalf of the Board. He stated:

Our hearts go out to the family of Ahmaud Arbery for the tragic loss they have experienced. This has impacted them more than we can ever comprehend. This heavy issue has touched so many of us both locally and nationally and caused us to pause and think deeply about this family and our own families. We have to believe that the justice system will do what it is designed to do and provide answers to the many unanswered questions. It is in the hands of the proper authorities and we stand by ready to support Tom Durden, the District Attorney for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as they conduct investigations into this case.

Until we get answers to the many unanswered questions, I am hopeful that we can come together as a community to deal with this situation with peace and brotherhood, rather than hate and violence which can only make a terrible situation worse. Again, we ask prayers for this family and this community as a whole as this case moves its way through the justice system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to defer the item number 2 to the May 19 Special Called Meeting and add item 25 the agenda consider furloughing non-public safety employees a total of 48 hours through the end of the last pay period of this fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Presented a Proclamation designating May 16-22, 2020, as National Safe Boating Week in Glynn County.

Senior Chief Justin Irwin, Officer-In-Charge of the United States Coast Guard Station Brunswick, and Ralph Ainger, Jr, Flotilla Commander, SSI Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, said a few words regarding National Safe Boating Week.

2. Receive an update from Stephen Williams of Anchor Shipping Group regarding the proposed ferry and trolley transportation services project on Saint Simons Island and Jekyll Island. [REPORT](#) *This item was deferred to the May 19, 2020 Special Called Meeting.*

CONSENT AGENDA – General Business

3. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held [April 16, 2020](#), and the special called meeting held [April 21, 2020](#), subject to any necessary corrections. (D. Patel)
4. Authorized the establishment of the Development Setback Line for property at 4203 Eleventh Street, St. Simons Island, in accordance with Glynn County Zoning Ordinance, Section 727, "Beach and Dune Protection District." [REPORT](#)

5. Adopted a resolution extending the temporary modification of the Islands Planning Commission and the Mainland Planning Commission Public Comment Period Policies to allow submittal of written comments in lieu of in-person comments. [REPORT](#) Resolution #R-19-20
6. FP4327 – North Breaker Condos: Approved a Final Plat to create a 1-lot subdivision, North Breakers Condominiums. The property is zoned RR, Resort Residential. The proposed 0.167-acre subdivision is located on Driftwood Drive, St. Simons Island, Georgia, 31522. Parcel ID: 04-08520. North Breakers Common, owner. [REPORT](#)
7. FP4095 – West Point Plantation, Phase II: Approved a Final Plat to create a 14-lot subdivision, West Point Plantation, Phase II. The property is zoned R-12, One-Family Residential. The proposed 6.214-acre subdivision is located on Robertson Circle, an existing private street, St. Simons Island, Georgia, 31522. Parcel ID: 04-01013. Michael Torras, agent, for Westpoint Plantation, LLC, applicant and owner. [REPORT](#)
8. Approved amending the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan to add the CARES Act provisions effective immediately. (O. Reed) [REPORT](#)
9. Authorized the Chairman to execute the attached Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC) Letter of Intent for the Glynn County Animal Control Facility located at 190 Carl Alexander Way. (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)

CONSENT AGENDA – Finance Committee

10. Approved the issuance of a Purchase Order to Ten-8 Fire & Safety Equipment of GA, Dealer for Pierce Manufacturing, in the amount of \$102,188 for the repairs with the funding to be provided by the Fire Fund- fund balance. (R. Jordan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
11. Authorized the issuance of an Invitation for Bid for the purchase of surveillance equipment with funding to be provided by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant. (J. Wiggins) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
12. Awarded a purchase order to Woody Folsom Dodge in the amount of \$29,881 and to purchase additional components with the \$4,071.01 if needed, with funding to be provided by the savings in the FY20 Capital Projects Fund -Sheriff's Budget. (N. Jump) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
13. Accepted the cash donation in the amount of \$2,000 and increase the FY20 Animal Control operating budget's revenue and expenditure in said amount. (T. Hill) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)

14. Approved and executed the FY21 contract with the Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority, Inc. for \$22,500 with funding to be provided by the FY21 Budget. (J. Dunnagan) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
15. Approved the First Amendment to the Concession License Agreement for Massengale Park for Summer 2020 with Sno Biz Shaved Ice of Adel GA. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
16. Approved the First Amendments to the Concession License Agreements for Coast Guard Park and Neptune Park Fun Zone for Summer 2020 with TNR Investments LLC dba Sunset Slush of St. Simons. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
17. Approved the Unisys Maintenance agreement and quote for \$7,761.82; canceled the support with Harris Computers for Unisys before the end of the agreement next year; and canceled the Harris Computer GEMS Maintenance and support before the end of the current agreement. (J. Catron) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
18. Approved the issuance of a check payable to Brunswick Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission in the amount of \$30,350 for the new Animal Control Facility water and sewer tapping fee with funding to be provided by SPLOST 2016. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
19. Approved waiving, as a technicality, the IFB requirement that the contractor possess a pesticide license and award a contract for the base year to the lowest bidder, U.S. Lawns, for Tasks 1,2 and 3 of \$35,720.64 with funding to be provided by the FY20 and FY21 Public Works Operating Budgets. (D. Austin) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
20. Authorized the attached work change order for EMC Engineering in the amount of \$28,000 for the Oak Grove Island Causeway Pipe Rehabilitation Project with funding to be provided by SPLOST 5 funds allocated for the project. (P. Thompson) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
21. Authorized cancelling the Glynn County Recreation and Parks Spring 2020 Youth Soccer Program due to COVID-19 and issue refunds to registered participants. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)
22. Authorized cancelling the Glynn County Recreation and Parks Spring 2020 Youth Track Program due to COVID-19 and issue refunds to registered participants. (L. Gurganus) (FC Vote: 3-0) [REPORT](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

23. Approve the appointment of two (2) citizens to serve on the Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB), formerly known as the Coastal Workforce Investment Board (CWIB). The three (3) year terms begin on June 1, 2020, and end May 30, 2023.
[Mel Gaines](#)
[Alex Stanfield](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Booker and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the appointment of Mel Gaines and Alex Stanfield to serve on the Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB). The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

24. Consider adoption of an amendment to Chapter 2-4 of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances, the Animal Control Ordinance of Glynn County, to amend Sections 2-4-3 and 2-4-5 and to enact Section 2-4-26; to require that people who tether animals do so in a humane manner; to add a definition for "Tether" and "Tethering"; to revise a reference to the definition of "Dogs or cats running at large"; and for other purposes. (T. Hill) [REPORT](#)

Tiffani Hill, Animal Control Manger, reported that the proposed ordinance amendment for humane tethering would ban heavy chains which are greater than 10% of dog's body weight, ban dogs being chained on vacant or abandoned properties, mandate minimum tether length and clear of entanglements, mandate proper fitting collars that don't prong, pinch or choke, and mandate accessible shelter, food and water. The amendment however does not restrict animals walking on a leash or restrict dogs tied out when owner is there or for short periods of time. This would give animal control officers clearer standards as well as a method to enforce those standards.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Booker to adopt the amendment to Chapter 2-4 of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances, the Animal Control Ordinance of Glynn County, to amend Sections 2-4-3 and 2-4-5 and to enact Section 2-4-26; to require that people who tether animals do so in a humane manner; to add a definition for "Tether" and "Tethering"; to revise a reference to the definition of "Dogs or cats running at large"; and for other purposes. The motion carried unanimously. Ordinance #O-2020-04

25. Consider furloughing non-public safety employees a total of 48 hours through the end of the last pay period of this fiscal year. (A. Ours) [REPORT](#)

Alan Ours, County Manager, stated that he was bringing before the board two options to close the gap in county revenues vs. expenditures due to COVID-19. He outlined the steps

that have already been taken in order to reduce non-essential expenditures, but stated that COVID-19 has placed a tremendous financial burden on the FY20 budget. He anticipates a significant shortage in LOST collections for the remainder of the fiscal year, and therefore the Board will need to determine how they would like to cover the shortfall in the budget. The first option included furloughing non-public safety employees for a total of 48 hours through the end of the last pay period of this fiscal year, which would save approximately \$450,000. The second option would be to appropriate funds from the Undesignated Fund balance to cover the shortfall. The Board discussed both options.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to appropriate funds from the Undesignated Fund balance to cover any shortfall in the General Fund for FY20. 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 7:03 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk