

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
SIMULTANEOUS PUBLIC ACCESS PROVIDED  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 AT 2:00 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  
Tamara Munson, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Dave Austin, Public Works Director  
Monica Hardin, Grants Coordinator  
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunson and seconded by Commissioner Booker to remove item number 5 from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously

1. Receive an update Anchor Shipping Group regarding the proposed ferry and trolley transportation services project on Saint Simons and Jekyll Island (Stephen Williams)  
[REPORT](#)

Steven Williams, President of Anchor Shipping Group, explained that the Golden Isles Transit Company, is a newly formed Georgia limited liability company who wishes to provide local ferry, water tour and trolley services to the Golden Isles. Their goal is to connect St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island by way of ferry services. He outlined the potential schedule and cost of the service.

The company would plan to operate the ferry services from a floating barge located at the St. Simons fishing pier to Jekyll Wharf. With the growth in tourism the Golden Isles has experienced in the past ten years, he projects the expansion of the region will continue. Mr. Williams' requests that the Board considers deploying a barge at the St. Simons pier, connected by gangway. They have determined an optimal placement of the barge for minimal impacts on local fishing and the water current.

Mr. Williams answered several questions from the Board. The Commissioners expressed concerns regarding the lack of a viable traffic study and a potential negative impact on the parking and traffic in the Village area on St. Simons. Mr. Williams plans to back and look into a

parking solution, mitigating the concerns on how this would effect the experience of visitors and residents in the Village, and potential alternative sites.

2. Receive a presentation regarding a BMX track on Blythe Island Regional Park (BIRP) (Robert McDonald) [REPORT](#)

Robert “Rod” McDonald and his wife, Megan McDonald, of Golden Isles BMX, gave a presentation on the possibility of having a BMX track built in Glynn County. Mrs. McDonald gave a background on BMX as a sport, spoke about the support system provided by USA BMX, and provided information on their sports tourism program. She also gave examples of two case communities that have built new BMX tracks in in Augusta and Powder Springs, Georgia.

She also outlined some possible locations for a BMX track in Glynn County including the North Glynn Recreation Complex, the Blythe Island Regional Park, and even a possibility of an indoor facility at the former JC Penny store at Glynn Place Mall. She highlighted the benefits of each location.

Commissioner Browning asked Mr. McDonald to come back to the board at a later time with after conferring with Dave Austin, Public Works Director, and Lisa Gurganus, Parks and Recreation Director, about a preferred location and with estimated funding. Commissioner Booker requested a feasibility study regarding the economic impact of this venture.

3. Receive a report from Nyhart regarding Glynn County’s Defined Benefit Pension Plan [REPORT](#)

Lawrence Watts, Consultant with Nyart Group, presented the Glynn County’s Defined Benefit Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation Report. Mr. Watts also answered some questions from the Board.

4. Receive an update regarding the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant and the Frederica Road Realignment project (Jeremy Marquis) [REPORT](#)

Jeremy Marquis, planner on behalf of Christ Church, updated the board on the status of the Frederica Road Realignment project. Mr. Marquis had some technical difficulties so Dave Austin stepped in to report that Mr. Marquis was going to ask the Board to withdrawal from the FLAP grant, and the church would like to fund the project outright. He explained that the County would still be involved in the project due to the realignment of Stevens Road.

Mr. Marquis returned and explained the history of the project and various safety concerns with the road. They discovered that the FLAP funds that there are an additional 8 to 9 quarters that will be added to the project. Due to the extension of the project, the Vestry had concerns for the safety being put off for that long, and that construction costs will keep increasing by putting the project off for that long. If the County would withdraw from the FLAP grant, Christ Church would still provide the entirety of the relocated road way.

Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, explained that two things need to happen in order to proceed. First a letter of withdrawal from the FLAP grant program needs to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and there is an approximate \$3,000 cost associated with the withdrawal. Secondly, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Christ Church would have to be amended. Commissioner Browning asked Mr. Mumford to proceed with amending the MOU and bringing it back to the Board.

5. Receive a presentation regarding the Frederica/Kingsway Roundabout concept (Dave Austin and Southeastern Engineering, Inc.) [REPORT](#)

This item was not discussed.

6. FY21 Proposed Budget (Tamara Munson) [REPORT](#)

Tamara Munson, Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented on the proposed budget for the FY21. She explained that the focus of the proposed budget was done in alignment with the Strategic Plan. Tamara gave a breakdown of the county budget by fund type and went over county wide revenues. She explained that 76% of revenues comes from taxes and identified the different type of taxes. She also provided a tax comparison of the FY20 budget to the proposed FY21 budget. She explained that the projected decreases are in expectation of the negative financial impact that COVID-19 may have on the local economy. Ms. Munson proceeded to go over major expenses, personnel costs, capital spending, and total spending.

She provided a breakdown on the General Fund and noted that there have been significant expenditure cuts. Unfortunately, those cuts have were offset by expenditure increases. Ms. Munson also outlined the significant revenue changes. She explained that adding the \$1.08 million increase in expenditures plus the \$875k decrease in revenues equals the \$1.95 million proposed use of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance.

Ms. Munson then gave a breakdown of Special Revenue Funds and a comparison between Major Special Revenue Funds from the current fiscal year to the proposed budget for FY21. She reported that there are no recommended changes to the FY21 proposed millage rates. Ms. Munson explained Fund Balance considerations and future outlook for individual funds. She stated that Glynn County has low millage rates compared to surrounding counties. She also explained that staff has reduced expenditures county wide by \$340K for FY21 and by \$1.7 million in FY19 & FY20. Ms. Munson then answered questions from the Board.

#### 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 4:36 p.m.

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Michael Browning, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners  
Glynn County, Georgia

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Dhwani Patel, County Clerk