

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

ABSENT: Bob Coleman, Commissioner, At Large Post 2

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Ours, County Manager
Aaron Mumford, County Attorney
Dhwani Patel, County Clerk
Kathryn Downs, Assistant County Manager
Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Monica Hardin, Grants Coordinator
Matthew Kent, Communications Manager

In an effort to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC for the COVID-19 pandemic, this 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:

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live streamed on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Facebook page.

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

1. Received an update on the capsized cargo ship Golden Ray [REPORT](#)

Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Dan Donovan, Liaison Officer for the St. Simons Sound Incident, introduced his colleagues who were also present: Chris Graff, Director of Response Services for Gallagher Marine Systems, who serves as representative from Unified Command and represents the Golden Ray owner as the responsible party; Commander (CDR) Efren A.

Lopez, with the US Coast Guard as the Federal On-scene Coordinator; and John Maddox, with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR EPD) as the State On-scene Coordinator.

He updated the Board on the 6-step phased response timeline. He mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic and the active hurricane season have caused the cutting and lifting phase to be put on pause and anticipates that it will commence at the beginning of October.

The representatives answered various questions from the Board regarding the Golden Ray.

2. Receive a presentation on the Glynn County Shoreline Protection Implementation Plan from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (GMC) (Robert Brown) [REPORT](#)

Kathryn Downs, Assistant County Manager, reported that Glynn County applied for a Coastal Incentive Grant several years back which would cover a shoreline assessment and implementation resiliency plan. In phase one, this plan includes a study of the vulnerable areas in the community and mitigation measures that could be taken and sea level rise would be studied in phase two. She provided a history of damages that have recently been done to Glynn County's shoreline and how the process started. She then introduced Rob Brown, Brunswick Office Manager for Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC).

Mr. Brown outlined the meetings and factors that were used to develop the report. He reported that 12 projects were identified for mainland Glynn County and 25 total projects were identified for St. Simons Island. With 37 projects identified for Glynn County, 12 were designated near-term priority, 14 were intermediate priority, and 11 were long-term priority. He stated that they will be beginning phase two of the plan with an estimated timeline of completion in Spring 2021.

Ms. Downs answered questions from the Board regarding the Johnson Rocks project.

3. Receive an update regarding the proposed changes to the Airport Commission Ordinance (Hillary Stringfellow) [REPORT](#)

Hillary Stringfellow, representative and counsel for the Airport Commission, outlined the proposed changes to Chapter 2 of the Airport Commission Ordinance and answered questions from the Board regarding the changes. Ms. Stringfellow said she would work with the County Clerk to place a public notice in the paper to move forward with a public hearing.

4. Receive a request from UGA Cooperative Extension regarding an Agriculture Natural Resources (ANR) position (Donna Stewart) [REPORT](#)

Donna Stewart, the County Extension Coordinator, introduced Janet Hollingsworth, the Southeast District Director, and Wade Parker, Program Development Director for the Southeast District. Ms. Stewart outlined the duties of the Cooperative Extension office. Mr. Parker reported that a Coastal Area Agent would work closely with area stakeholder to develop impactful programs with storm water management, saltwater intrusion, coastal erosion, disaster preparedness, tree management, tourism, and to provide horticulture education to area homeowners. Ms. Hollingsworth reported that with recent State budget cuts, their goal is to retain county delivery. They would like to meet community needs in a timely manner and

believe a Coastal Area Agent and an Educator position would be able to do so. She proposed to take the \$18,000 that Glynn County budgets for the Ag Extension Agent and the funds that McIntosh County budgets, to create the Educator position who would provide a dedicated focus to the community. She proposed that Camden, Glynn and McIntosh would each have Coastal Area Agent with dedicated issue based programs. This proposal would retain current county funds to provide 2 positions to the 3-county area.

Alan Ours, County Manager, stated that he will work with Ms. Hollingsworth to create a new agreement with the outlined terms and bring it back before the Board.

5. Receive an update from the Police Department regarding the take-home vehicle policy (Captain Evans) [REPORT](#)

Captain Evans provided a background of the request regarding the take-home vehicle policy. Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, explained that the item on their September 17 meeting agenda is a financial policy that relates to the take-home vehicle policy. If the Board approves that financial policy, that will allow the Police Department to move forward with their take-home policy. Carl Alexander, Chairman of the Police Advisory Panel, explained that this policy was developed as a recommendation from the Police Advisory Panel.

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 3:49 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk