



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes FY10 Budget Presentations

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Third Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

Committee Members: *D. Hogan, T. Sublett and T. Thaw*

Other Commissioners: *B. Coleman*

Staff: *D. Chunn, B. Gerhardt, P. McNicoll, B. Rowell, C. Stewart*

Press: *J. Davis*

Others:

1. *Consider approval of the April 14, 2009 Finance Committee FY10 Budget Minutes.*

The following motion made by Commissioner Sublett and seconded by Commissioner Hogan passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of the April 14, 2009 Finance Committee FY10 Budget Minutes. (Vote: 3-0)

2. *Receive an update from Mr. Robert Gerhardt, Chief Property Appraiser, on the status of the County-wide property re-appraisal project.*

Mr. Gerhardt informed the Committee that they had inspected 59% of the neighborhoods in Glynn County. He stated that ninety five rural land neighborhoods will be inspected last and due to their sizes, those inspections should be done quickly. He stated that 123 condominium neighborhoods would also be inspected quickly. He stated that their goal is to finish the project by the end of May. He stated that adjustment to only 20% of the neighborhoods will be reflected in the 2009 digest because of the data input capabilities of the five employees who are loading the data. Notices will be mailed the week of May 15th. Commissioner Sublett asked if 100% will be completed by the end of May and Mr. Gerhardt responded that that was the goal. Mr. Gerhardt stated that some neighborhoods are down in value and some are up and there are a number of neighborhoods with no sales but they are trying to match those neighborhoods with similar ones which did have sales. Commissioner Thaw commented that there were hundreds of neighborhoods on the mainland and St. Simons where lots had been selling for \$129-30 thousand and were currently selling for \$40-50 thousand.

Commissioner Sublett questioned when the temporary employees will be finished and Mr. Gerhardt responded that they would be gone at the end of May if the project is finished by then. Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, questioned Mr. Gerhardt about the number of returns that would be mailed this year and Mr. Gerhardt said it should be about \$2,745 which is four times the number that were received last year. Mr. Gerhardt stated that he would have some firm figures regarding notices within two weeks.

3. *Revenue updates.*

- a) *Property taxes.*

Ms. Phyllis McNicoll, Finance Director, informed the Committee that collections through March were at 96.7% of budget and when the County receives the Homeowners Tax Relief Credit the collections would be at 99.4% of budget.

b) Sales taxes.

Ms. McNicoll reported that April receipts for February sales were 32.4% below the same month in the previous year and year-to-date receipts were 9% below the same period in FY08. She stated that the FY10 revenue budget had been adjusted to reflect LOST revenue at 10% under the FY08 actual.

c) Accommodation Excise Tax.

Ms. McNicoll stated that the Accommodation Excise taxes received year-to-date were 12% below the same period in the prior year. The FY10 budget had been adjusted to 12% under the FY09 budget.

d) Fines and Forfeitures.

Superior and State Courts are both under budget for the current year by \$110 thousand and \$245 thousand, respectively. The budget for FY10 has been set at \$120 thousand and \$478 thousand under the current year budgets for Superior Court and State Court, respectively.

4. Budget Summary by Funds

Ms. McNicoll gave a brief overview of the budget summary by funds and Commissioner Sublett commented on the increases in the Police and Sheriff budgets and stated that the Commissioners needed to contact them. After discussion, Commissioner Hogan suggested that they meet with the Sheriff to discuss his budget and they agreed that they could control the Police budget since the Police Chief worked for the Board of Commissioners.

5. Receive report on road re-surfacing.

Ms. Becky Rowell, Assistant County Administrator, informed the Committee that since 2005, the County had resurfaced 52.37 miles of roads using County funds and 18.96 miles of roads using LARP funds.

6. Millage Rate History.

Ms. McNicoll presented the County's millage rate history for the past 20 years and noted that the millage rate had been reduced from 8.50 to 5.673 during that time.

7. Schedule the next Finance Committee Budget Meeting.

The Chairman stated that the next Finance Committee Budget Meeting would be scheduled at a later date.