



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Third Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

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

Other Commissioners:

Staff: *J. Bruner, J. Caldwell, D. DeLoach, M. Doering, B. Gerhardt, P. McNicoll, D. Newbern, G. Rountree, C. Stewart, C. Temple, A. Williams, W. Worley*

Press: *P. Shierling*

Others: *C. Fendig*

1. *Consider approval of the consent agenda.*
 - a) *Approval of the September 22, 2009 Finance Committee Minutes.*
 - b) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the corrections to the digest as recommended by the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser at their Tuesday, September 15, 2009 meeting with clarification that this does not approve a tax refund.*
 - c) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution to amend the FY08/09 Budget.*
 - d) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize payment of the excess tax proceeds from the tax sale of parcel no. 03-12072 in the amount of fifteen thousand four hundred eighty nine and 53/100 dollars (\$15,489.53) to attorney John P. McQuigg on behalf of Milton Wade Streat for distribution per legal priorities pending receipt of the necessary signed documents.*

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

Recommend approval of the consent agenda. (Vote: 3-0)

2. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve a Change Order in the amount of \$172,673.38 to Southern Development Corporation for additional work on the St. Simons Island Gateway Project in accordance with the Gateway Redesign drawings prepared by Golden Isles Engineering Consultants, P.C. dated June 2009 with funding provided from the General Fund fund balance.*

Mr. Jim Bruner, County Engineer, presented this item and stated that this change order was necessary as a result of a significant redesign of a portion of the St. Simons Gateway project. He stated that the original drainage plan did nothing to address a pre-existing drainage problem at the far eastern end of the project. The new plan provides drainage pipes to pick up water along the County right-of-way and water that currently ponds between the St. Simons Island Health Club and the St. Simons by the Sea facilities. The new plan provides culvert pipes that drain those areas to the existing large drainage outfall ditch just east of the Georgia Power facility. He stated that Golden Isles Engineering provided a redesign that did away with most of the gravity wall and all of the trench drain and replaced it with a conventional curb and gutter drainage system. He stated that Golden

Isles Engineering was chosen to do the redesign because that firm was working on the Frederica Academy drainage. He stated that if this design had been in the original bid specifications the cost would have been in the original bid and that this change order had nothing to do with the contractor's original bid. He stated that most of the change order was only an increase in units at the existing unit rates. Commissioner Sublett questioned if this change would handle all of the drainage problems and help with the mosquito problems and Mr. Bruner responded that he hoped so. Commissioner Sublett questioned if this was an engineering design problem that the County should pursue. Mr. Bruner stated that he would look at that. Commissioner Hogan stated that he was concerned that this added \$172 thousand to the project. Commissioner Thaw stated that the County should determine whether a claim can be filed against the engineering firm. He also questioned why the County had not already acquired the easements and Mr. Bruner stated that the drawings did not indicate that the County needed to purchase easements. Commissioner Thaw questioned whether the \$172 thousand included the Golden Isles Engineering fee and how much it was and Mr. Bruner stated that it was not included in the \$172 thousand and that he would get the exact amount for them. The following motion made by Commissioner Sublett and seconded by Commissioner Hogan passed unanimously.

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3. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners award the contract for Drug Court services to Resiliency Institute, Inc. in the amount of \$662,400.*

Mr. Dick Newbern, Grants Administrator, stated that the County had advertised and accepted proposals for Drug Court services for a one year contract. There was only one responsive bidder which was Resiliency Institute and requested award of the contract to them in the amount of \$662,400. This contract will be for administration, counseling and drug testing for the Drug Court program. Judge Amanda Williams, Superior Court Judge, then spoke and stated that they were raising money for Drug Court by providing bond screenings at a fee of \$80 per month. They have a psychiatrist on staff who is available to any county in the circuit for competency hearings at \$250 per case and half of the fee goes back into Drug Court. She stated that they have used DATE funds in the past year to help fund the program but they are trying to replenish those funds this year because the federal money may not be available next year. She also requested that the County's internal service charges be funded by the County as in-kind contributions instead of expensing them to the Drug Court Program. The following motion made by Commissioner Sublett and seconded by Commissioner Hogan passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners award the contract for Drug Court services to Resiliency Institute, Inc. in the amount of \$662,400. (Vote: 3-0)

4. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the \$7,500 grant contract with the Council of Juvenile Court Judges.*

Mr. Dick Newbern, Grants Administrator, stated that this program is for mentoring and counseling services. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Sublett passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the \$7,500 grant contract with the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. (Vote: 3-0)

5. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners:*

- *Approve the Court's plan for the expansion and enhancement of its programs and services to include, without limitation, the implementation of "KidsNet Glynn," said expansion and enhancement of the Court's overall programs and services to be funded by a \$500,000.00 appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly; and*
- *exercise its authority to exempt professional services from the competitive bidding process and approve the proposed contract with Atlantic Family Solutions, LLC to serve as Coordinator of and Case Manager for the KidsNet Glynn System of Care and provide direct services included therein.*

Judge George Rountree, Juvenile Court Judge, presented this item and stated that the annual expense for the entire plan, which includes KidsNet Glynn and other programs not included in KidsNet, would not exceed \$357 thousand and there is no County match required. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Sublett passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners:

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- **exercise its authority to exempt professional services from the competitive bidding process and approve the proposed contract with Atlantic Family Solutions, LLC to serve as Coordinator of and Case Manager for the KidsNet Glynn System of Care and provide direct services included therein. (Vote: 3-0)**

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

Motion to add an item to the agenda to consider approving a resolution concerning the use of private probation. (Vote: 3-0)

5(a) Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Judge of the Glynn County Superior Court to contract with a private company to provide misdemeanor probation services.

Judge Amanda Williams stated that she had not been happy with the probation services received in the past few years from the current probation company. She stated that she has used Providence Community Correction, Inc. in Wayne County and has been very satisfied with their services. State law requires that the governing authority must authorize the Chief Judge to enter into written contracts and she requested that the resolution be adopted to give her that authority. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Sublett passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Judge of the Glynn County Superior Court to contract with a private company to provide misdemeanor probation services. (Vote: 3-0)

6. Request that Chairman Thaw identify the Finance Committee items which should be included as consent items in the Commission's Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Thaw requested that all items except #2 be included as consent items on the Commission's Meeting Agenda.