



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Third Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

Committee Members: *J. Clark, D. Hogan, and T. Thaw*

Other Commissioners:

Staff: *J. Bruner, P. Christian, M. Doering, D. Hainley, P. McNicoll, B. Rowell, C. Stewart, C. Temple, W. Worley*

Press: *N. Batiwalla*

Others: *J. Combs, R. Morane*

1. *Consider approval of the consent agenda.*
 - a) *Approval of the December 8, 2009 Finance Committee Minutes.*
 - b) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to file an application on behalf of the Glynn County Board of Commissioners with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of a technical study grant to implement specific items of the FY 2011 Brunswick Area Transportation Study (BATS) Unified Planning Work Program.*

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

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

2. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners*
 - *approve the retirement of Police Canine Boxi,*
 - *allow Officer Jim Williams to adopt Boxi as a personal pet; and*
 - *approve the purchase and training of a replacement canine with funding in the amount of \$8,000 to be provided by Police seizure fund.*

Police Chief Matt Doering presented this item and stated that because of medical issues this canine is no longer serviceable and its current handler wishes to adopt it. He also stated that the \$8 thousand for the new canine includes training of the dog and handler. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Clark passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners

- **approve the retirement of Police Canine Boxi,**
 - **allow Officer Jim Williams to adopt Boxi as a personal pet; and**
 - **approve the purchase and training of a replacement canine with funding in the amount of \$8,000 to be provided by Police seizure fund. (Vote: 3-0)**
3. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Consent to Assignment of the Tower and Ground Lease Agreement from Alltel Communications to Atlantic Wireless Communications (GA), LLC.*

Mr. Will Worley, Assistant County Administrator, stated that the FCC and Dept. of Justice have required Verizon to sell some of their assets since they bought out Alltel. They would like to sell their Glynn County Frederica Tower lease to Atlantic Wireless Communications but they are required to ask the County's permission to assign the lease. Commissioner Hogan questioned how much time was left on the lease and Mr. Worley stated that it was 12 – 15 years. The following motion made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hogan passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Consent to Assignment of the Tower and Ground Lease Agreement from Alltel Communications to Atlantic Wireless Communications (GA), LLC. (Vote: 3-0)

4. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners authorize the abatement and demolition of the Harrington School located at 325 South Harrington Rd. on St. Simons Island at no cost to Glynn County.*

Mr. Paul Christian, Assistant County Administrator, and Mr. Russ Morane, St. Simons Island Land Trust, presented this item. Mr. Morane stated that the Harrington property was purchased in 2004 by the Land Trust and Glynn County and the County owns 82% interest in the property. The objective was to restore the old schoolhouse. The African American Historic Coalition attempted to raise funds subject to a sustainability plan. It has been determined that this was not a feasible project as the cost to restore would be astronomical. The Land Trust, Coastal Georgia Historical Society and the Coalition worked with Glynn County to develop a plan for the historical site which includes demolishing the building. After the demolition, they will construct a "ghost" structure which would be a metal building built to the same dimensions of the original schoolhouse and would house historical items. Commissioner Hogan asked about the time frame for the project and Mr. Morane stated that it would be finished by the end of the year. The following motion made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hogan passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the abatement and demolition of the Harrington School located at 325 South Harrington Rd. on St. Simons Island at no cost to Glynn County. (Vote: 3-0)

5. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners authorize staff to have tree #542 on the New Courthouse grounds removed using the county contract managed by county engineering.*

There was no discussion on this item and the following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Clark passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize staff to have tree #542 on the New Courthouse grounds removed using the county contract managed by county engineering. (Vote: 3-0)

6. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners increase the remaining Neptune Park project budget to \$1,000,000 with the additional funds to be provided by reducing the budget for the SPLOST 5 St. Simons Island Recreation projects.*

Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, stated that the County had appropriated \$4 million in Splost 5 for the Neptune Park project and had spent \$3.1 million. There is \$888 thousand remaining and in order to award the bid for Phase 2, the budget must be increased. Mr. Stewart stated that there was sufficient budget in the Splost 5 St. Simons Island Recreation projects to fund the \$112 thousand increase. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Clark passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners increase the remaining Neptune Park project budget to \$1,000,000 with the additional funds to be provided by reducing the budget for the SPLOST 5 St. Simons Island Recreation projects. (Vote: 3-0)

7. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners award the contract for Neptune Park Phase II to Poppell Eller Construction of Brunswick, GA, in the negotiated amount of \$969,445.21 with funding to be provided by the General Fund fund balance to be reimbursed with interest by SPLOST 5 when funds become available.*

Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, stated that the Phase 2 project was bid and the invitation for bid included work in the park as well as pier renovation. The only responsive and responsible bid was submitted in the amount of \$2.3 million. The architect, Ussery Rule, negotiated the bid with Poppell Eller Construction to bring the bid within the budgeted amount. Mr. Stewart stated that the pier renovation is no longer included in the project but it does include new landscaping and irrigation, a paver plaza area, removal of the flagstones at the picnic area, and various other projects. Mr. Stewart stated that they would remove twelve parking spaces at the end of Mallery Street but the new plaza is a signature part of Phase 2. He stated that he had been working with the County Engineer to add parking on County property behind the Strother building. Commissioner Thaw questioned if there was a loading area at the pier and Mr. Stewart stated that there was not. Commissioner Thaw stated that a loading area needs to be looked at. The following motion made by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Clark passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners award the contract for Neptune Park Phase II to Poppell Eller Construction of Brunswick, GA, in the negotiated amount of \$969,445.21 with funding to be provided by the General Fund fund balance to be reimbursed with interest by SPLOST 5 when funds become available. (Vote: 3-0)

8. *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 be placed on the Board of Commissioners' consent agenda.