



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Third Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

Committee Members: *C. Johnson, U. Keller and T. Thaw*

Other Commissioners:

Staff: *J. Bruner, D. Chunn, R. Coolidge, M. Doering, J. Durden, B. Gerhardt, P. Jamsky, P. McNicoll, O. Reed, G. Rountree, B. Rowell, C. Stewart, W. Worley*

Press: *M. Permar, B. Thomas*

Others: *T. Furlow, F. McGinty, K. Morgan*

1. *Consider approval of the consent agenda.*
 - a) *Approval of the March 11, 2008 Finance Committee Minutes.*
 - b) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners declare the unusable items listed on the attached pages as surplus and approve the disposal of these items in the best interest of the County.*
 - c) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the corrections to the digest(s) as recommended by the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser at their Tuesday, February 19, 2008 meeting.*
 - d) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the corrections to the digest(s) as recommended by the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser at their Tuesday, March 4, 2008 meeting.*
 - e) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners extend the current contract with Ron Herrin Copiers for an additional year at \$0.017 per copy with funding to be provided by various departments' operating budgets.*

The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of the consent agenda items 1(a), (d), and (e). (Vote: 3-0)

The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners declare the unusable items listed on the attached pages as surplus and approve the disposal of these items in the best interest of the County. (Vote: 3-0)

Mr. Will Worley, Assistant County Attorney, informed the Committee that the Board of Assessors had recommended the refund of solid waste fees on three properties and that they did not have the authority to do that. Those three recommendations were eliminated from the Real Property Corrections list. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the corrections to the digest(s) as recommended by the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser at their Tuesday, February 19, 2008 meeting except for items 2, 3, and 4 on the Real Property Corrections page which were deferred from the 1-22-08 and 2-5-08 Board of Assessors meetings. (Vote: 3-0)

- 2. Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners increase the funding of the Coroner's Office for medical fees post mortem by \$10,000, transport by \$4,000 and assistant coroners fees by \$5,000 for FY 08, with the funding coming from General Fund fund balance.*

Mr. Jimmy Durden, Coroner, presented this item and was available for questions. Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, asked what determines whether a body is taken to Savannah or Brunswick. Mr. Durden stated that deaths that may be the result of a criminal act are taken to Savannah. The medical examiner in Brunswick charges \$800 per case and the charges for the Savannah cases are related only to the transport. Mr. Durden stated that there have been 200 death calls this fiscal year. He also stated that if a family requests an autopsy for an unattended death, the County pays for it. Commissioner Johnson stated that half of the calls are responded to by an assistant coroner. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners increase the funding of the Coroner's Office for medical fees post mortem by \$10,000, transport by \$4,000 and assistant coroners fees by \$2,500 for FY 08, with the funding coming from General Fund fund balance. (Vote: 3-0)

- 3. Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners temporarily increase Judge Rountree's salary in the amount of \$500.00 a month.*

Judge George Rountree presented this item and stated that Camden County is paying a supplement to their Juvenile Court Judge. He stated that he presides in Superior Court domestic cases four times a month. He is also working one Tuesday each month in Divorce Court. He stated that his original compensation package included a seven thousand dollar supplement to hear child support cases. Commissioner Thaw stated that the new supplement would be eliminated if the Circuit gets an additional judge. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners temporarily increase Judge Rountree's salary in the amount of \$500.00 a month. (Vote: 3-0)

- 4. Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the decision of the project team for the Exit 29 Water Pollution Control Plant Expansion Project concerning the cost savings items.*

Mr. Jim Bruner, County Engineer, presented the recommendations which would decrease the estimate for the plant expansion from \$24.2 million to \$21 million. Commissioner Thaw questioned why they didn't recommend changing to a metal building in #6 and Commissioner Keller stated that metal was not recommended in the wastewater environment as it will not hold up as well the split block exterior. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the decision of the project team for the Exit 29 Water Pollution Control Plant Expansion Project concerning the cost savings items. (Vote: 3-0)

5. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve liability, third party administration for liability, aviation, boiler & machinery, inland marine, and workers compensation excess insurance.*

Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, presented this item along with Mr. Fred McGinty of McGinty Gordon Insurance. Mr. Stewart requested that the Helicopter Liability insurance not be approved since the County currently does not have a pilot and may eventually contract for the flying services. The Committee stated that they did not want to carry Terrorism insurance and did not want to increase the Employee Dishonesty Bond insurance. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve liability, third party administration for liability, boiler & machinery, inland marine, and workers compensation excess insurance. (Vote: 3-0)

6. *Consider recommending to the Glynn County Board of Commissioners that it approve the First Amendment to Leasehold Agreement between Glynn County and Coastal Islands theater, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the same.*

Mr. Will Worley, Assistant County Attorney, presented this item and stated that this was an amendment to the previous agreement between the County and the Coastal Islands Theater. Commissioner Keller commented that it was a good agreement and that having the company back on St. Simons Island would benefit the community. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend to the Glynn County Board of Commissioners that it approve the First Amendment to Leasehold Agreement between Glynn County and Coastal Islands Theater, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the same. (Vote: 3-0)

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

Commissioner Thaw identified all items as consent agenda items.