Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Third Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

Committee Members: *C. Johnson, U. Keller and T. Thaw*
Other Commissioners: *H. Lynn*
Staff: *J. Breitenbach, M. Doering, D. Hainley, L. Little, P. McNicoll, A. Mumford, O. Reed, B. Rowell, A. Sapp, C. Stewart, W. Worley, A. Yeow*
Press: *M. Permar, B. Thomas*
Others: *F. Benetti, E. Herrington, F. McGinty, A. Welch*

1. *Consider approval of the consent agenda.*

   a) *Approval of the March 25, 2008 Finance Committee Minutes.*

   b) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners deny a request from Mr. Kenneth H. Rabitsch, Ocean Boulevard LLC, that $187.80 paid in penalties and interest on 2006 property taxes for parcel #04-03856 be refunded.*

   c) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners deny a request from Mr. J. Alan Welch that $866.86 paid in penalties and interest on 2005 property taxes for parcel #03-16433 be refunded.*

   d) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners exercise the 2nd option year for tree removal/maintenance services with Locke Farms as follows with funding provided from the Engineering Department operating budget:*

Tree removal, trimming, limbs, per hour	*$130.00*
Palm tree trimming per each	*$30.00*
Stump grinding, per inch diameter	*$2.75*
Crane & operator, per hour	*$90.00-$165.00*

   e) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize payment of the excess tax proceeds from the tax sale of parcel No. 03-12435 in the amount of six thousand two hundred forty-eight and 77/100 dollars ($6,248.77) to attorney Alan Tucker for distribution per legal priorities.*

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

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

Mr. Alan Welch was present to speak to the Committee concerning item 1(c). He explained that there was a mix-up in the warranty deed and requested a refund of $866.86 in penalties and interest that had been paid on the 2005 property taxes. Ms. Arlene Sapp, Tax Commissioner's Office, informed the Committee that GIS had told her that they had overlooked the error but that the Tax Commissioner's Office was not at fault. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of a request from Mr. J. Alan Welch that $866.86 paid in penalties and interest on 2005 property taxes for parcel #03-16433 be refunded. (Vote: 3-0)

2. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve and accept the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority's proposal and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Inducement Letter. Under the proposal, the Development Authority will issue bonds for the acquisition and construction of an administration building for Gateway Behavioral, Glynn County will convey property for the building to the Development Authority and then lease the property from the Development Authority, and Glynn County will sublease the property to Gateway Behavioral.*

Commissioner Howard Lynn and Dr. Frank Benetti were present to present this item. Dr. Benetti stated that they needed 40 thousand square feet for Gateway. Commissioner Thaw questioned who would maintain the property and Mr. Aaron Mumford, County Attorney, stated that those detail had not yet been worked out. Commissioner Thaw asked whether money for property that the County sells would come back to the County and Mr. Mumford stated that there is another agreement that is being worked on that the Board of Commissioners will receive at a later date. He stated that the County would not receive money for the property. Commissioner Lynn stated that the agreement referred to by Mr. Mumford would be step 2 of the process. Commissioner Johnson questioned what else would be going on the property and Dr. Benetti said that they will no have residential facilities for adjudicated people. Commissioner Thaw asked if Commissioner Fendig had talked to the neighbors and Commissioner Lynn stated that he (Lynn) had talked to them and most of them had no problem with the plan. Mr. Ed Herrington, owner of Kids R Kids, commented that no one had talked to him and that several of their parents were very concerned about the safety of their children. He stated that he would like to have some input concerning this project. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like to have a town hall meeting and that he had had citizens voice their concerns to him. He stated that the County needs to assure the neighborhood and businesses and let them know what the plan is and how it will be separated from surrounding neighbors. After further discussion, the following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Motion to defer this item until Gateway personnel and staff determine total costs. (Vote: 3-0)

3. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to authorize the County Administrator to submit the 5303 Funds grant application with Georgia's DOT to secure transit planning funds to support the BATS Unified Planning Work Program.*

Mr. David Hainley, Community Development Director, stated that this is an annual grant request. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

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4. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the Motorola Reconfiguration Implementation Phase & Statement of Work, for the purposes of providing services for the reconfiguration of the Public Safety Radio System, pursuant to the FCC order, as recommended by the County Attorneys' Office with funding to be provided by Sprint/Nextel.*

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

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Motorola Reconfiguration Implementation Phase & Statement of Work, for the purposes of providing services for the reconfiguration of the Public Safety Radio System, pursuant to the FCC order, as recommended by the County Attorneys' Office with funding to be provided by Sprint/Nextel. (Vote: 3-0)

5. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners award the bids for two 12 cubic yard Dump trucks to Savannah Freightliner in the amount of $154,838, one multi-purpose wheeled loader to Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of $264,500, and two mini excavators to Yancey Brothers in the amount of $65,090, with funding to be provided by the General Fund fund balance to be repaid, with interest, by SPLOST 5 when funds become available.*

Mr. Allan Yeow, Assistant Public Works Director, presented this item. Commissioner Johnson voiced concerns that the County didn't get but one bid for the wheeled loader. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

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6. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners award the Property Insurance.*

Mr. Fred McGinty presented the proposal for property insurance. He stated that the total property value in the previous year was $99 million and it had been reduced to $90 million due to the removal of Water & Sewer property along with the addition of new property. He stated that the County had coverage up to $50 million last year at a cost of $470 thousand and the same coverage this year would cost $365 thousand. He recommend that the County consider obtaining $50 million coverage but increase the total property values by 7.5% at a premium cost of $392 thousand. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

Recommend that the Board of Commissioners award the Property Insurance as follows:

2008/09 Proposal Values increased 7.5%			
Property:	**Limits:**	**Carrier:**	**Premium:**
1st Layer	**$10,000,000**	**CAN**	**$259,541.00**
2nd Layer	**25 mil x 10 mil**	**Axis Specialty Landmark**	**$98,859.28**
3rd Layer	**15 mil x 35 mil**	**American**	**$34,298.16**
Total Insurance Limit:	**$50,000,000**		**$392,698.44**
Total Property Value:	**$97,071,795**		

(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 items as consent agenda items except item #2 which was deferred to a later Finance Committee meeting.