



## **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 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:** *M. Doering, G. Lane, P. McNicoll, A. Sapp, C. Stewart, W. Worley*

**Press:** *J. Davis, M. Permar*

**Others:**

1. *Consider approval of the consent agenda.*
  - a) *Approve of the May 27, 2008 Finance Committee Minutes.*
  - b) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners deny a request from Mr. Andrew Weiskoff, representing Mrs. Estelle Wyckoff, that \$539.01 paid in penalties and interest on 2007 property taxes for parcel #04-01398 be refunded.*
  - c) *Recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the proposed FY 09-09 addendum to the contract between the County and the Golden Isles Visitors Bureau as presented by staff and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.*

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

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

2. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve a 6.25% increase in JWSC water & sewer rates for customers previously on the County Water & Sewer System for FY09.*

Commissioner Keller stated that a rate study had been done for the County by Burton & Associates in 2005. The County approved the option to increase rates by 6.25% over a five year period. This will be the fourth increase in the series. Commissioner Keller stated that the County must approve the increase in rates because the JWSC cannot increase rates at this time. He commented that the City also authorized a series of rate increase for their users prior to the activation of the JWSC. The following motion made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner passed unanimously.

### **Recommend that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve a 6.25% increase in JWSC water & sewer rates for customers previously on the County Water & Sewer System for FY09. (Vote: 3-0)**

3. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the Indigent Defense Contract for FY 2008/2009.*

Mr. Grayson Lane, Brunswick Judicial Circuit Defender, informed the Committee that the County would be receiving a refund of operating expenditures within a couple of months that would amount to approximately \$10,500. He requested that the contract be approved at the requested level and the refund from the state be used to supplement the County's budget in order to fund the total amount

requested of Glynn County in the contract. The following motion made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson passed unanimously.

**Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Indigent Defense Contract for FY 2008/2009. (Vote: 3-0)**

4. *Consider recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the software through Pen-Link Ltd. using the Police Department's seized funds, thereby increasing the capabilities and technological abilities of the Police Department.*

Police Chief Matt Doering explained that the Pen-Link software would be used to analyze intelligence information. He stated that the funding would be from the Police Seizure Fund. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

**Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the software through Pen-Link Ltd. using the Police Department's seized funds, thereby increasing the capabilities and technological abilities of the Police Department. (Vote: 3-0)**

5. *Consider recommending disbursement of Splost #5 funds to the City of Brunswick beginning with funds received in June, authorize the release of Splost #5 funds for County lower level projects, and reimburse the General Fund for advanced funding as funds become available.*

Mr. Charles Stewart, County Administrator, informed the Committee that the County had received in excess of \$27 million in Splost #5 funds. He said that since that would be sufficient to fund the three County-wide projects, he was recommending that the City be paid 23% of monthly taxes starting after the June payment is received. He also requested the authorization to release funds for lower level County projects and to repay the General Fund for advances as funds become available. Commissioner Thaw stated that Ms. McNicoll should notify Jekyll Island that they could begin spending Splost #5 funds also. The following motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keller passed unanimously.

**Recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve disbursement of Splost #5 funds to the City of Brunswick beginning with funds received in June, authorize the release of Splost #5 funds for County lower level projects, and reimburse the General Fund for advanced funding as funds become available. (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 identified all items as consent.**