

PRESENT: Chairman Robert H. "Bob" Boyne  
 Vice Chairman Virginia Gunn  
 Commissioner Jack Hardman  
 Commissioner Gladys Martin Lyde  
 Commissioner Milton Lynn  
 Commissioner J. E. "Sonny" Miller  
 Commissioner W. Harold Pate

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Charles T. Stewart  
 County Attorney Gary Moore

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Opening Ceremony.

Chairman Boyne opened the meeting by calling on Geneva Lyde for the invocation, followed by pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Chairman Boyne read the following resolution, which he said would be presented at a breakfast to be held by the Brunswick Chapter NAACP on the morning of January 18th, and to the Concerned Citizens Coalition for Growth at their annual march a short time afterward.

**RESOLUTION  
 HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 1993, citizens throughout Glynn County will honor the life and the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by observing the occasion of his birthday as a holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, each year this special occasion provides us with the opportunity of reflecting on the life and deeds of this honored American who displayed an overriding obligation to see that the rights and privileges of minority citizens were protected and kept safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the mild yet perceptive approach employed by Dr. King in his quest to attain equality for Blacks in this country assured for them a significant place in the destiny of their own lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this Governing Body considers it a privilege to join the efforts being staged throughout Glynn County by participating with various organizations in our community and observing the birthday of this outstanding citizen and leader.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County, Georgia, in official meeting held this 15th day of January, 1993, that we support activities of the Brunswick Chapter NAACP and the Concerned Citizens Coalition for Growth in commemorating "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day", on January 18, here in Glynn County.

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Moratorium on Billboard Permits.

Chairman Boyne opened the floor for discussion regarding extension of existing moratorium on issuance of permits for outdoor advertising signs or billboards.

Attorney Tom Lee, representing Lamar Advertising, said although his clients were not opposed to extension of this moratorium, they hoped the Commission would hold a work session to discuss proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance before action was taken in this regard, because it would have long range applications in the future.

On behalf of Fendig Outdoor Advertising, Phil Taylor and Joe Fendig agreed with Mr. Lee's comments. Mr. Fendig explained that Fendig Outdoor Advertising was assuming leases from Lamar at several sign locations along I-95 and at GA Highway 99, and he requested that County Staff issue appropriate permits to allow rebuilding of these signs.

County Attorney Gary Moore advised that the proposed moratorium applied only to new applications for new signs, and not for existing locations.

Chairman Boyne moved that the Glynn County Board of Commissioners impose a moratorium upon the granting of construction permits for new locations for outdoor advertising signs or billboards for a period of ninety (90) days from this date, or until this moratorium is rescinded by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners. For purposes of this moratorium, an outdoor advertising sign or billboard shall be defined as a free-standing signs, which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located. The term outdoor advertising sign or billboard shall include business identification pylon sign as defined in Section 811.1(c) of the existing Glynn County Sign Ordinance.

Commissioner Lynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Chairman's Select Committee.

Chairman Boyne called on Commissioners who had not named their appointees to the Chairman's Select Committee, which was formed by the Commission at the January 7th meeting, to name their members at this time.

Commissioner Lyde stated that minorities comprised twenty-seven percent (27%) of the local population, and at least two minority appointments should be made to this Committee so they would be fairly represented.

Commissioner Pate registered disapproval that two members of this Committee, Howard Taylor and Ed Stewart, had gone into various County Departments seeking

information before the Committee was fully formed. Commissioner Hardman supported Commissioner Pate's position, and said he didn't think one or two Committee members should proceed with any investigation without authority from the full group.

Commissioner Miller, Chairman of the Committee, said he was aware that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stewart had already requested information from the Finance Department, and he could see no problem because most of the County's records were open to the public. County Attorney Gary Moore and Committee member Gene Leggett, a former State Legislator, concurred that there were few exceptions to open record requirements.

A motion was made by Chairman Boyne and seconded by Commissioner Miller that the Chairman's Select Committee be expanded to eleven members, with the following new appointees being approved, so that each segment of the community would have full representation.

Zack Lyde, District Five (Commissioner Lyde)  
 Nathaniel Armstrong, District Five (Commissioner Lyde)  
 Ken Tollison, District Three (Commissioner  
 Hardman)  
 Ed Pinkney, District Four (Commissioner Pate)

Unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Gunn expressed concern that no women were included on this committee.

Commissioner Miller announced that the first meeting of the Chairman's Select Committee would take place on Tuesday, January 19, 1993, at 8:30 a.m., and he encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

#### Water & Sewer Commission Ordinance Amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn and seconded by Commissioner Miller adopting the following Amendment to the Water & Sewer Commission Ordinance.

AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 2-22-6, ARTICLE I, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO PROVIDE THAT TWO GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL SERVE AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GLYNN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, this the 15th day of January, 1993, that the Code of Ordinances, Glynn County, Georgia, be and it is hereby amended to make changes to 2-22-6, fifth paragraph, will read as follows:

#### 2-22-6 Members of Commission Qualifications and Terms of Office (fifth paragraph):

Each member shall be a resident of the County. Appointees should have a concern for the orderly growth and development of Glynn County, and have extensive business and/or fiscal management experience. They may be active or retired. No person shall be eligible for membership on the Commission who holds interest in any commercial activity which contracts with the Commission except for the provision of water and sewer utility services by the Commission, or any

person who holds an elected City, County or State office except that the County Administrator (or his designated representative), and a member or representative of the Board of Governors of the Authority and a member of the Glynn County Planning Commission may serve as ex-officio members. Two members of the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, one of whom shall be cognizant of the interests of the City of Brunswick, shall serve as regular voting members of the Water and Sewer Commission upon appointment by the Board of Commissioners. The initial members of the Commission shall be appointed within 30 days following the effective date of this Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners.

Unanimously adopted.

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Commissioner Gunn Requests Use of Office at Demere Annex.

Commissioner Gunn requested the Commission's approval for her to use an unoccupied office at Demere Annex for County related business such as receiving constituents' complaints and requests. Commissioner Gunn said this office would be staffed by volunteers, and it could be used by other Commissioners as well.

Chairman Boyne stated that the building in question was a County Government Annex, and for that reason he could see no problem with Commissioner Gunn or any other Commissioner working from one of its offices.

Commissioner Lyde said she had a problem with Commissioner Gunn using this space unless a similar office was provided for the remaining six Commissioners within their districts. Commissioner Lyde said she felt the Commissioners Office in the Court House was all that was needed.

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Ten Commandments Display.

Because of ongoing controversy at the state and federal level concerning display of the Ten Commandments, Commissioner Gunn suggested that a second plaque listing the Golden Rule be added beside the framed copy of the Ten Commandments in the Commissioners Meeting Room in an effort to alleviate problems with this display.

Commissioner Hardman seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

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Interim Administrator Selected.

A motion was made by Chairman Boyne and seconded by Commissioner Miller, as follows:

- 1) Rescinding a motion adopted in Regular Meeting held January 7, 1993, authorizing the Chairman to serve as Administrator Pro Tem in the absence of the County Administrator, with the Vice Chairman filling this position in the Chairman's absence; and

- 2) Naming Public Works Director Keith Flanagan, as head of the Management Team formed in August of 1990, to serve as Acting Administrator until this position could be filled.

Unanimously adopted.

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Town Hall Meetings.

Commissioner Gunn asked County Attorney Gary Moore if there was a problem with four or more Commissioners attending town hall meetings, which she considered to be information gathering sessions.

Attorney Moore responded with the following written and verbal report:

"The Sunshine Law, in O.C.G.A. 50-14-1, defines a meeting which must be open to the public, as a gathering of four members of this Commission (or a quorum of the members of a Committee of this Commission) at a designated time and place at which county business is to be discussed. In my opinion, a town hall meeting at which four or more commissioners may attend should be treated by us as an open meeting. I believe this is the prudent course of action since a violation of the Sunshine Law is a misdemeanor and could be grounds for recall of a commissioner.

To comply with the Sunshine Law, we should post notice of all of these meetings and any other meeting which members of this Commission might attend, notify the Brunswick News at least twenty four hours prior to the meeting time, allow the public to attend the meeting, allow visual and sound recordings during the meeting, provide an agenda and minutes which must be taken and made public as required by law."

Gene Leggett said he disagreed with Attorney Moore's opinion, and he felt that no notification was required for informational meetings. Mr. Leggett asked the Commission to direct Attorney Moore to readdress this topic, and to allow him to discuss it with Attorney Moore.

Chairman Boyne directed Attorney Moore to discuss this matter with Mr. Leggett, and to present further written recommendation back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lyde said she planned to have a town hall meeting in District Five at Glynn Academy Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, January 28, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., and the entire community was invited to attend.

Attorney Moore suggested that Staff post notices of this meeting and give appropriate notice to the Brunswick News.

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Departure of County Administrator.

Chairman Boyne related that on December 31, 1992, Charles Stewart presented his resignation from the position of County Administrator and gave four weeks notice which extended to January 27, 1993. Chairman Boyne commented that Mr. Stewart had accomplished many good things for the County during his tenure, and he could probably use some

additional time to acclimate himself from governmental operations to the private sector.

Chairman Boyne then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Board of Commissioners release Administrator Charles T. Stewart from his commitment to serve out the remainder of his notice, effective at the end of the working day on Tuesday, January 19, 1993, and that he be paid for the remainder of this period, as well as for any other compensation which he was entitled to under the County Personnel Policy.

Unanimously adopted.

Meeting Adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA



Robert H. Boyne  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Martha Dominey,  
Deputy Clerk