

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: Acting Administrator Keith Flanagan
County Attorney Gary Moore

Opening Ceremony.

Chairman Boyne opened the meeting with invocation, followed by pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Bike Path Construction and Dirt Road Paving Priorities.

Commissioner Gunn initiated discussion relating to use of Sales Tax Monies for constructing bike paths. Although some citizens said they felt it was illegal for Sales Tax money to be used for this purpose, Commissioner Gunn said she was comfortable with the determination made by County Attorney Gary Moore that it was okay. Although citizens in other areas wanted all the Sales Tax money to be used to pave dirt roads, Commissioner Gunn said what was needed on St. Simons Island was roads. She noted that bike paths added a needed degree of safety because they pulled bikers out of the automobile traffic on the roads.

Ed Ashe said he disagreed with Attorney Moore's opinion that Sales Tax money could be used for bike path construction, and he also felt that only a judge could make such a determination.

Acting Administrator Keith Flanagan noted that bike paths had always been included in the Sales Tax Program because they were an integral part of the transportation system. Administrator Flanagan said he was nearing completion of a proposed new dirt road paving priority list which would be presented to the Commission for approval.

Chairman Boyne directed Staff to schedule a work session on Wednesday, March 17, 1993, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the new priority list.

Chairman Boyne announced that previous action by the Commission awarding a bid for bike path construction on St. Simons Island stood as voted upon.

Arts Programs.

Commissioner Gunn said she felt that action taken by the Commission at the last meeting on February 18, 1993 naming the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association to represent

the arts organizations in Glynn County should be reconsidered because it was not listed on the agenda for action at that time, and she had received opposition to this action from a St. Simons Island resident.

On behalf of the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association, Eileen Humphlett advised that the Arts Advisory Council met on a regular basis and everyone including the dissenter, Mittie Hendrix, had supported this proposal. Commissioner Lyde said members of the Island Players had indicated that they had no opposition to this arrangement and they felt it would assist local organizations in obtaining financial support. Zack Lyde said minorities from the Fifth Commission District felt their interests would be protected via the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association representing arts organizations in Glynn County, and he urged the Commission to move ahead with this effort. Ruth Smith said the Island Players had written a letter supporting this proposal. Doug Alexander said the Island Players Board of Directors had voted to support this proposal and they issued a letter accordingly.

Commissioner Gunn moved to rescind the February 18th motion naming the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association to represent arts organizations in Glynn County. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Boyne announced that action taken on this matter by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 1992 would stand.

Mallory Park Drainage Project.

Commissioner Gunn announced that she had requested discussion of the Mallory Park Drainage Project, which was approved at the February 18th meeting, because of concerns expressed by her constituents that trees would have to be removed to accommodate this project.

Commissioner Lynn moved to rescind action taken on February 18, 1993 authorizing Staff to proceed with this project, and Commissioner Gunn seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Lynn, Gunn and Chairman Boyne.

Nay: Commissioners Lyde, Hardman, Miller and Pate.

Chairman Boyne announced that the motion had failed and Staff would proceed with the project as previously authorized.

Proposed Reserve Fund.

Pursuant to request by the Chairman's Select Committee, County Attorney Gary Moore presented a written opinion concerning establishment of a reserve fund. Attorney Moore said state law allowed, but did not require, such a fund,

and he felt the County would have problems meeting rapid use requirements. Commissioner Miller moved to accept recommendation from the Chairman's Select Committee and take steps to establish a reserve fund. Commissioner Lynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

February, March & April Designated for "Operation Buckle-Down".

Commissioner Hardman moved to designate February, March and April for special recognition under "Operation Buckle-Down", a special program funded by a State Safety Grant and implemented by the Glynn County Police Department to educate motorists on the value of using seatbelts and child restraint seats.

Commissioner Lyde seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

933 Beach Nourishment Project.

Commissioner Gunn said she had received notification from Senator Paul Coverdale's Office that Glynn County had received a 30-day reprieve on efforts by the Corps of Engineers to seize \$90,000 in County funds held in escrow by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the abandoned 933 Beach Nourishment Project, and efforts to acquire reimbursement from the Corps for County monies expended on this project and a Storm Feasibility Study.

City/County Meeting Rescheduled.

Commissioner Gunn reported that she had scheduled a Town Hall Meeting at the Casino on St. Simons Island on March 9, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., and for this reason she would like to see the Joint City/County Meeting tentatively set for 6:00 p.m. on the same day rescheduled to another time.

Chairman Boyne directed Staff to reschedule the Joint City/County Meeting to March 23rd, if agreeable with the City.

Status of St. Simons Pier.

Commissioner Gunn said she would like to receive a report from the County Engineer on the status of the St. Simons Pier, and a whirlpool that existed nearby.

County Engineer Ray Richard reported that the Pier was in good structural condition, however, he was not qualified to report on marine conditions such as a whirlpool.

Items for Next Agenda.

Commissioner Gunn asked that the following items be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting:

- 1) A proposed letter to Governor Zell Miller regarding

migration of the channel and questioning the possibility that dredging the channel might damage the groundwater aquifer and cause saltwater intrusion into the several aquifers, and it might also pull as much as 5wo million cubic yards of sand off the St. Simons and Jekyll Beaches.

- 2) A motion recognizing a financial emergency and authorizing 1) no discretionary spending by this Commission except in true emergency, and 2) no additional positions filled including existing budgeted positions.
- 3) A statement requesting that the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation initiate an independent investigation of allegations of illegal wiretaps, police investigations, use of police files, Staff investigation of private citizens, attempts to influence the votes of sitting Commissioners by thread of economic harm and intimidation, attempts to influence the votes of sitting Commissioners, false and misleading information given to the Commission by Staff regarding votes to authorize spending of federal project funds and County bond proceeds. (Commissioner Gunn said she hoped these allegations were unfounded and without merit)

Chairman Boyne advised Commissioner Gunn to work with the Deputy Clerk in placing these items on the agenda of the March 18th meeting, and for work session discussion as early as possible prior to that time.

Accountability of Department Heads.

In following up previous discussions of the Commission concerning proposed changes to County Ordinance relating to Department Heads, County Attorney Gary Moore said Department Heads were hired and fired by the County Administrator subject to concurrence by the County Commission, and he asked if the Commission wanted further involvement.

Chairman Boyne suggested that all Commissioners ponder over this item, and that it be brought up again at the next meeting.

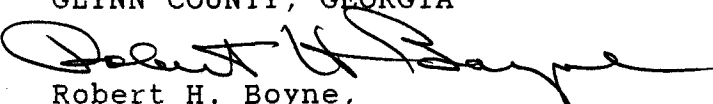
Executive Meeting.

At 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Lynn moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Gunn seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.


Following discussion lasting approximately 15 minutes in which no action was taken, Commissioner Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gunn seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

MEETING ADJOURNED

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA


Robert H. Boyne,
Chairman

ATTEST:


Martha Dominey,
Deputy Clerk