

**BARROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Staff & news media: Michelle Sims, Kristi Royston, Raiford Peacock, Keith Lee, Guy Herring, Leanne Akin, Barrow County News, Michael Fischer, Vanessa Bowman, Todd Defeo, Athens Daily News, Terry Darragh, Angie Davis, County Attorney, Norma Jean Brown, Shannon Navarre & Arielle Kass, Gwinnett Daily Post

Chairman Garrison called meeting to order with Commissioner's Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix in attendance.

Stood for Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Commissioner Bill Brown gave the invocation.

AMEND AGENDA

Chairman Garrison requested an amendment to the agenda to add the purchase of Express Poll Voting machines, which will be item 3C.

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to amend agenda, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

STOOD FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & COMMISSIONER BILL BROWN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LAND ACQUISITION, LITIGATION & PERSONNEL

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for land acquisition, litigation & Personnel, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

Commissioner Wehunt made motion to come out of EXECUTIVE SESSION, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

LAND ACQUISITION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION- MICHAEL FISCHER

We have a great opportunity to expand our Leisure Services Facility to include a swimming pool & an area for a park. Pine Shore Club, Inc has presented the County with a proposal to purchase their facilities, which includes the land, pool & clubhouse facility for \$75,000. The funds will come out of the Recreational SPLOST. DISCUSSION

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2005 MINUTES

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to approve as presented, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

2. ANDRE CHAMBERS-DFACS-BARROW COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

Andre Chambers, Department of Family Children Services Director presented the Board with their annual report.

3. KRISTI ROYSTON

- A. **2006 QUALIFYING FEES FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & BOARD OF EDUCATION-**A request for the Board of Commissioners to establish the qualifying fees for 2006 Elections as required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-131(a)(1)(A)& 21-2-131(a)(1)(B) which is 3% of the base salary, exclusive of any supplements.

Commissioner, District 4	\$180.00	Commissioner, District 5	\$180.00
Commissioner, District 6	\$180.00	Board of Education, District 1	- \$18.00
Board of Education, District 3	- \$18.00	Board of Education, District 4	- \$18.00
Board of Education, District 7*	- \$18.00	Board of Education, District 9*	- \$18.00

(*DISTRICTS 7 & 9 ARE AT LARGE)

Commissioner Wehunt made motion to accept these qualifying fees for 2006, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

- B. **NEW VOTING PRECINCTS & ELECTION CHANGES-** Kristi presented the Board with the new precinct lines & polling locations. Due to the county's overall growth all areas & locations were evaluated & there has been an increase from 13 to 16 precincts & polling locations. The U.S. Department of Justice has approved all changes & they will be in effect beginning with the March Board of Education SPLOST. Three new areas have been added & there are new facilities in some areas. The precinct's are: (1) Bethlehem Community Center, (2) Fire Station #5(County Line), (3) Bramlett Elementary, (4) Westside Middle School, (5) Fire Station #1(Statham), (6) Winder-Barrow High (7) Statham Elementary School, (8) Holsenbeck Elementary School, (9) Lions Club, (10) Leisure Services Center, (11) Apalachee High School, (12) Fire Station #4 (Auburn), (13) Winder Community Center, (14) Cedar Creek Baptist Church, (15) County Line Elementary School & (16) Bethlehem First Baptist Church.

- C. PURCHASE OF EXPRESS POLL MACHINES:** Barrow County will serve as a pilot county to use the Express Poll machines in the March Special Election prior to statewide use beginning in the July primary. The request is to purchase the machines now, as they would have had to be purchased before the July primary. This is to purchase 6 Express poll units for \$15,000 & will be 2 units for each of our 3 new poll locations. .

Commissioner Bill Brown made a motion to approve the request to purchase the 6 Express Polls for \$15,000, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

4. TERRY DARRAGH

A. RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD ABANDONMENTS

1. Edgar Road (County Road 163)-1.1038 acres & 0.0776 acres for right of way for cul-de-sac) Because of a bridge washout & continued illegal dumping & late night party activities, Mr. Bryant, the landowner is requesting the road be abandoned.
2. Hazel Moon (County Road 89) (0.50 acres & 0.133 acres for right-of-way for cul-de-sac) Mark Allen, of Republic Services, sent in a written request September 2005 to close & abandon the portion of this road that exists on property recently purchased by Oak Grove Landfill & they would provide a cul-de-sac (0.0776 acres) at the end of the road.
3. Briscoe Mill Road (County Road 122) (3100 ft. or 0.59 miles) The County has received a request in December 2005 from Attorney John E. Stell, Jr. representing Burnt Bridge Development, LLC wishes the county to abandon this road beginning on the south side of Tanners Bridge Road & continuing in a southerly direction the length of Briscoe Mill Road to the Apalachee River. They will provide the county a sewer line easement across its property to the river.

Commissioner Lampp made motion to begin the abandonment process for these three roads & authorize the advertisement for public hearings, Commissioner Bill Brown seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

- B. SEWER ALLOCATION RESOLUTION & AGREEMENT-** This Resolution allows each residential subdivision requiring sewer service to allocate a maximum of 50 residential sewer taps per year provided capacity is available & each developer will pay ½ or all of the sewer tap fees dependent upon whether it's for a residential subdivision or for commercial use. All developers will also be required to enter into a Reservation

Agreement to formalize their request for sewer. DISCUSSION: transferring allotments

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to accept recommendation of Sewer Allocation Resolution & agreement. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

- C. **SEWER TAP FEES**-Current tap fees are \$3,500.00 & recommendation is to increase to \$4,000.00. DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Wehunt made motion to increase tap fees from \$3500.00 to \$4500.00, Commissioner Lampp seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

D. BRISCOE MILL LAS PLANT-COUNTY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT

HSF Engineering, Inc. who is our Engineering Consultant has completed evaluations of proposals submitted by Brown & Caldwell & Engineering Management, Inc. to conduct a Barrow County Watershed Assessment & Protection Plan. It will be a 9-month to a year project & HSF Engineering recommends the use of Engineering Management, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$110,315.00, which includes HS Feldman's management cost of \$5,000.00

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to accept recommendation at a not to exceed cost of \$110,315.00, Commissioner Lampp seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

E. TASK ORDER #1-MANNING GINN ROAD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

This task order directs Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Barrow County's Water & Sewage Authority's consultant, to provide engineering services associated with design, permitting & bidding of water system improvements in the vicinity of Manning Ginn Road. The cost will be at a not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.

Commissioner Dyer made motion to approve recommendation, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

F. TASK ORDER #3-WATER SYSTEM GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

This task order directs Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Inc. to proceed with assisting Barrow County in providing engineering services associated with development of map books & a geographic mapping system for our water distribution system.

DISCUSSION: State has requested the Water Authority to prepare system maps for the water distribution system.

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to approve recommendation at a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,150.00, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION APOINTEE-COMMISSIONER BILL BROWN

Commissioner Brown stated that due to job requirements where he will be unable to attend the meetings, Tom Dunahoo has requested to be replaced on the Planning Commission. We want to thank him for serving on this Board & I would like to recommend Wayne Alexander for his replacement.

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to appoint Wayne Alexander to the Planning Commission, Commissioner Hendrix seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

6. KEITH LEE

A. **PROPOSED BILL-HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM BARROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AD VALOREM TAX**

This is a bill that will provide a homestead exemption in addition to the existing 1998 \$20,000 educational homestead exemption. This will take the total exemption to \$80,000 as long as an applicant qualified. & shall only be granted if that person's federal total income, together with the federal total income of the spouse who also occupies & resides at such homestead, does not collectively exceed for the immediately preceding year an amount equal to 250% of the amount specified by the most recent United States Department of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines for a one-person family unit in the 48 contiguous states. Each applicant is to apply prior to March 1 of each year & the exemption shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. DISCUSSION. Will be on the November ballot if approved through the State.

Commissioner Berry made motion to show our support & ask our Representative to take this to the State Legislature, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

B. **ANNEXATION OF 155 ACRES**

Barrow County currently owns 155 acres of property, located between Pearl Pentecost Road & Hwy. 211, the proposed location for the new Barrow County Courthouse & Detention Center. This is requesting the Board of Commissioners to grant approval & request the City of Winder to accept annexation of this property.

Commissioner Wehunt made motion to approve & begin annexation process, Commissioner Lampp seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

7. SHANNON NAVARRE-RESOLUTIO-FULL FUNDING OF STATE & LOCAL EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS & SOLID WASTE SITES

This Resolution expresses the Board of Commissioners support for full funding of State & Local efforts to cleanup hazardous & solid waste sites, properly address waste-related activities & control erosion & sedimentation & to urge that all proceeds generated through statutorily-dedicated fees be appropriated only to those uses for which the funds were created.

Commissioner Lampp made motion to authorize Chairman to sign this Resolution, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

8. GUY HERRING-IMPACT FEES

Mr. Herring is bringing the discussion of impact fees to the Board & should the Board want to move forward with the study, a RFQ will be needed for consultants to conduct an impact fee study. DISCUSSION: Set up a work session to obtain more information.

9. NORMA JEAN BROWN-HOLIDAYS IN PERSONNEL POLICY

For clarification purpose of designating holidays for our Public Safety employees, we recommend that these days to be the actual calendar day the holiday falls on, not the days that the Board allows the county offices to be closed.

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to approve recommendation that designated holidays for Public Safety employees to be the actual day of the holiday, Commissioner Hendrix seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

10. GINA MCDONALD-PROJECT ADAM REQUEST

Project Adam, a Christian-based, non-profit organization responds to all facets of our society who suffer from alcohol & drug dependency. They provide information for prevention & education, family & individual counseling, a recovery residency & also provide workplace alcohol & drug testing. Barrow County has supported Project Adam through the years & they are appreciative for their support.

Gina McDonald of Project Adam is requesting assistance from the Board to purchase capital items needed for its program. Items include a 15-passenger van, icemaker, refrigerator & three computes for cost of \$31,347.00. The funds

would come from the county's Drug Abuse & Education fund, which currently has a balance of over \$200,000. The funds are a result of extra fines paid by individuals convicted of drug charges & can only be used for drug abuse treatment & education programs relating to controlled substances & marijuana. The County's Purchasing Department will purchase these items under our purchasing guidelines.

Commissioner Berry made motion to authorize expenditures & to amend budget, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

11. CHAIRMAN

1. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to accept resolution to reappoint Angie Davis as County Attorney, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

2. REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Lampp made motion to reappoint Michelle Sims as County Clerk, Commissioner Wehunt seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

With no further business, Commissioner Lampp made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wehunt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM