

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

April 7, 2009
7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Charles Wyatt, Joey M. Loudermilk, Joe F. Manning, Patrick Whearley. Staff Present: Daniel B. Bridges, County Manager; John M. Taylor, County Attorney, Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **William Odom: Safe Haven Animal Shelter on Fortune Hole Road.** William Odom, citizen, appeared before the Board and explained that ever since the Special Use Permit was approved for Judy Smith/Safe Haven there have been problems with noise from the animals and with the animals getting out of their pens. He requested that the Board consider removing the Special Use Permit for the property as well as to amend the Zoning Ordinance to require that Animal Shelters be located a certain distance away from residential structures. Chairman Lange thanked Mr. Odom for his comments, and following a brief discussion, which included that the Board could remove the Special Use Permit per the Zoning amendment procedures, Danny Bridges, County Manager, was directed to look into this matter.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointment to Enrichment Services Board.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the individual interested in being appointed to this Board is Elsie Farley, who recently retired from DFACS. The motion to appoint Mrs. Farley to the Enrichment Services Board in the position left vacant by Ms. Bennie Jones, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed with four in favor (Wyatt, Loudermilk, Lange, Whearley), no opposition, and one abstention (Manning).
 - B. **Budget Schedule for FY 09/10.** The motion to approve the schedule was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Board would receive copies of the Department Heads' requests as well as his recommendation of each.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Error & Release Request.** Chairman Lange said that the Error & Release request is for C. Russell Baker, with the Digest total of \$6,800 corrected to zero (duplicate account). The motion to approve this Error & Release was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Service Delivery.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the information provided regarding Service Delivery requires no action; that the Service Delivery must be revised in conjunction with the revision of the Comprehensive Plan; that it requires the County and Cities to review services in order to eliminate or reduce duplication of those services; and that while it is not necessary for the Commissioners to attend the meetings they can if they so desire and he will advise them of the dates; and that the revision must be completed by June 30, 2009.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:30 PM**

- A. **Application of Michael Harris to rezone 8.74 acres of Land Lot 145, Land District 20, Parcel 27, Map 10, from A-1 to C-4, present use undeveloped, proposed use Boat/RV Storage; property located at corner of Lickskillet and Highway 103.** Chairman Lange said that the applicant, Michael Harris, has requested withdrawal of his application as a result of talking with his neighbors and that the Planning Commission and Zoning Staff have recommended approval of the withdrawal. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition to the application. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve the withdrawal of this application was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

8. **NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

B. **EMS/Fire Station and Community/Recreation Center Update.**

- (1) **EMS/Fire Station.** Scott Allen, of Andras Allen Starr Architecture, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed layout/drawing for the EMS/Fire Station. In his review, Mr. Allen said that the building is proposed to be in two phases; that Phase I is the EMS side and includes one bay, two bedrooms and restrooms, kitchen, laundry area, dayroom storage, supply closet and office; and that Phase II is the Fire side and includes two bays, two bedrooms, bathroom, shower, kitchen/dayroom combination, training room and offices. Discussion included that Phase II may not be necessary due to the close proximity of the Pine Mountain Fire Department to the proposed site at the Airport; and that the proposed building site is on the soon-to-be-acquired additional property at the Airport and near the hangar location due to availability of water and to avoid a long paved drive, but could be relocated if necessary.
- (2) **Community/Recreation Center.** Lee Martin, of Andras Allen Starr Architecture, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed layout/drawings for the Community/Recreation Center. In his review, Mr. Martin said that the building is proposed to be constructed in two phases; that Phase I is the Gym side and includes the gym, meeting room, conference room, offices, lobby, reception area, storage, changing rooms and restrooms; and that Phase II is the Pool side and includes a competition swimming pool, a zero depth pool, office, fitness room, storage, locker rooms, and outdoor activity area. Discussion included that the conference room in Phase I may need to be larger while the offices may need to be smaller, and that Phase II would take place as funds permit.

9. **COUNTY MANAGER (CONTINUED)**

- B. **Fuel Dispensers.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, advised the Board that the County has experienced problems with the current method of dispensing fuel because keys are used and there is currently \$50,000 of fuel unallocated to the proper departments; that in an effort to keep better track of fuel (gas and diesel) purchases and dispensing, he would like to purchase two used dispensing systems at a cost of \$4,500 each that would track the gallons dispensed, the department to be charged, and that the vehicle mileage could also be entered; and that part of the funds budgeted for a vehicle in the Administrative Department could be used for the systems. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Manning made the motion to purchase the two (2) used dispensing systems as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
- C. **SPLOST (2008) Allocation Schedule.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that as a result of the SPLOST voted in by the citizens in November of 2008, an allocation of the funds is necessary; that the collection of the SPLOST started April 1 and the County should start receiving same in June;

and that an allocation schedule must be approved even though it is basically a starting point and can be changed as the Board finds it necessary to do so. The motion to approve the Allocation Schedule as presented with the understanding that it can be changed, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

10. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Request for Executive Session.** John Taylor, County Attorney, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, real estate acquisition, and a personnel matter.

11. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, real estate acquisition, and a personnel matter was made at 8:05 PM by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

12. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by 9:45 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

13. **OTHER.** Commissioner Wyatt said that he would like the Board to consider amending the SPLOST Road List with the addition of Elm Drive and asked that same be on the next agenda.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk