

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

July 6, 2010

7:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order and noted that Commission Manning was absent due to being on vacation and that John Taylor, County Attorney, was absent due to family medical issue.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Financial Statement: May 2010.** The motion to approve the May 2010 Financial Statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **First Reading: Ordinance re Flood Damage.** Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading for an ordinance regarding flood damage and that this is to replace an older version and is based on updates to flood maps. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this Ordinance. There being none, he said that the Second Reading and action are scheduled for the July 20 meeting.
  - C. **Appointment/Reappointment: New Horizons Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Community Service Board.** Chairman Lange said that the term of Kittye Jo Crockett expired June 30 and that the New Horizons MHDDAD Board is requesting that Ms. Crockett be reappointed to another term ending June 30, 2013. The motion to reappoint Ms. Crockett to the MHDDAD Board was made by Commissioners Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
  - D. **Environmental Health Fees Schedule (revised).** Chairman Lange asked Danny Bridges, County Manager, to explain this matter. Mr. Bridges said that the local Board of Health sets the fees, but they have to be approved by the Commissioners before implementation of same; that the fees, some of which reduced, are now more in line with the other counties in the region. The motion to approve the revised Environmental Health Fees was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" as MD #10-04.)
  - E. **Resolution: Opposition to Unionization and Mandatory Collective Bargaining Legislation in the United States Congress.** Chairman Lange said that he asked that this be placed on the agenda for the Board to discuss and possibly vote on during tonight's meeting or do so at the next meeting. Commissioner Loudermilk asked that the resolution be on the July 20 meeting.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Recreation: Personnel.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the starting salary for the Assistant Recreation Director position is \$27,272; that he has the authority to adjust salaries up to 5% above the starting rate; that because the individual has a Master's Degree in Recreation, he would like to offer \$30,000, which is 10% above the starting rate. The motion to approve the starting salary of \$30,000 for the individual was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Note: The individual being offered the position is Ashley Marston.)

- B. **ACCG Agreement: Internship Program.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that ACCG has an Internship Program in which counties can participate and hire individuals to work up to 160 hours for a maximum of \$1,160; that Martha Hartley, Probate Judge, wants to hire an intern; and that in order for the County to receive the funding, this agreement must be executed and returned to ACCG along with several other documents related to the Internship Program. The motion to approve this Agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-21.)
- C. **Southern Health Partners Agreement Amendment #5: Prison Inmate Medical Needs.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this was the usual annual agreement regarding the medical needs of the inmates at the Harris County Prison; that it is an amendment to the original agreement; and that there is an increase in the monthly fee. The motion to approve this agreement amendment was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-22.)
- D. **DOT Agreement: Mehaffey Road (Plant Mix Resurfacing) [S012721 - PR].** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this is the usual DOT contract relating to County roads. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-23.)
- E. **Millage Rate.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Millage Rate will be set during the July 20 meeting; and that there is no change in the rate.
- F. **Telephone System Update: Courthouse, Commissioners' Office, and Community Development.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the upgrade of the telephone system in the Courthouse was included in the Budget; that the upgrade also includes the Commissioners' Office and the Community Development as part of the new system; that the current system in all three offices is maintained by A-COM, located in Columbus; that it appears that A-COM may be a single service provider in the local area; and unless the Board has any suggestions of another company or no objections, he would like to proceed with getting revised pricing and implementing the update with A-COM. There were no suggestions or objections to proceeding with A-COM.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk