

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 21, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Joe Manning, Patrick Whearley, Charles Wyatt. 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 December 7, 2010, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed with four in favor (Lange, Manning, Whearley, Wyatt), no opposition, and one abstention (Loudermilk, who was absent during the December 7 meeting).
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Request for Tax Refund: McDowell, Logan.** Chairman Lange said that this matter was before the Board during the December 7 meeting during which the motion to approve the request failed by a vote of two to two but did not automatically disapprove the request. He asked for another motion. The motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Whearley. Discussion included Danny Bridges, County Manager, confirming that the Tax Commissioners' office gave correct tax information, and Commissioner Loudermilk said that if the Tax Commissioners' office had given incorrect information, he would be in favor of approval, but because the correct information was given, he will vote against approval. The motion to approve failed by a vote of two in favor (Wyatt, Whearley) and three opposed (Lange, Loudermilk, Manning). The motion to disapprove the request was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed by a vote of three in favor (Manning, Lange, Loudermilk) and two opposed (Whearley, Wyatt).
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **First Reading: Alcohol Ordinance Amendments.** Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading and asked for comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Manning asked about the fees, and Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that fees were not part of the Ordinance. Chairman Lange then asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak either for or against the amendments. There being none, he said that the Second Reading, with possible action, will take place January 4.
 - B. **Resolution of Appreciation: Joe F. Manning.** Chairman Lange read the resolution honoring Commissioner Manning. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed by a vote of four in favor (Wyatt, Loudermilk, Lange, Whearley), no opposition, and one abstention (Manning).
 - C. **Resolution of Appreciation: Patrick Whearley.** Chairman Lange read the resolution honoring Commissioner Manning. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed by a vote of four in favor (Wyatt, Loudermilk, Lange, Manning), no opposition, and one abstention (Whearley).
 - D. **Reappointments/Appointments.** The following reappointments/appointments were made.
 - (1) **Agri-Center Board.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Loudermilk, and unanimous vote, Gilbert Andrews and Jack McClung were reappointed, and the new term will be from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2013.
 - (2) **Development Authority.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Loudermilk, second by Commissioner Wyatt, and unanimous vote, Mark Smith (at large) was reappointed to the term January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2014. Action regarding the position held by Ken Napier was tabled.

- (3) Health Board. Upon the motion by Commissioner Loudermilk, second by Commissioner Wyatt, and unanimous vote, Shirley Manning and Julie Brown were reappointed, and their new term will be January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2016.
- (4) Library Board. Upon the motion by Commissioner Whearley, second by Commissioner Wyatt, and unanimous vote, Shane Lipp and Charlotte Zuerner were reappointed to the term January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2013. Action regarding the position held by Pat McNamara was tabled.
- (5) Planning Commission. Action regarding the position held by Garnett Ray, III, was tabled by Commissioner Whearley so that newly-elected Commissioner Becky Langston could make the appointment. Action regarding the position held by Willie Rutledge was tabled by Commissioner Wyatt.
- (6) Recreation Board. Action regarding the positions held by Doug Martin and John Rodgers was tabled pending research as to the necessity of such board since each youth sports association has a board; that meetings are very sporadic; and that most of the members are unable to attend the meetings even though meetings were rescheduled for the majority of the Board.
- (7) Tax Assessors. Upon the motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Loudermilk, and unanimous vote, Rick Norris was reappointed to the Board of Tax Assessors for the term January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2014.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Bid Award: Mehaffey Road Resurfacing**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said bids had been received for the resurfacing of Mehaffey Road, as follows:

Company	Bid Amount	Striping			Total Bid
		Edge	Center	Skip	
CW Matthews, Marietta, GA	\$ 175,046.20	\$ 1,499.00	\$ 1,849.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 179,784.20
Southern Asphalt, Columbus, GA	\$ 212,135.50	\$ 1,573.00	\$ 1,941.00	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 217,108.50

Mr. Bridges said that Allen Culpepper, Public Works Director, has recommended the bid be awarded to CW Matthews for the low bid of \$179,784.20, and that DOT will pay approximately \$181,000 toward the project. The motion to award the bid to CW Matthews for the low bid of \$179,784.20 was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Woodland Hills Sewer Agreement**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that included in the meeting packets were a cash flow performa that he had prepared based on estimates provided by Lisa Maki, with Woodland Hills; an e-mail from Ms. Maki; the Wastewater Service Agreement between the County and Foxchase (the developer of Woodland Hills); and an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbus Water Works to Provide Sanitary Sewer Service to Woodland Hills. Discussion included that a request had been made for the County to reimburse the developer for half the sewer connection fees for the first 256 taps or \$384,000; that because such reimbursement may be considered a gratuity, more research is needed regarding same. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Wastewater Service Agreement with Foxchase and the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbus Water Works with the condition that the "gratuity" issue be resolved was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-42 (agreement with Foxchase) and C&A #10-43 (amendment to intergovernmental with Columbus Water Works)].
- C. **Supplemental Salary for Full Time employees**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board the employees had not received an increase in 2009 or 2010, and he requested a one-time supplemental salary (not a salary increase or a bonus) in the amount of \$500 for each full-time County employee hired prior to July 1, 2010, and who must be employed January 1, 2011, but does not include elected officials. The motion to approve the \$500 one-time supplemental salary as explained was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed with four in favor (Whearley, Loudermilk, Lange, Wyatt), no opposition, and one abstention (Manning).

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**.

- A. **Resolution Authorizing Public Hearing & Chairman to Approve Issuance of Bonds (JCI/Hoover)**. John Taylor, County Attorney, explained the document which was for the purpose of authorizing him to conduct a public hearing related to the bonds for the expansion of the Johnson Control/Hoover building in the Northwest Harris Business Park and authorizing the Chairman to approve the issuance of the related bonds. The motion to approve this Resolution was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Intergovernmental Agreement (Revised) with Development Authority: JCI Expansion**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that during the December 7 meeting, the Board approved an intergovernmental agreement that contained blanks, but that the blanks had been filled in and the final document was before the Board to approve again. Following discussion, the motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-44.)
7. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk