

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

February 1, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Andrew Zuerner, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, Bobby Irions, Becky Langston.
Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Zuerner called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chairman Zuerner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Session and the January 10, 2022 Work Session was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: American Business Women's Association.** At the request of Chairman Zuerner, Commissioner Langston read the Proclamation regarding the 41st anniversary celebration of the Harris County Charter Chapter of the ABWA on Saturday, February 19, 2022. She then made the motion to approve the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Bid Award: Green Drive Water Line.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the Board approved the installation of 2,000 linear feet of water line on Green Drive using federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; that the bid was prepared and on the deadline date of January 18, the County received four bids, as follows:

Company	Bid Amount
Gordy Construction (Fortson GA)	\$ 127,832.00
Crawford Grading & Pipeline (Luthersville GA)	\$ 140,432.00
Helix Group, Inc. (Fairburn GA)	\$ 195,580.12
RDJE, Inc. (Newnan GA)	\$ 226,307.00

Mr. Dowling said that the low bidder was Gordy Construction, of Fortson, GA, with a bid of \$127,832; that the funding for this project was budgeted in the ARP Funds at \$251,264 (design and construction); and that if approved, the project is scheduled to begin during April, due to supply chain issues, and be completed by June 30, 2022. The motion to award the bid to Gordy Construction in the amount of \$127,832 and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute the necessary documents was made by Chairman Zuerner, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Bid Award: Road Resurfacing (LMIG) 2022.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that during the September 7, 2021, meeting, the Board approved the submission of three (3) County roads, totaling 7.20 miles, to GDOT for the 2022 LMIG resurfacing program; that the roads were Trammell Mill Road (SR 85 to Kings Gap Road), Copeland Road (SR 116 to dead end), and Calhoun Road (Hudson Mill Road to Lower Blue Springs Road); that the bid was prepared and on the deadline date of January 27 received four bids, as follows:

Company Name	Total Bid
Robinson Paving (Columbus GA)	\$ 972,133.50
CW Matthews (Marietta GA)	\$ 1,038,761.44
Atlanta Paving & Concrete (Peachtree Corners GA)	\$ 1,225,611.88
Piedmont Paving (Newnan GA)	\$ 1,287,670.18

Mr. Dowling said that the low bidder was Robinson Paving, of Columbus, GA, with the low bid of \$972,133.50; that funding for this project was included in the Public Works Department and T-SPLOST approved FY 2021-22 budgets; that \$811,925.40 will come from the County's 2022 LMIG allocation, the required 10% match of \$81,192.54 and the overage of \$79,015.56 will come from T-SPLOST; and that if approved, the project is to be completed by June 30, 2022. Following discussion, the motion to award the bid to Robinson Paving for the low bid of \$972,133.50 and to

authorize the County Manager and the County Clerk to execute any necessary documents was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Chairman Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

C. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:

- (1) UDC/Land Use Codes. First reading tentatively set for March 16 before the Planning Commission and second reading before the Board on April 5; if approved, it would be effective on the date so chosen by the Board.
- (2) EMS/VFD Facility in NWHBP. Design is underway with kick-off meeting having been held January 28.
- (3) LMIG Resurfacing 2022. Bid awarded during tonight's meeting; project to be completed by June 30, 2022.
- (4) Ellerslie Park. Grand opening held January 22 with good attendance and is now experiencing tremendous usage; on-line survey underway to find out what citizens would like to see at the Park in the future.
- (5) Water Works Administration Building. Design has been approved; project should be completed late 2022.
- (6) Capital Projects using Federal ARP Funds. Green Drive Water Line Extension approved this evening; Governor Kemp announced the broadband recipients, which included \$25 million for Diverse Power with whom the County has partnered; that Diverse Power has 3 years in which to spend the funds in their service territory.
- (7) Renovation of Old Library - Roof & HVAC System. Project delayed until March due to supply chain delays, mainly with the HVAC; should begin seeing patients in April.
- (8) Impact Fee Study. CIE was transmittal to the RVRC for review; ordinance and fee schedule to be discussed during the February 24 Planning Retreat.
- (9) Assist RVRC with T-SPLOST Referendum. Waiting for the May 24 referendum for the 16-county area; that educational information is on the County's website; and that publicity should be provided by the Chamber of Commerce.
- (10) Redistricting of Commission Districts. Waiting for approval from the State; new map passed the House, where the vote was 124 in favor, 39 against, and one abstention, and is now in the Senate.
- (11) LOST Renegotiations. Municipalities will be contacted soon regarding LOST renegotiations, which has to begin by July 1 and be completed by the end of the year to determine how the LOST will be distributed.
- (12) SPLOST. Record breaking collections in December.
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- (14) Single Family Home Permits. Issued 29 permits in January for a total of 134 for the fiscal year.

6. **OTHER**

- A. **Horace King Program at Chipley Historical Center.** Commissioner Grant said that he attended a presentation regarding Horace King at the Chipley Historical Center and recommended that citizens see the exhibit.
- B. **Humane Society 5K Run.** Commissioner Grant said that there will be a 5K Run benefitting the Humane Society on February 12; that while he is not sure of the time or where it will take place, citizens can contact Sally Clay Smith of Pine Mountain regarding same.

7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Zuerner made the motion at 6:50 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously.
8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:15 PM by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Zuerner, and passed unanimously.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

Andrew Zuerner, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk