

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present (in person): Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, Andrew Zuerner. Commissioners Present (via telephone due to COVID-19): Becky Langston, J. Harry Lange. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk. Staff Present (via telephone): Russell Britt, County Attorney.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
3. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: Five Bridges Project.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the FY 2020-21 approved SPLOST 2014 budget included \$355,500 to repair three bridges (Oak Mountain Road over Sparks Creek, Whitesville Road over Standing Boy Creek, Middlebrooks Road over Little Mountain Creek) plus two additional bridges (Barnes Mill Road over Palmetto Creek and Jordan Road over Mulberry Creek); that bids were prepared and advertised during August and September; and that on September 10, the County received three bids, as follows:

COMPANY	Bid Amount
Lewallen Construction Co., Marietta GA	\$ 846,178.44
E&D Contracting Services, Savannah GA	\$ 1,063,581.60
Southeastern Site Development, Newnan GA	\$ 1,762,734.68

Mr. Dowling said that County staff and Sastry & Associates had evaluated the bids and recommends that Lewallen Construction be awarded the bid for a total of \$846,178.44; that the overage of \$490,678.44 will come from T-SPLOST; and that if approved, the five bridges can be repaired by June 30, 2021. The motion to award the bid to Lewallen Construction for the low bid of \$846,178.44 was made by Commissioner Lange and seconded by Commissioner Grant. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. **Bid Award: Foam Filled Tires.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the FY 2020-21 approved Solid Waste budget included \$40,000 for the purchase, delivery and installation of foam filled tires for equipment at the Solid Waste Transfer Station; that bids were prepared and advertised during August; and that on September 10, the County received two bids, as follows:

COMPANY	Bid Amount
Southern Tire Mart, LLC, Columbia MS (with local service in LaGrange GA)	\$ 17,485.92
Goodyear Commercial Tire, Columbus GA	\$ 24,542.00

Mr. Dowling said that County staff had evaluated the bids and recommends that Southern Tire Mart be awarded the bid for a total of \$17,485.92; and that if approved, the tires will be delivered and installed within eight (8) days of the issuance of the Purchase Order. The motion to award the bid to Southern Tire Mart for the low bid of \$17,485.92 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

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

- (1) **Live Stream Equipment for Commission Chambers.** Equipment has been ordered and will be installed by late October.
- (2) **Courthouse ERU Replacement.** Equipment has been ordered and should be installed late this month.
- (3) **Removal & Disposal of Underground Fuel Storage Tank.** Tank removal took place this morning; soil test results look good.

- (4) Repair to Five County Bridges. Bid awarded during tonight's meeting.
 - (5) Melody Lakes Dam. Project is on bid; deadline is October 22; and Board consideration scheduled for November 3.
 - (6) Water Works Administration Building. RFQ is out; deadline is October 15.
 - (7) Renovation of Old Library. Work continues on the MOU, which was provided to the Board this afternoon for review.
 - (8) Land Use and Development Codes Update. Project is underway; focus group meetings have been held and the summary was provided to the Board this afternoon; a drop-in community workshop is scheduled for September 22 and 23 at the Community Center.
 - (9) CARES Act Grant. County has received its entire allocation of \$1.6 million which was used for public safety (Sheriff's Office and EMS) salaries and benefits. Awaiting authorization from the Governor for Phase II.
 - (10) Ellerslie Park. In response to questions, Mike Brown, Public Works Director, said that work continues on the clearing of Ellerslie Park; that Alexander Contracting can finish their work; and that most of the tornado damage is far back into the woods. Mr. Dowling said that a control burn is scheduled for this winter to burn undergrowth.
 - (11) SPLOST Collection. Record high for August.
 - (12) LOST Collection. Record high for August.
 - (13) T-SPLOST Collection. Average for August.
 - (14) Single Family Building Permits. 43 permits have been issued thus far this fiscal year.
4. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**. Russell Britt, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board this evening other than to remind the Board to review the MOU in regard to Mercer Medicine.
 5. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Commissioner Zuerner requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition.
 6. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition personnel was made at 7:20 PM by Commissioner Zuerner, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
 7. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**. The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.
 8. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk