

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 4, 2007
7:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Bridges called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of August 21, 2007, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **DOT Contract: Alabama Road & Calhoun Road [PR000-S009-00(815)].** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the document, said that this is the standard DOT contract, and recommended approval of same. The motion to approve this contract was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Whearley said that these two roads are also on the LARP list that was approved during the August 21 meeting and asked that clarification be obtained regarding same. Commissioner Wyatt amended his motion to be one of approval pending clarification of the LARP list and Commissioner Lange amended his second. The motion passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #07-25.)
- B. **Letter of Endorsement: Historic Chattahoochee Commission.** Chairman Bridges said that this was discussed during the preceding Work Session with consensus being to delete the amount of funding and to correct a typographical error. The motion to approve the letter was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

4. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Bid Award: Mower for Recreation.** Chairman Bridges said that bids had been received for a new mower for the Recreation Department. The bid received were as follows:

COMPANY	MAKE/MODEL	BID
Columbus Outdoor Equipment, Columbus, GA	Hustler 92772	\$ 6,391.32
Hamilton Equipment, Columbus, GA	Lazer Z LAS25KC604	\$ 5,624.25
K&C Pressure Washing, Cataula, GA	EverRide ZKW2560S	\$ 7,602.00
Melson Tractor Co., Salem, AL	Hustler Z	\$ 7,040.00
Pates Farm Equipment, Waverly Hall, GA	Cub Cadet M60KH07 Tank	\$ 7,199.25
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Chairman Bridges said that John Magazu, Recreation Director, has recommended the bid be awarded to Hamilton Equipment, as the low bidder, for \$5,624.25. Mr. Magazu said that the mower exceeded the bid requirements. The motion to award the bid to Hamilton Equipment for the low bid of \$5,624.25 was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Bid Award: Fire Vehicles for Antioch VFD.** Chairman Bridges said that this matter is being tabled at the request of the Chief of the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department.
- C. **Health Department Connection to Hamilton Sewer.** Chairman Bridges said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session; that due to the Highway 116 project, Hamilton's water and sewer lines and the County's water lines have to be relocated; that the relocation of Hamilton's sewer lines will go through the septic field of the Health Department; that Hamilton has an Ordinance requiring everyone to be on its sewer; that Hamilton will waive the connection and tap on fees; and that motion is needed to have the Health Department connected to the Hamilton sewer line. The motion to approve same was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- D. **USDA Applications.** Chairman Bridges said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that consensus was to make application to the USDA for assistance with bond funding for The Grove, for water lines in the Hamilton Business Park, and for road assistance in the Northwest Harris Business Park; and that applications for same will not commit the County to accept same. The motion to approve making application for funding assistance for The Grove, the Hamilton Business Park,

and the Northwest Harris Business Park, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed with four in favor (Wyatt, Lange, Bridges, Whearley) and one opposed (Manning).

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Resolution to Commence Condemnation Proceedings for Acquisition of Right-of-Way on Moon Road.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he had drafted a Resolution regarding condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of right-of-way on Moon Road. Commissioner Wyatt tabled action to the September 18 meeting and said that Jimmy Evans, Public Works Director, should visit the property owners who have not yet returned the right-of-way deeds. There were no objections from the other Commissioners.
- B. **Resolution of Acceptance: Mill Glen Way and Mill Glen Court in Mill Glen Subdivision, Phase II.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the appropriate documents have been received in connection with deeding the road right-of-way to the County, and he recommended approval of the Resolution. The motion to approve the Resolution to accept Mill Glen Way and Mill Glen Court was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Real Estate Acquisition: Northwest Harris Business Park.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the Board recently acquired an option from Dennis Haywood to purchase 43.01± acres of property adjacent to the Northwest Harris Business Park; that he has prepared documents to exercise the County's option to purchase the property to be made part of the Northwest Harris Business Park. The motion to exercise the option to purchase the property was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.

6. **OTHER**

- A. **Portable Pitcher's Mound for Pate Park.** Commissioner Whearley said that some of the fields at Pate Park are used for T-ball and baseball; that there is a need for a portable pitcher's mound to be moved into place when baseball is played; that a portable mound will cost approximately \$2,100. He then made the motion to purchase the portable pitcher's mound at a cost of \$2,100 with the funds coming from Recreation's equipment line. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyatt and passed unanimously.

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

- A. **Explanation of Public Hearing Procedures.** Chairman Bridges explained the procedures involved with the Public Hearing.
- B. **Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section 2, Item 128D: Subdivision With Lots of 5+ acres in A-1 Districts.** Chairman Bridges called the Public Hearing to order, read the specifics of the application, and said that the amendment would require subdivisions with lots of 5 or more acres in A-1 districts to come before the Board for a Special Use Permit prior to the platting process. Following a brief discussion by the Board, Chairman Bridges asked if anyone in attendance would like to comment on the proposed amendment. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and said that the Second Reading and possible action regarding the amendment will be held during the September 18 meeting.

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

Attest

Daniel B. Bridges, Chairman

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk