

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

Commissioners Present: Daniel B. Bridges, J. Harry Lange, Joe F. Manning, Patrick Whearley, Charles Wyatt. Staff Present: John M. Taylor; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**. Chairman Bridges called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES**. The motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of November 20, 2007, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Second Reading: Amend Alcohol Ordinance for Special Events Facility**. Chairman Bridges said that this was the second reading for the amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance to allow the licensing of a Special Events Facility. He asked if the Board had any comments or questions. There being none, he asked if anyone in attendance wished to comment on same. There being none, the motion to approve this amendment was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Amend 2007 SPLOST Road List**. Chairman Bridges said that it is being requested that Richardson Road be added to the 2007 SPLOST road list; that the road is approximately 1.1 miles; and that the estimated cost for resurfacing is \$62,850. The motion to approve this addition was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Resolution of Appreciation for Carol A. Silva**. Chairman Bridges read the document recognizing the commitment and service of Carol A. Silva to the County. The motion to approve this document was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Resolution: Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Adoption**. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this document is necessary for the adoption of the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan with the cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall; that the required public hearings have been held regarding same; and that the next update isn't required until 2017. The motion to approve this Resolution was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Error & Release Requests & NODs**. Chairman Bridges read the Error & Release requests and NODs as follows:
 - (1) **Error & Release**
 - (a) Coulter, Reginald R.: Digest total of \$5,200 corrected to zero (in military; claims residence is in Oregon; exempt for boat ad valorem tax in Georgia)
 - (b) Fowler, Donald R. & Karen B. (2007): Digest total of \$18,913 corrected to \$18,046 (billed for three lots; only purchased two)
 - (c) Fowler, Donald R. & Karen B. (2006): Digest total of \$18,913 corrected to \$18,046 (billed for three lots; only purchased two)
 - (d) Thompson, Florence, et al: Digest total of \$2,640 corrected to zero (ownership change of 2006 not changed on property record)
 - (e) Thompson, Florence, et al: Digest total of \$1,920 corrected to zero (ownership change of 2006 not changed on property record)
 - (2) **Not on Digest**
 - (a) Jones, Homer & Joyce (2007): Digest total of \$0 corrected to \$867 (lot billed in error to another property owner - see (b) above)
 - (b) Jones, Homer & Joyce (2006): Digest total of \$0 corrected to \$867 (lot billed in error to another property owner - see (c) above)
 - (c) Polleys, Mary Sue & John H.: Digest total of \$0 corrected to \$2,640 (ownership change of 2006 not changed on property record - see (d) above)
 - (d) Polleys, Mary Sue & John H.: Digest total of \$0 corrected to \$1,920 (ownership change of 2006 not changed on property record - see (e) above)

The motion to approve the Error & Release requests and the NODs was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

- D. **Appointment to Two Rivers RC&D Council.** Chairman Bridges said that the retirement of Carol Silva left a vacancy on the Two Rivers Council on which she served as the alternate member; that Commissioner Wyatt had indicated he would like to serve on the Council; and that should the Board desire to do so, it could make the new appointment to serve as the voting member, currently held by J. R. "Red" Beall, or as the alternate member. The motion to appoint Commissioner Wyatt in the alternate member position was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - E. **Financial Statement: October 2007.** The motion to approve the Financial Statement for October 2007 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - F. **Audit for FY 06/07.** Jay Pease and Laura Harris, of Robinson Grimes, appeared before the Board. Mr. Pease reviewed the audit and responded to questions. Following discussion, the motion to approve the FY 06/07 Audit was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
- A. **Tax Commissioner: Computer Hardware.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the Board had discussed this matter during the preceding Work Session and that a motion and vote are needed to approve the purchase of hardware to support the recently purchased software for the Tax Commissioners' Office at an approximate cost of \$13,200. The motion to approve \$13,200 to purchase computer hardware was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (No direction was given as to from where the \$13,200 was to be taken.)
 - B. **Tax Assessor: Personnel Slot.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that a motion and vote are needed to approve the Appraiser/Commercial Specialist position in Grade 34 and to authorize the salary of the individual being considered to be at 7.85% above what is authorized by the Personnel Plan. The motion to approve the position in Grade 34 and the salary at 7.85% above what is authorized by the Personnel Plan was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board having done so during the Work Session.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:30 PM**
- A. **Application to Amend the Text of the Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Definitions, to define Special Event Facility, and Article IV, Permitted Uses in Zoning Districts, to allow Special Event Facility in certain districts.** Chairman Bridges called the Public Hearing to order and said that this amendment goes hand-in-hand with the previously approved amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance and is to add Special Event Facility as a use permitted by A-1, C-1 and C-4 Zoning Districts with the approval of the Commissioners. There being no questions from the Board, he asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the amendment. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion. The motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance as requested was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made at 7:32 PM by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt.
9. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Note: Chairman Bridges did not appear having left during the Executive Session.)
10. **OTHER**
- A. **Resolution re: Mitigation Bank.** Commissioner Whearley made the motion to approve the Resolution to enter into negotiations for a contract with David Beall, dba Outdoor Directions, LLC, for the purpose of acting as the County's agent in the implementation and administration of mitigation banks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lange and passed with three in favor (Whearley, Lange, Manning), no opposition, and one abstention (Wyatt, who indicated that it is possible that some of his future income could come from this venture).

- B. **Animal Control Computer**. Commissioner Wyatt said that Tommy Geter, III, Animal Control Officer, is using a computer given to him by the City; that he has found a program that on dog pounds that will keep all records; that the cost of the program is about \$800 and a new computer on which to run it will be about \$1,000. He asked that Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, to check into the matter. There were no objections to Mrs. McMichael checking into the information.
- C. **Leash Law**. Commissioner Whearley said that he will have the information on leash laws ready at the next meeting. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that an amendment could be made to the County's existing Animal Control Ordinance to accomplish a leash law requirement. Mrs. McMichael asked Commissioner Whearley to provide her with the information in time to include with the meeting packets, and Commissioner Whearley said that he would do so.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

Daniel B. Bridges, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk