

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 18, 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 and Appeal Hearing of Melanie Durham of December 4, 2007, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Appointments/Reappointments.** Chairman Bridges said that several appointments and/or reappointments needs to be made for various boards. Action was as follows:

- (1) **Agri-Center Board.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Whearley, and unanimous vote, Gilbert Andrews was reappointed to the Agri-Center Board and Jack McClung was appointed to take the place of Lon Marlowe, who preferred not to be reappointed. The term for Mr. Andrews and Mr. McClung will be from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2010.
- (2) **Development Authority.** Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Manning, and unanimous vote, Lynda Dawson and Chad Kimbrough were reappointed to the Development Authority for the term of January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2011. (*See #4 below for reconsideration of vote.*)
- (3) **Elections & Registration.** Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Manning, and unanimous vote, John Adams was reappointed to the Elections & Registration Board, and upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Manning, and a vote of three in favor (Wyatt, Whearley, Bridges), one opposed (Lange), and one abstention (Manning), Pam Jackson was appointed to take the place of Rebecca Fewell. The term for Mr. Adams and Mrs. Jackson will be from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2011.

At this point, Commissioner Wyatt made the motion to reconsider the vote taken regarding the Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lange and passed unanimously.

- (4) **Development Authority.** Following a motion by Commissioner Wyatt, a second by Commissioner Lange, and unanimous vote to reconsider the vote previously taken regarding the Development Authority, regarding the reappointment of Lynda Dawson, Commissioner Wyatt made the motion, Commissioner Whearley seconded, and the reappointment passed unanimously, and regarding the reappointment of Chad Kimbrough, Commissioner Manning made the motion, Commissioner Lange seconded, and the reappointment passed with three in favor (Manning, Lange, Bridges) and two opposed (Whearley, Wyatt).
- (5) **Library Board.** Upon motion by Commissioner Lange, second by Commissioner Whearley, and unanimous vote, Shane Lipp, Pat McNamara and Charlotte Zuerner were reappointed to the Library Board for the term of January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2010.
- (6) **Planning Commission.** There being no second to the motion by Commissioner Manning to reappoint Lewis Sturdivant to the Planning Commission, action was tabled by Commissioner Wyatt until the January 2, 2008, meeting.
- (7) **Recreation Board.** Upon motion by Commissioner Whearley, second by Commissioner Lane, and unanimous vote, John Rodgers was reappointed to the Recreation Board for the term January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2010. Regarding the reappointment of Sammy Hubbard as the representative for the Hamilton Youth Sports Association, action will be taken when the appropriate letter from the Hamilton YSA president is received.
- (8) **Zoning Adjustments.** Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Whearley, and unanimous vote, Harry Bannister and JR "Red" Beall were reappointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for the term of October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2010.

B. **DOT County Contract Request.** Chairman Bridges said that he had executed a request to the Georgia DOT for a county contract regarding the base and resurfacing of 1.5 miles of roadway of a new connector road from Davidson Road to SR 103 for the Northwest Harris Business Park and that the document needed to be ratified. The motion to ratify the request was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

C. **Error & Release Requests and NOD.** Chairman Bridges read the Error & Release requests and NOD as follows:

(1) **Error & Release requests**

- (a) Cody Development, LLC (2006): Digest total of \$7,800 corrected to zero (parcel was combined with another and should have been deleted)
- (b) Copeland, Antonio & Latoya Howard (2007): Digest total of \$4,600 corrected to \$52,712 (data error)
- (c) Hart, Henry & Ruth (2006): Digest total of \$16,680 corrected to zero (property sold to PMV Church of God on January 27, 2006 and should have been deleted)
- (d) L E Adams Enterprises, Inc. (2007): Digest total of \$17,736 corrected to zero (property changed to wrong owner)
- (e) Mordic Builders, Inc. (2007): Digest total of \$18,400 corrected to zero (billed twice, once in another bill and once separately)
- (f) Nextel Partners Equipment, LLC (2007): Digest total of \$11,472 corrected to zero (duplicate account)
- (g) Nextel Partners Equipment, LLC (2007): Digest total of \$8,224 corrected to zero (duplicate account)
- (h) Thomas James Estate: Digest total of \$4,000 corrected to zero (billed twice, once in another bill and once separately)

(2) **NOD**

- (a) Waddell Holdings Co & R. Spencer: Digest total of zero corrected to \$17,736 (changed erroneously to wrong owner)

The motion to approve all of the Error & Release requests, with the exception of the request for Henry & Ruth Hart, and to approve the NOD was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. Action regarding the E&R of Henry & Ruth Hart is tabled to the January 2, 2008, meeting.

D. **Budget Amendment #1 Fy 07/08.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. The motion to approve the Budget Amendments with the exception of the \$19,807 for the Sheriff's Office (which will be on the January 2 agenda), was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

E. **Appropriated Funds.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. The motion to approve the Appropriated Funds was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.

F. **Annexation of County Property into West Point.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. The motion to start the annexation process regarding the property currently within the Northwest Harris Business Park, of approximately 376.18 acres, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

G. **Helicopter Base, Temporary.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. Chairman Bridges made the motion to allow Air Evac to temporarily locate its base at the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department for 120 days subject to (1) receipt of a letter signed by the Ellerslie VFD Board President confirming the arrangement, (2) no flights after 9 PM except for emergencies, and (3) paging will be by 911 only upon the request of the EMS department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lange and passed unanimously.

H. **Incentive Bonus for Employees.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. Commissioner Wyatt made the motion that funds be taken from the Fund Balance to cover an incentive bonus that would be 3% across the board for full time non-elected employees who must be employed at the time the bonus is paid, be out of their six-month trial period, and be based on the base salary of the employee (overtime is not included) during 2007 calendar year, with the bonus percentage reduced if the employee has attendance abuses or reprimands, and no percentage if the employee has been suspended, with the bonus determined by the Administrative Office staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.

I. **Health Department Building Revisions.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session and that action was needed regarding same. The motion to approve the revisions to the building addition/renovation plans was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

4. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Intergovernmental Agreement with West Point.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this matter was discussed during the preceding Work Session; that the document concerns the

services and revenues for the Northwest Harris County Business Park, and that he recommends approval of same. The motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in Contracts & Agreements as C&A #07-34.)

- B. **Alcohol License Transfer Application of Robert Noland, III, re: Luke's Pub.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reminded the Board of its action several meetings ago to allow the transfer of alcohol licenses and that the authorization for same was given to the County Clerk. However, he said, that because of the misdemeanor conviction for marijuana and 18 months probation within the past 10 years, the Board must decide whether or not to waive the misdemeanor conviction as a disqualification. The motion to waive the conviction as a disqualification and approve the transfer of the alcohol license was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

Daniel B. Bridges, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk