

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 2, 2008
7:04 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. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and personnel matters was made at 7:05 PM by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:30 PM by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
4. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007, Regular Session, the December 18, 2007, Appeal Hearing of Katherine Thomas as to Nuisance Classification of Dog, and the December 24, 2007, Called Session was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
5. **ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION.** Action regarding the election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the appointment of the County Attorney and the County Clerk was tabled to the January 15 meeting.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointments/Reappointments**
 - (1) **Planning Commission.** Chairman Bridges said that action regarding the appointment or reappointment of a position on the Planning Commission failed during the December 18 meeting due to lack of a second. He asked for a motion. Commissioner Manning made the motion to reappoint Lewis Sturdivant to the Planning Commission for the term ending December 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lange and passed with three in favor (Manning, Lange, Bridges) and two opposed (Whearley, Wyatt).
 - (2) **Recreation Board.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that she had not yet received a letter from the Hamilton Youth Sports Association regarding the appointment or reappointment of its position, and that when she receives the letter, the matter will be placed on the appropriate agenda.
 - B. **Error & Release Request of Hart, Henry & Ruth.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that no action is necessary regarding this Error & Release request because the tax due had been paid.
 - C. **Budget Amendment: Sheriff's Office of \$19,807.** Chairman Bridges said that this particular budget amendment item had been removed from the list approved during the December 18 meeting, and that minutes regarding the fact that two replacement cars were approved (on March 6, 2007, and October 16, 2007). The motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$19,807 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Item will be on Budget Amendment #2.)
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Farner Barley Proposal, Phase II of NW Harris Business Park.** Chairman Bridges said that the proposal was distributed during the December 18 meeting for the Board to review; that it has been revised (from \$93,100 to \$74,350); and that Phase IV could be deleted to make the total \$56,750. The motion to approve the proposal agreement, with the deletion of Phase IV, for a total of \$56,750, with

the funds to come from Fund Balance, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreement” file as C&A #08-01.)

- B. **Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedules.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that she had not had a chance to review the schedules until today; that she recommends that only the second line of each schedule (starting with January) approved due to errors; and that the schedules will be brought back to the Board for approval on January 15. The motion to approve the second line of each schedule was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Error & Release Requests.** Chairman Bridges said that an Error & Release request had been received for Rocky Branch Plantation to change the Digest total from \$45,417 to \$20,328 because the Caterpillar 268B AC belongs to Jeff Foxworthy for personal use on his farm. The motion to approve this Error & Release request was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- D. **Application for Federal Assistance for Airport Projects: Runway & Apron Rehabilitation and Runway & Taxiway Lighting.** Chairman Bridges said that because these documents, which were briefly discussed during the December 24 Called Session, had to be returned to W.K. Dickson, our Airport Consultant, by the end of the year, Commissioner Lange executed the documents, and the Board needs to ratify same. The motion to approve the Runway & Apron Rehabilitation application (Federal \$1,425,000, County \$37,500, and State \$37,500) and the Runway & Taxiway Lighting System application (Federal \$427,500, County \$11,250, and State \$11,250) was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in “Miscellaneous Documents” file as MD #08-01 (Runway & Apron) and MD #08-02 (Runway & Taxiway Lighting).]
- E. **Application for State Assistance for Airport Project: Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS).** Chairman Bridges said that because this document, which was briefly discussed during the December 24 Called Session, had to be returned to W.K. Dickson, our Airport Consultant, by the end of the year, Commissioner Lange executed the document, and the Board needs to ratify same. The motion to approve the AWOS application (with an estimated project cost of \$80,000) was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Miscellaneous Documents” file as MD #08-03.)
- F. **Bid Award: Pumper for Melody Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.** Chairman Bridges said that bids had been received for a 2000 gallon tanker for the Melody Lakes VFD, as follows:

	Custom Works/Ferrara Fire Apparatus Holden, LA (Local: Woodbury, GA)	Pierce Manufacturing Appleton, WI (Local: Forsyth, GA)
Manufacturer	2008 International	Pierce
Model	Work Star	Contender
Delivery	150 Calendar Days from PO Issuance	240 Calendar Days from PO issuance
Bid Amount	\$ 235,198.00	\$ 206,000.00

Chairman Bridges said that the amount budgeted was \$180,000 and that the bid process took longer than expected, thus the bids came in higher. He said that Melody Lakes VFD has recommended the bid be awarded to Pierce Manufacturing for the bid of \$206,000. He then made the motion to award the bid to Pierce Manufacturing for the bid of \$206,000 with the difference of \$26,000 to be taken from Contingency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whearley and passed unanimously.

- G. **County Manager Job Description.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the Board had discussed the job description for the County Manager during the preceding Work Session and that a motion and vote on same was needed. The motion to approve the job description for the County Manager, with the few editing changes, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

- H. **Fee for Alcohol License for Special Event Facility.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this matter had been discussed during the preceding Work Session and that the consensus was to set the fee for the Special Event Facility Alcohol License at \$400. The motion to set the fee at \$400 was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
- I. **Invoice from Callaway Gardens re: Korean Visit.** Commissioner Whearley said that he wanted to make sure that the County would be invoicing the other parties involved in connection with the bill from Callaway Gardens for hosting the Koreans recently. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that she would make sure that Jennie Shelhorse, Finance Officer, would invoice the other parties involved, and that if not, the check would be held.
- J. **Hunting in FDR State Park.** Commissioner Lange said that in 1989, the Board of Commissioner adopted a Resolution against hunting in FDR State Park (he distributed copies of same); that the matter has come up again; that the Pine Mountain Trail Association would like the Commissioners' assistance in keeping the State Park free of hunting; and that there will be a public hearing by DNR at the Harris County Middle School on January 17 regarding the subject. Commissioner Manning said that he had talked to Ronnie Eakins with DNR who indicated that hunting is done at other State Parks on specific days during which time the specific park is closed to the public for a couple of days. Commissioner Lange said that sounded reasonable and that he plans to attend the public hearing. No action or consensus taken regarding the Boards' stand on hunting in FDR State Park.
8. **COUNTY MANAGER.** No business to discuss.
9. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Chairman Bridges, and passed unanimously.

Daniel B. Bridges, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk