

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

April 15, 2008

7:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA.** Chairman Lange asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Additions included Mitigation Agreement and Ambulance Bid Request under County Manager. There being no further additions, Chairman Lange declared the agenda to be set.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2008, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Gary Lowman: Parking on County Right-of-Way.** Gary Lowman, citizen who lives on Alabama Road, appeared before the Board and said that for long periods of time vehicles have been parked on the County right-of-way in front of his property; that almost everyone in the area has signed a petition (presented to the Clerk) asking that such practice be banned; that the State prohibits the parking of vehicles on its right-of-way, except in certain circumstances. There was some discussion, and following same, Chairman Lange indicated that he is concerned about this issue; that the Board will take the matter under consideration; that parking time limits may be necessary; and that follow-up will be done to include the review of ordinances to determine if such an amendment is necessary. He also asked Mr. Lowman to provide contact information in case more information was needed from him. (Mr. Lowman provided same to the Clerk.) (Documents submitted can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #08-08.)
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Second Reading: Application of Lon & Lynda Marlowe for Special Event Facility Alcohol On-Premises license at Oakhurst Events, 19566 Highway 219, West Point.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application and said that this application is to allow alcohol on-premise on the four (4) acres for which a Special Use Permit was granted on February 19, 2008, for the event building, parking lot and surrounding adjacent property; that it had been recommended for approval by the Sheriff's Office and by the Community Development Department pending handicap parking requirements; and that the confusion regarding the address had been resolved during the April 1 meeting. Lynda Marlowe and her son, Morgan, were in attendance, but had no comments. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. There being none, the motion to approve this application was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Request for Tax Refund: William F. Hanson, Sr.** Chairman Lange said that following a motion by Commissioner Wyatt and a second by Commissioner Whearley to approve the request, action had been tabled during the April 1 meeting by Commissioner Manning. Commissioner Manning said that he was now satisfied with his concerns, and the motion and second of April passed unanimously.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Financial Statement: January 2008.** The motion to approve the January 2008 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Radar List Update.** Chairman Lange said that the revised Radar List included the addition of 2.20 miles of Calhoun Road from Hudson Mill Road to Lower Blue Springs Road at 35 mph; the addition of 1.45 miles of McKee Road from the Muscogee County Line to a point on McKee Road at 35 mph and of 2.40 miles from a point on McKee Road to SR 315 at 45 mph; and the correction of "west" to "east" regarding Mountain Hill Road. Regarding Ossahatchie Creek Road, he said that citizens had petitioned that

there be a change from the posted 45 mph to 25 mph and that the issue is the road is currently posted incorrectly at 45 mph, so there was no change in the document. The motion to approve the updated Radar List (ordinance) was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Employee Recognition: David McCall.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he would like to recognize David McCall, EMS Chief, who has been employed by the County since about 1980; that Chief McCall has been EMS director since 1986; that under his leadership, EMS received the Emergency Medical Service of the Year for 1989; that he received the Emergency Medical Service Director of the Year for 1999; that he has participated in many community programs, has done an outstanding job and is recognized not only by Harris County, but in the region and the state for what he does; and that he was recently named Region 7 Emergency Medical Service Director of the Year for 2008. Mr. Bridges concluded by saying that he publicly wanted to thank Chief McCall for what he's done for and what he means to Harris County. Chairman Lange said that on behalf of the Board and the other employees, he wanted to echo the comments made by Mr. Bridges; that Chief McCall is a "shining star" for the County; and that his concern for the County and its citizens is foremost and is greatly appreciated.
- B. **Budget Amendments #2: FY 07/08.** There being no questions or comments regarding the amendments, the motion to approve was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Water Line Extension: Airport.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that several meetings ago the Board approved supplying the materials to extend the water line through Sky Meadow Subdivision and to the Airport for an approximate cost of \$17,000 but that the actual cost per Jeff Culpepper, Water Works Director, is \$23,330 plus about \$1,000 for boring under two County roads. He requested approval for the additional expense. The motion to approve the additional expense was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
- D. **Water Line Extension: Duke Road.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that several months ago, it was estimated that the cost to extend the water line on Duke Road would be \$73,920; that Jeff Culpepper, Water Works Director, has suggested that the Water Department do the work and save \$25,000; and that the funds would come from Water Works. The motion to approve the water line extension on Duke Road was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
- E. **Agreement: Mitigation Bank w/Outdoor Direction, LLC.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Board had previously approved doing a portion of the work (of \$9,000) set out in the mitigation bank agreement, but that the agreement was not approved; that he is requesting approval to sign the agreement, which is the same as the one the Board last reviewed and discussed and also allows the County to stop the agreement at any phase of same. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that before the agreement is signed by the other party, he will meet with Mr. Bridges to make certain the document is in order. The motion to approve the execution of the agreement by the County Manager was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed with three in favor (Whearley, Manning, Lange), no opposition, and one abstention (Wyatt). (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #08-15.)
- F. **Request to Bid Ambulance for EMS in/near Pine Mountain.** Danny Bridges, County Manger, requested permission to go out on bid, using SPLOST funds, for an ambulance for the new EMS location in/near Pine Mountain. There were no objections to going out on bid for the new ambulance.
8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk