

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

October 21, 2008
7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Charles Wyatt, Joey M. Loudermilk, 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. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 7, 2008, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Sherry Weber: Air Evac Lifeteam.** Sherry Weber, membership coordinator for Air Evac Lifeteam, appeared before the Board. She explained what the air service does and also explained they have a membership that anyone can join; that for \$50 to \$60 a year, depending on the size of the family, the family members are airlifted at no charge over what insurance covers; that if there is no insurance coverage, there is still no charge; and that the usual charge for being airlifted in this area is \$12,000. She also explained that the money from the memberships is not only used to cover airlift costs but also for building more stations, each covering a 70-mile radius. Following her presentation, there was some discussion.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointment to Enrichment Services Board.** Chairman Lange said that action to appoint Susan Andrews to the Enrichment Services Board was tabled to this meeting pending information about the board and the appointment. Discussion included that the person to be appointed must provide written notification of their desire to serve to the appropriate governing officials (the County). The motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Andrews to this board, pending receipt of the appropriate letter from Mrs. Andrews, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed with four in favor (Loudermilk, Lange, Whearley, Wyatt), no opposition, and one abstention (Manning).
 - B. **NACO: Prescription Card Agreement and Renewal.** Chairman Lange said that when the County joined NACO it was as a trial membership and that it is now up for renewal. Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that it had approved the prescription card agreement with NACO a few meetings ago (C&A #08-41), and that as part of the approval, a portion of the section dealing with indemnification was deleted; but that NACO and the prescription card company will not agree with the deletion. Following discussion, the motion to not renew the membership with NACO was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed with three in favor (Manning, Loudermilk, Lange) and two opposed (Whearley, Wyatt).
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Rezoning Schedule for 2009.** The motion to approve the Rezoning Schedule for 2009 was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Grant Application: Antioch VFD.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that Antioch VFD was applying for a grant through the Georgia Forestry Commission and such a grant has to come through the County, the County has to approve same, and that there will be no cost to the County. The motion to approve the grant application documents was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded

by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #08-14.)

- B. **DOT: School Flashing Beacons.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the School Board has requested flashing beacons at Pine Ridge Elementary and Mulberry Creek Elementary schools; that apparently the County has to agree to the installation, but that the costs of the installation and monthly use are not known. Following discussion, the motion to approve the requests as long as the School Board will pay for the installation, any other associated costs, and the monthly costs was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #08-15.)
- C. **Courthouse Cornerstone Ceremony.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that 100 years have passed since the Courthouse was built; that there is a cornerstone in the Courthouse that apparently contains items placed there 100 years ago; and that if there are no objections, a ceremony will be planned to remove and open the cornerstone. There were no objections.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AT 7:30 PM

- A. **Explanation of Public Hearing Procedures.** Chairman Lange explained the procedures involved with the Public Hearings.
- B. **Conflict of Interest Forms.** The Conflict of Interest forms were completed at the request of Chairman Lange.
- C. **Two Special Use Permit Applications of Brent and Kathy Bullington who own 4.97 acres in Land Lot 268, Land District 4, Map 22, Parcel 12A, located at 1365 Marshall Williams Road, West Point, and zoned A-1, as follows: (1)Live-Work Unit, matrix item 128E: to allow the applicants to live upstairs and conduct their business downstairs; and (2) Special Event Facility, matrix item 135.5: to allow catering on site by the applicants**

Chairman Lange said that because both applications are by the same individuals for the same properties, both would be discussed in one Public Hearing. He then called the Public Hearing to order, read the specifics of each application, and said that the Zoning Staff had recommended approval without conditions. Brent and Kathy Bullington, applicants, appeared before the Board, and Mrs. Bullington explained that because they had not been living on site, various items/equipment would be missing from time to time, and while the neighbors were good about watching the property, it was not their responsibility to do so; that she preferred to live on-site; that they would live upstairs and conduct their special event business down stairs. She then said that occasionally events would be catered and once the food reached her site, it was her responsibility to make sure the food was kept appropriately for serving; and that rather than be responsible for another caterer, she preferred to cater the on-site events herself to assure that the food was properly made, maintained, and served. Chairman Lange asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to these Special Use Permit applications. There being none, he asked for questions or comments from the Board. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion. The motion to approve both Special Use Permit applications was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

8. COUNTY MANAGER (resumed)

- D. **CDBG Projects.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that the County is eligible to apply for another Community Development Block Grant and asked that they let him know of any projects they would like to be considered.
- E. **CorrectHealth Agreement: Jail Inmates.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this matter should be removed from the agenda; that it addresses a specific amount for up to 115 jail inmates; that the Jail can hold up to 100 inmates; and that he wanted the cost to be recalculated at a lower rate, perhaps at the average inmate population. He said that the document would be brought

back to the Board at a later point. There were no objections to removing the item from the agenda or to getting a revision to the costs.

9. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **DOT Agreement: Airport Runway Rehabilitation, Terminal April Rehabilitation, T-Hangar & Apron Site Preparation, and T-Hangars & Fuel Farm.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he had reviewed the agreement and that item 13 needed clarification regarding “land purchased for airport development purposes” as to whether it referred to future land purchases and if the proceeds from the agreement were for such use. The motion to approve the agreement, pending clarification of item 13, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #08-47.)

B. **Contract Agreement: Gordy Construction for Health Department Renovation & Expansion.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the Board had approved the agreement for the Health Department renovation and expansion (see C&A #08-45) during its October 7 meeting, but that because the RDC and/or DCA had determined the required time period for advertising had not been met, the project has to be re-bid. Therefore he recommended the Board rescind the approval of the agreement, reject all bids received for same, and approve rebidding the project. Danny Bridges, County Manager, pointed out that the advertising was not handled by the Commissioners’ staff but by the architect and the RDC. The motion to rescind the approval of the agreement with Gordy Construction, to reject all bids received for the project, and to approve rebidding the project was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.** The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk