

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
October 20, 2009  
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 minutes of the October 6, 2009, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Error & Release Request: Graham, Patrick & Angela.** Chairman Lange said that this Error & Release request had been tabled October 6 due to questions regarding the mobile home. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he had visited the property in question; that the mobile home is definitely unliveable; and that it appears no one has lived there for some time. The motion to approve the Error & Release request was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Financial Statement: July 2009.** The motion to approve the July 2009 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Service Delivery Strategy: Request for Extension.** Chairman Lange asked Rick Morris, of the River Valley Regional Commission, to explain the need for the request. Mr. Morris said that the maps necessary to be submitted with the Service Delivery Strategy have not yet been prepared for the County or the municipalities and that an extension to October 31, 2010, would allow those maps and other necessary documents to be prepared. He also said that the municipalities have agreed to the extension, except for Hamilton and that action will be taken by Hamilton this week. The motion to approve the submission of the request for extension to the Department of Community Affairs was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
  - C. **Highway 116 Realignment Project.** Commissioner Wyatt said that he is receiving calls about the delay regarding the Highway 116 project and asked that the Georgia DOT be contacted regarding same. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he will contact DOT.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Specialized Services Agreement: Mass Grading Contract, Change Order #2.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that a request has been made to extend the contract with Specialized Services concerning the roads in Northwest Harris Business Park due to delays in connection with DOT permitting and that there is no increase in the agreement amount as result of the extension. The motion to approve the Change Order was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #09-51.)
  - B. **Road Equipment.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that about 10 years ago, the County entered into its first contract with Yancey/Caterpillar for the lease-purchase of road equipment; that a second contract, which will soon expire, was entered into about five years ago and totaled \$1,467,101; that as a result of the buy-back clause, the County will end up paying only \$649,532; that based on quotes he has obtained from Yancey and two other road equipment sources, all of whom are on State contract, he is recommending that the County continue to retain Yancey as its road equipment source; that he also recommends the equipment maintenance be for the full five year term rather than three; and that before he can move forward, he needs approval from the Board regarding same. After a brief discussion, the motion to continue to retain Yancey as the County's road equipment source was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. Mr. Bridges said that he will initiate the process and bring the lease-purchase and financing documents associated with same back to the Board for approval at a later date.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk