

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

January 19, 2010
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; Jeff Todd, sitting in for County Attorney John M. Taylor (absent to conflicting meeting); 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 January 5, 2010, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS.**
 - A. **Naming of Walking Trail.** Chairman Lange said that during the December 15 meeting Commissioner Wyatt had made a motion to name the County's portion of the walking trail the "Silva-Birkhead Walking Trail", that Commissioner Whearley had seconded same, and that Commissioner Manning had tabled the matter. Commissioner Wyatt said that he had talked with members of the Hamilton City Council who have indicated they will be naming a future pavilion to be constructed on their section of the trail the "Faith Birkhead Pavilion" and that he would like to amend his motion to name the County's portion of trail the "Carol Silva Walking Trail". Commissioner Whearley amended his second for same. Commissioner Manning said that he does not like to see something paid for with taxpayers' money named for a specific individual. The motion passed with four in favor (Wyatt, Whearley, Lange, Loudermilk) and one opposed (Manning).
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Error & Release Requests.** Chairman Lange read the Error & Release requests as follows:
 - (1) Cousins/Callaway LLC: Digest total of \$848,452 corrected to \$840,564 (acreage correction)
 - (2) Goff, Philip (2008): Digest total of \$3,441 corrected to \$1,353 (2003 Yamaha waverunner sent to Harris by Muscogee in error)
 - (3) Goff, Philip (2007): Digest total of \$3,441 corrected to \$1,353 (2003 Yamaha waverunner sent to Harris by Muscogee in error)
 - (4) Walton, Robert, etc.: Digest total of \$11,191 corrected to zero (new title under JC Ousley; transfer pre-bill MH to 2010 digest)

The motion to approve these five Error & Release requests was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Insolvent List: January 2010.** Chairman Lange said that the Tax Commissioners' Office had submitted a list of personal properties to be deleted for various reasons, and he reviewed the list. The motion to approve the complete list was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Qualifying Fees for 2010.** The motion to set the qualifying fees, as required by state law, for the 2010 election(s) for Commissioners at \$315 and for School Board Members at \$72 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Financial Statement: November 2009.** The motion to approve the financial statement for November 2009 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
 - E. **Ridgeway Road Recreation Property**
 - (1) Forum. Commissioner Loudermilk gave a brief report regarding the forum held on January 11 in Waverly Hall about the Ridgeway Road property the County was looking at for a recreation park.
 - (2) Convenience Center. Commissioner Loudermilk, as a result of the forum, made the motion to not locate a convenience center on the Ridgeway Road property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed

unanimously.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **CDBG Project Possibilities.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this had been discussed a couple of times; that he had no project recommendations other than to apply for improvements to the roads in Kings Gap Village (on the east side of Kings Gap Road); that the maximum grant is \$500,000; that the grants are usually 80/20, which means the match would be \$100,000; and that if the Board wants to move forward, someone from the River Valley Regional Commission will be at the next meeting with the appropriate Resolution for same since time is of the essence. There was discussion with no other projects being recommended and no objections to the Kings Gap application; however, a comment was made that if a Commissioner comes up with another project to contact Mr. Bridges regarding same.
- B. **Budget Amendment #2 FY 09/10.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reviewed the budget amendments, and the motion to approve same was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- C. **CDBG Health Department Change Order #5.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the need to replace two existing "exit" and two existing "emergency" lights and to raise two headers to accommodate 7/0 doors has resulted in a change order which increases the contract by \$845.62, which would come from the grant funds and bring the new total to \$347,715.12. The motion to approve the change order was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Contract & Agreements" file as C&A #10-02.)
- D. **Road Development Regulations: Amendment re: Alternative Pipe.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that it is being suggested that the Road Development Regulations be amended to add high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe as an alternate to the concrete or galvanized metal for driveways and crossdrains; that the HDPE pipe is cheaper than concrete; and that if the Board has no objections, the staff will move forward with the Ordinance amendment process. There were no objections.
- E. **Radio Building at FDR State Park: Use by Board of Education.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Board of Education is in the process of upgrading their radio system and have requested that they be permitted to attach an antenna to the County's radio building/antenna; that he understand the School Board's radios will not interfere with those of the County's; and that if the Board has no objections, he will ask the School Board's attorney (John Taylor, who is also the County's attorney) to draw up the appropriate document for approval. There were no objections.
- F. **Zoning Ordinance: Amendment re Live-Work in CORD.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that there is a need to allow live-work units in Commercial Outdoor Recreation Developments (CORD; that there are current regulations regarding live-work units as to their use; that a Special Use Permit would be required from the Board to allow such units in a CORD; and that if the Board has no objections, staff will move forward with the Ordinance amendment process. Following a brief discussion, there were no objections from the Board.
- G. **Airport Hangar Storage Room.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the T-Hangar building at the Airport has two storage rooms, one at either end of the building; that one room is used for Airport storage purposes and the other is available for rent; that the other room is vacant; that the current rental is \$75 per month; that the room can be used for the storage of aircraft-related items; and that because it is vacant, it is suggested that the rental be reduced to \$50 a month in hopes of renting it out. Following a brief discussion, the motion to set the rental fee for the storage room at the T-Hangar building at \$50 per month and utilizing the same type of agreement used for the T-Hangars was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
- H. **Amerisys.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the owners of Amerisys, a business located in Hamilton, has requested a meeting with the Board so that they can discuss what they do and for the Board to become familiar with them. Following a brief discussion, consensus was to invite the business to an upcoming Work Session.
6. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.
7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue was made at 7:40 PM by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to resume the Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
9. **OTHER**
- A. **Airport Personnel Salary.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he would like to increase the hourly rate of pay for the part-time Airport Attendant at the Harris County Airport to approximately \$14.00 an hour, which exceeds the 5% increase that

he is permitted to do. The motion to give Mr. Bridges the authority to increase the hourly salary for the Attendant to a rate not to exceed the amount that was paid to the previous Airport Manager (\$14.28), was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Airport: Future Consideration/Discussion.** Chairman Lange suggested that the Board have future discussion, should it so desire, about the possibility of having an Airport Authority or Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the Airport.
 - C. **Airport Fuel Trucks: Declare Surplus.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Airport used to use trucks to fuel aircraft, but since the fuel farm is up and running there is no longer any need for the trucks. He suggested that the two fuel trucks be declared as surplus during the February 2 meeting so that they can be disposed of. There were no objections.
 - D. **Extension Service Personnel: Salary.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that funding has been stopped for two part-time employees of the Extension Service; that the employees work with the 4-H students; that it is being requested that the Board provide the funding for the balance of the fiscal year; and that the total amount should not exceed \$3,000. Discussion included that during the upcoming budget sessions, the Extension Service Agent should be prepared to explain the need to continue the employment of the two part-time employees. Following discussion, the motion for the County to pay the salaries of the two part-time employees, not to exceed a total of \$3,000, for the remainder of this fiscal year, with the funds coming from Contingency, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed with a vote of four in favor (Wyatt, Whearley, Lange, Loudermilk), no opposition, and one abstention (Manning).
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commission Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk