

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 16, 2010
7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Joe F. Manning, Patrick Whearley, Charles Wyatt. 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 February 2, 2010, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Rescind Agreement with Waverly Hall.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that in July, 2009, the Board took action, at the request of Waverly Hall, to enter into a new intergovernmental agreement (#03-39) with Waverly Hall that did not include the County issuing building permits or performing building inspections; that Waverly Hall, on February 11, took action to rescind their action of June 9 and August regarding the new agreement and to continue with the county issuing building permits and performing building inspections by reverting back to the previous agreement; and that in this regard the Board should rescind its action of July 21 and revert back to the previous agreement (#95-14). The motion to rescind the action of July 21 and revert back to the previous agreement (#95-14) wherein the County issues building permits and performs building inspections in Waverly Hall, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Resolution to Adopt Revised Service Delivery Strategy (SDS).** Chairman Lange said that action regarding this resolution was tabled during the February 2 meeting pending approval of the revised SDS by the municipalities involved. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that all of the municipalities had approved the revised SDS and had signed the certification form regarding same. The motion to approve the resolution to adopt the revised SDS and to execute the certification form was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Request for Tax Refund: Burns, William B.** Chairman Lange said that action regarding this request was tabled during the February 2 meeting pending receipt of the closing statement concerning the property in question. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Wyatt made the motion to disapprove the request and said the requestor should talk to the new owner since the new owner received credit for the taxes during the closing on the property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed with four in favor (Wyatt, Manning, Lange, Loudermilk) and one opposed (Whearley).
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Library Board: Vacancy.** Chairman Lange said that Vance Smith had resigned from the Library Board and that the Library Board had submitted the names of several candidates for the Commissioners to consider to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Wyatt said that he would like to table this until the next meeting; that he would like to know when the Library Board meets, how often they meet, and who currently serves on the Library Board. There were no objections to tabling the appointment.
 - B. **Error & Release Requests.** Chairman Lange read the Error & Release requests as follows:
 - (1) Killingsworth, P.: Digest total of \$440 corrected to zero (mobile home removed from property in 2009)
 - (2) Winter Acres, Inc. (2009): Digest total of \$356 corrected to zero (parcel was easement, is now a (private) street)
 - (3) Winter Acres, Inc. (2008): Digest total of \$356 corrected to zero (parcel was easement, is now a (private) street)

The motion to approve the Error & Release request for Killingsworth was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

The motion to disapprove the Error & Release requests for Winter Acres was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Financial Statement: December 2009.** The motion to approve the Financial Statement for December 2009 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Road Projects**

- (1) **Road Improvement Plan.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, discussed the proposed road plan to include that this list is compiled from the several road lists currently in existence and would take the place of those lists; that to make it easier to keep up with road projects, one list is being proposed on two pages; that the first page of the list is of road projects for the next two to three years and includes the possible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) road project for Kings Gap Village; three roads (Moon Road, Morgan Copeland Road, and Progress Parkway) using DOT and SPLOST funds for grade, base and pave; Progress Parkway concrete culvert using DOT funds; improvements to two roads and the striping of several roads using General Funds; four roads using Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) funds of 2009 and 2010; four roads using SPLOST funds for grade, base and pave; and 29 roads using SPLOST funds for overlay/resurfacing based on the current condition of the roads. He said that the second page of the list is of road projects for beyond the next two to three years and includes 33 roads using unknown (at this time) funding for grade, base and pave, and six roads using future LARP funds for overlay/resurfacing. He also said that it is estimated the County will receive \$1.5 million in SPLOST funds during the next year and a half; that the road projects would proceed as funds are available and that when new roads are added to the list, the roads already on the list would be moved up and the new ones added at the end.
- (2) **Old Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road: Partial Abandonment.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said it is being recommended that a portion of Old Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road which includes a bridge be abandoned and deeded to the adjoining property owners; that the section to abandon is from Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road north to Nelson Road; and that traffic from Nelson Road would still have access by turning north on the remaining section of Old Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road to get to Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road.
- (2) **Kings Gap Village CDBG.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he had met with several individuals earlier today regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to improve the roads and water lines in Kings Gap Village; that the application must be submitted by April 1 and the award will be made in September; that it has been estimated the total project will cost \$800,000 to \$900,000; that the County could do the clearing, grading and putting down the base to save costs; that the CDBG is only \$500,000 to which the County must put in \$10,000 in cash, but adding more cash would better our chances of getting the grant; that he is suggesting the County put \$100,000 more toward the grant; that if the County is awarded the grant, we will have 24 months in which to complete the project and that in doing so, most of the road crews would be involved in doing much of the road work, which would then push the other road work (see paragraph A(1) above) another year;

The motion to approve the Road Improvement List, to move forward with the abandonment process for a portion of Old Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road, and to include \$100,000 toward the CDBG grant application regarding Kings Gap Village was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Solid Waste Office Building.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Scale House building at Solid Waste houses offices for Tommy Geter (Solid Waste Supervisor) and Charles Boland (Route Coordinator); that the County lacks appropriate space for the storage of records that are required to be kept for various lengths of time; that it is recommended that a new office building, of approximately 810 square feet, be constructed near the Transfer Station so that Mr. Geter and Mr. Boland can be closer to the daily operations of the facility; that the building would have two offices, a restroom, and a break-room; that there may be minor changes to the proposed layout, but the building would not exceed 810 square feet; that County staff and inmates will be utilized to construct the building at a cost of approximately \$20,000; and that the funds can be taken from the allocated Solid Waste Capital funds.

The motion to approve the construction of the new office building at the Solid Waste Transfer Station was made by Commissioner Wyatt with the condition that if the costs look like they will exceed \$20,000, Mr. Bridges is to come back to the Board for approval of additional funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Budget Schedule FY 10/11.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that while a third work session is included in the schedule, there has not been a need for same in recent years, but it is included for advertising purposes in the event it is needed. The motion to approve the schedule was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Lange made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:42 PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk