

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

May 4, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Joe Manning, Patrick Whearley, Charles Wyatt. Staff Present: Daniel B. Bridges, County Manager; Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney in the absence of John Taylor; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES.** Commissioner Loudermilk said that the April 20, 2010, minutes should reflect that he abstained from approving the April 6 minutes because he had been absent from that meeting. With that change, he then made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010, Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Tax Refund Request: First American.** Chairman Lange said this matter had been tabled from the April 20 meeting in order to find out if the taxes, which had been erroneously paid by First American had also been paid by the property owner. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that First American had also paid the taxes on the correct property; that the owner of the property for which the taxes had been erroneously paid had not been paid by the property owner nor had he paid the taxes due on the other properties he owns in the County. The motion to refund \$431.48 to First American was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Tax Refund Request: Living Waters Community Church.** Chairman Lange said that during the April 20 meeting, the motion to approve the refund of \$698.22 failed by a vote of two in favor and three opposed, and that because the motion failed there was no automatic disapproval of same; therefore a motion regarding the disapproval of the request is necessary. The motion to disapprove the refund of \$698.22 was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed with three in favor (Lange, Manning, Whearley) and two opposed (Loudermilk, Wyatt).
 - C. **Proposal Award: Law Enforcement Reroofing.** Chairman Lange said that this matter had been tabled from the April 20 meeting and he asked Danny Bridges, County Manager, if a recommendation had been made. Mr. Bridges said that the proposals had been reviewed by a disinterested third party who recommended that the .060 mil roofing membrane be used; that proposals allow for negotiations with the proposers; that rather than try to bring the low proposal, which includes .045 mil roofing membrane, up to .060, he would prefer to go with the next lowest proposal, which includes .060 mil roofing membrane, and does not include not removing the existing roof, except for the ballast, and then putting down insulation between the existing roof and the new roof. Following are the proposals:

COMPANY	TYPE ROOF	AMOUNT
Anderson Roofing, Albany, GA	4-Ply Gravel Surface Hot Asphalt	\$ 149,412
M. Jordan Roofing, Manchester, GA	TPO with .060 mil membrane	\$ 75,000
Peach State Roofing, Lawrenceville, GA	TPO with .045 mil membrane	\$ 63,800
Southland Rowe Roofing, Midland, GA	TPO with ballasted membrane	\$ 79,000

Following a brief discussion, the motion to award the proposal to M. Jordan Roofing for the proposal amount of \$75,000 was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

- D. **Second Reading: Application of Keith Culpepper for Beer & Wine Off Premises at Field Fresh Farms located at 35 Preston Road (at the corner of US 27), Cataula.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application and said that it had been recommended for approval by the Sheriff's Office and by the Community Development Office with a note that handicapped parking needed to be provided. Keith Culpepper, applicant, in response to a question from Commissioner Wyatt said that he would be selling beer and wine even though the wine was mainly for gift baskets. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. There being none, he asked for a motion. The motion to approve this application was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

- E. **Second Reading: Ordinance to Amend the Animal Control Ordinance (Sections 5-43, 5-47, 5-50)**. Chairman Lange tabled action on the amendments until such time as the County Manager finds out if any counties with animal control ordinance that prohibit animals from running at large specify the areas or districts in which animals running at large is prohibited or whether such prohibition is county-wide. He then asked, since this was the Second Reading, if anyone wished to speak in favor of the amendments. There being none, he asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the amendments. There being none, he said that the amendments would be back on the agenda at a later date.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Financial Statement: March 2010**. The motion to approve the Financial Statement for March 2010 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Insolvent List: April 2010**. There was discussion regarding two of the listings on the list, which included a misspelled last name (Helms instead of Nelms) and an indication that the County owes the taxes for the Melody Lakes Ranch Club listing. The motion to approve the list, with the exception of the listing for Crossroads Pawn/Dan Helms (Nelms) and Melody Lakes Ranch Club, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Error & Release Request: George, Franklin & Glenda**. The motion to approve the change in the tax digest from \$152,467 to \$125,060, as a result of the settlement of a 2009 court case, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- D. **First Reading: Ordinance to Amend the Road Development Regulations (Article IV, Division I, Sections 4-111 & 4-112)**. Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading regarding amendments to the Road Development Regulations, and he reviewed the changes. He then asked Danny Bridges, County Manager, for comments. Mr. Bridges said that while most of the amendments are for clarification purposes, the main reason was to add the type of high density polyethylene pipe that Georgia DOT allows and which is cheaper than concrete. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments. There being none, he said that the Second Reading and possible action will take place on May 18.
- E. **First Reading: Ordinance to Amend the Road Acceptance Ordinance (Article IV, Division 2, Sections 4-121 & 4-122)**. Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading regarding amendments to the Road Acceptance Ordinance, and he asked Danny Bridges, County Manager, to explain the reason for the change. Mr. Bridges said that several months ago, the Board discussed the fact that the current Ordinance only addresses roads/streets in existence prior to November 17, 1992; that roads/streets/easements continued to be created after that time; and that because the Board prohibited the creations of new private easement roads as of October 5, 2004, the proposed amendments will provide a method to accept roads/streets/easements that were in existence prior to October 4, 2004. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments. There being none, he said that the Second Reading and possible action will take place on May 18.
- F. **First Reading: Ordinance to Amend the Alcohol Ordinance (Section 6-53)**. Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading regarding amendments to the Alcohol Ordinance, and he reviewed proposed change which would delete the reference to residential buildings regarding On-Premises licenses. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the amendment. There being none, he said that the Second Reading and possible action will take place on May 18.
- G. **Appointments/Reappointments: Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority**. Chairman Lange said that the terms of Harry Boyd (representing the Development Authority), Danny Bridges (representing the Commissioners), and Lynda Dawson (representing the Harris County Chamber of Commerce) would expire in June. He asked that the Board be ready to reappoint these individuals or appoint new individuals during the May 18 meeting.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Assistant Recreation Director: Classification Grade**. Danny Bridges, County

Manager, said that during the April 20, the Board approved the job description for the Assistant Recreation Director, but the position was not classified. He asked that the position be classified in Grade 24 with a starting salary of \$27,272. The motion to approve the classification of the Assistant Recreation Director position to grade 24 with a starting salary of \$27,272 was made by Commissioner Whearley, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

B. **Woodland Hills Sewer Agreement.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded that Board that part of the Master Plan approval for Woodland Hills included that the new development must be on sewer and that before the County enters into an agreement with Columbus Water Works for the sewer, it is suggested that the County enter into an agreement with Woodland Hills, and that he is requesting the authority to have John Taylor, County Attorney, draft such an agreement between the County and Woodland Hills. He also said that once the agreement is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for approval along with the agreement from Columbus Water Works. There were no objections to having Mr. Taylor draft the agreement.

C. **Airport PIM Runway Lights Remote Operation.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the runway lights at the Airport are no longer functioning; that a pilot should be able to click their mike twice and the lights come on for landing at night; and that repair to the remote operation is needed. He said that the proposal regarding same, from Ray Allen's Electronics, is about a year old and he is requesting the authority to contact the company about the necessary repair, for which the cost should not be too much higher than that reflected in the proposal. The motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,500 for the repair, or to come back before the Board if the cost is higher, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

D. **Bid Award: Roads and Park Projects.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that bids were received for the resurfacing of 15 County roads, the patching/repair of 7 County roads, and the paving of Pate Park road, one of its parking lots, a walkway from the parking lot, two tennis courts, and two basketball courts, as follows:

Description	CW Matthews Marietta, GA	Southern Asphalt Columbus, GA
Resurfacing of 15 Roads	\$ 492,624.44	\$ 484,111.18
Patching of 7 Roads	\$ 39,632.63	\$ 27,673.20
Paving in Pate Park of road, parking lot, walkway, tennis & basketball courts	\$ 116,558.28	\$ 101,119.86
TOTAL	\$ 648,815.35	\$ 612,904.24

Mr. Bridges said that it is recommended that the bid be awarded to Southern Asphalt for the low bid of \$612,904.24, which would be paid from SPLOST. The motion to award the bid to South Asphalt was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

E. **Crime Lab.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the County has been requested to pay \$3,428 as its share of the cost to continue the operation of the State Crime Lab in Columbus; that the State has included the operation for next year in its budget; and that because the only alternative would be to take evidence to the Crime Lab in Atlanta, he recommends that the County pay the requested amount. Following a brief discussion, the motion to pay \$3,428 was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

F. **West Point Dumpster.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the County continues to receive complaints about the dumpster in West Point; and that he would like to contact West Point about providing some property on which to locate a dumpster to be manned two days a week. Following discussion, there were no objections to Mr. Bridges talking to West Point officials.

G. **Community Center Meeting.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that there will be a meeting regarding the Community Center on Monday, May 10 at 3:00 PM, and invited the Board to attend, but said if three or more attend, the meeting would have to be properly advertised. At least three Commissioners indicated they would attend the meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously.

Attest:

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk