

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 16, 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; 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 November 2, 2010, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed with three in favor (Loudermilk, Wyatt, Manning), no opposition, and two abstentions (Lange and Whearley, both of whom were absent from the November 2 meeting).
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Johnny Kuykendall: Water Issues on Oak Mountain Road.** Chairman Lange said that Mr. Kuykendall was not in attendance, and asked Danny Bridges, County Manager, to discuss this matter. Mr. Bridges said that Mr. Kuykendall has water pressure issues, but it has not yet been determined as to if the problem is in the line or inside Mr. Kuykendall's home; that Mr. Kuykendall is at the end of the line of water from Talbot County; that a 24-hour pressure monitoring device will be put on the line; that if the service line needs to be replaced we will do so; and that the County is trying to work with Mr. Kuykendall to resolve the matter.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Audit 09/10.** Jay Pease, of Robinson, Grimes & Co., was in attendance and reviewed the 09/10 audit. The motion to approve the Audit for FYE June 30, 2010, was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Split Billing for Property Tax.** There was discussion regarding the recently passed legislation giving counties the authority to do split bills for property taxes, which would require more than one mailing of tax bills. Following the discussion, consensus was not to go to the split billing method, but to continue mailing single property tax bills, which can be paid in several installments between the receipt and due dates.
 - C. **Financial Statement: September 2010.** The motion to approve the financial statement for September 2010 was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Resolution: County Legislative Coordinator.** Chairman Lange said that he had recently received information regarding ACCG's request for each County to appoint an individual to be the "go to" person in connection with responses concerning legislative action, and he said that Daniel B. Bridges, County Manager, should be that person. He then made the motion to approve the resolution appointing Mr. Bridges as the County Legislative Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk but tabled by Commissioner Manning since the Resolution had just been distributed and he wanted to review same more closely. Action will take place during the December 7 meeting.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Transportation Tax Senate Bill.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, explained the bill recently passed by the State to get some direction from the Board as to whether it supports the transportation tax. Following the explanation and a brief discussion, consensus was to continue moving forward but to find out more about the tax before a vote is taken by the Regional Commission (made of up 16 counties, each having two votes in any matter going before the Commission).
 - B. **Surplus Property: Garbage Roll-Off Truck.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that with the recent purchase of a new roll-off truck, the old roll-off is no longer being used and he is requesting that it be declared surplus so that it can be sold; and that he plans to use an internet auction site (GovDeals.com) to sell the vehicle. The motion to declare the 1989 GMC roll-off truck as surplus was made by

Commissioner Manning, seconded Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Old Mountain Hill Schoolhouse TE Grant: Extension of Completion Date and Close-Out.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the second TE Grant for Old Mountain Hill Schoolhouse has been in place for quite some time; that the completion date for the project was December 31, 2007, but that there is an outstanding invoice for work done after that date; and that while DOT is willing to extend the completion date to December 31, 2008, in order to pay the County for the outstanding invoice, it wants to close-out the project and will not approve any additional work. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 to extend the completion deadline and proceed with the close-out process was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-37.)

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

- A. **Health Services Agreement Amendment #6: Southern Health Partners (Prison Inmates).** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that amendment is to reduce the annual fee of \$101,038.69 (\$8,419.89 monthly) to \$98,084.16 (\$8,173.68 monthly) and the per diem from \$1.90 to \$1.84, and that he recommended approval. The motion to approve this agreement amendment was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Whearley, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-38.)
- B. **Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Revenue Bonds by Public Improvements Authority and Intergovernmental Agreement with Public Improvements Authority: Community Center.** John Taylor, County Attorney, explained the Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement, and said that the Public Improvements Authority, earlier this evening, had approved its Bond Resolution related to the Community Center Bonds. He said that the bonds will be paid from SPLOST revenue and that should those funds not be available, the County will impose a county-wide tax to pay same. The motion to approve both documents was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Intergovernmental Agreement can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #10-39.)

7. **OTHER**

- A. **Masonry Mailboxes and Headwalls on County Right-of-Way.** Commissioner Wyatt said that the County has an ordinance regarding the placement of masonry mailboxes and headwalls on County right-of-way; that there are many such items on the right-of-way; that he has received calls from citizens concerning the safety aspects of such items being on the right-of-way; and that while he realizes that most were built after certificates of occupancy were issued, the County should start enforcing its ordinance. Following discussion, which included that in some subdivisions where the speed limit is low, such items should be allowed, but on heavily traveled, higher-speed County roads, they should not be allowed; that any amendments should be made to the ordinance prior to trying to enforce same; and that this topic should be included on the January 4, 2011, agenda, with a copy of the ordinance(s), for the Board to discuss possible amendments or enforcement as is currently written.

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

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk