

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

March 15, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods, 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 March 1, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Steven Davenport: Appeal of Tax Refund Denial**. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that Steven Davenport had signed up before the meeting to discuss the denial of his tax refund request, but that the subject was not on the agenda. Chairman Lange said that the request should be included on the agenda of the April 5 meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Community Center: Alternate Ceiling Proposal**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that Sam Andras, architect for the Community Center, was present to discuss a proposed change to the gymnasium ceiling. Mr. Andras explained that while the ceiling, as specified in the bid, would be adequate, a change to a more acoustical, energy saving ceiling would be better in the long-run. Discussion included that the cost for the alternate ceiling is between \$150,000 and \$160,000, and that the funds would come from the project contingency. Following discussion, the motion to approve the change to the proposed alternate ceiling was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Budget Amendment #1: FY 10/11**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, reviewed the budget amendment which included the bonus incentive given to employees in January, increase in food at the Jail, lightning strike repairs to the Prison, increase in fuel costs, and tax assessment notice mailing as required by the State. The motion to approve the budget amendments was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Development Authority: Position Held by Mark Smith**. Chairman Lange said that Mark Smith had missed the past four meetings of the Development Authority; that Mr. Smith has submitted a letter indicating that he wants to continue being part of the Authority; and that it's up to the Commissioners to make the decision. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Authority wasn't asking the Board to make a change, but the Authority's by-laws require the Board to be notified when a member misses three consecutive meetings. Discussion included that two of the four meetings had been rescheduled and apparently conflicted with other commitments Mr. Smith had made. The motion for Mr. Smith to remain on the Development Authority was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Contract Addendum: Georgia Probation Services**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that these three agreements (for Superior, Probate and Magistrate Courts) are to extend the current agreements with Georgia Probation Services by six months (to September 30, 2011), rather than a year, for the purpose of giving the County and the courts time to determine whether or not having probation services provided in-house would be more feasible and advantageous to the County and the courts. He said that neither the County nor the courts can enter into the agreements without the consent of the other, and that the courts have indicated they will agree to what the County wants. The motion to approve the addendums for all three contracts was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-09.)
 - B. **Bid Award: Ambulance Chassis & Remount**. Danny Bridges, County Manager,

said that bids were requested for a new ambulance chassis on which an existing ambulance module would be remounted, and bids received are as follows:

COMPANY	CHASSIS	REMOUNT	TOTAL
Custom Truck & Body Works, Woodbury, GA	\$ 80,235	\$ 42,450	\$ 122,685.00
Fire Fighting Innovations, Peachtree City, GA	\$ 83,665	\$ 64,950	\$ 148,615.00
Peach State Ambulance, Tyrone, GA	\$ 80,051	\$ 36,647	\$ 116,698.00

Mr. Bridges said that the recommendation is to award the bid to Peach State for the low bid of \$116,698. Discussion included that once the chassis was ready, the existing ambulance will be taken to company location where the module will be refurbished and mounted onto the chassis, and that all parts removed from the module and not reused will be returned to the County. The motion to award the bid to Peach State Ambulance in the amount of \$116,698 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Authorization of County Representative to Execute/File Requisitions re: Community Center Bonds.** The motion to approve the execution of the document by Chairman Lange to appoint Danny Bridges, County Manager, as the County's representative in connection with draw downs/payments from the Community Center bond, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #11-02.)
- D. **DOT Contract: Culvert/Industrial Connector Road (in Northwest Harris Business Park) [S013021-PR].** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that was the agreement regarding the completion of the main road in the Northwest Harris Business Park. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the agreement is in the amount of \$104,220.51 and appears to be the usual DOT contract, and he recommended approval of same. The motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-10.)

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Request for Executive Session.** John Taylor, County Attorney, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential, threatened, or pending litigation.

7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential, threatened, or pending litigation was made at 7:38 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

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

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk