

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

April 19, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Becky Langston, Joey M. Loudermilk, Charles Wyatt. Absent: Jim Woods. 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 April 5, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt and passed with three in favor (Langston, Wyatt, Lange), no opposition, and one abstention (Loudermilk, who was not in attendance during the April 5 meeting).
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Recreation Board Report: Status of Rules/Regulations and By-Laws Revisions.** Derrick Moxley, of the Harris County Recreation Board, appeared before the Commission and said that while some progress has been made regarding changes to the Rules & Regulations and By-Laws, it will probably be another 90 days before the work is completed. He also said that suggestions regarding those changes thus far and some changes to the Ordinance had been submitted. Chairman Lange said that since the Rec Board appeared to be working on the tasks set out by the Commissioners, such work should continue and he asked that status reports be submitted from time to time.
 - B. **Appointments/Reappointments.** The following reappointments/appointments were made.
 - (1) **Housing Authority.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Wyatt, second by Commissioner Loudermilk, and unanimous vote, Claudette Boelter was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Debbie Thorne, and Jenny Eckman was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Emily Woods. The term for Ms. Boelter will expire October 31, 2016, and the term for Ms. Eckman will expire October 31, 2013.
 - (2) **Planning Commission.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Loudermilk, second by Commissioner Wyatt, and unanimous vote, Brian Williams was appointed to complete the term of Harvey Weldon, deceased, with the term expiring December 31, 2012.
 - (3) **Zoning Adjustments, Board of.** Upon the motion by Commissioner Loudermilk, second by Commissioner Langston, and unanimous vote, Harry Bannister (District 5) and J. R. "Red" Beall (District 2) were reappointed with new terms expiring September 30, 2013
 - C. **Error & Release Requests: Adam, Stephanie Adkins.** Chairman Lange said that the Error & Release requests regarding the property of Stephanie Adkins Adam were for 2010, 2009 and 2008, each with a Digest Total of \$8,958 being corrected to \$2,628 because the property was only one-half acre and not two acres as listed on the Digest. The motion to approve these three Error & Release requests was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **School Resource Officer Agreement.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that an agreement had been entered into with the Board of Education regarding a School Resource Officer in 2008, and that the officer is an employee of the Sheriff's Office, but the Board of Education reimburses the County the salary of the officer. He said that the original contract was for \$40,453, but while the officer's salary has increased over the years, the contract amount has not, and that he has talked with the Sheriff and Dr. Craig Dowling, School Superintendent, and advised that the contract would not continue unless the BOE pays the full salary to which the Superintendent agreed to put in their budget. He said no action is necessary tonight, but wanted the Board to be aware of same, and that a contract revision should be forthcoming for approval by the Board.

- B. **Voting Machines: Purchase of Six.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that he had contacted them last week about purchasing six voting machines, and that based on the response, he had approved the purchase of the machines. He said that he is now asking for ratification of the purchase. The motion to approve and ratify the purchase of six voting machines at \$8,640 (which includes \$270 in shipping charges) was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Farner Barley Agreement: Creek Crossing (Culvert) in Northwest Harris Business Park.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this agreement is for the creek crossing work between the Daehan and Xpress Materials buildings in the business park; that the work is something that has to be done in conjunction with the previously approved DOT agreement; and that the lump sum cost is \$9,400. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-14.)
- D. **Waverly Hall: Request for Recreation Funding.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this afternoon he received a request from the Town of Waverly Hall for assistance in the amount of \$8,100 to help with recreation expenses; that the basis for the request is that citizens, other than those who live in the Town Limits, use the recreation facilities to include Perkins Park, the Waverly Hall gymnasium, and the tennis courts. He then reminded the Board that while citizens might use the recreation facilities, no organized County sports are held in those facilities; that the County already pays for the umpires/referees when games are played in Waverly Hall; and that if the Board decides to approve the request, similar requests would be forthcoming from the other municipalities. Following a brief discussion, consensus was for Mr. Bridges to do a little more research regarding what the County currently provides and has provided the municipalities in connection with recreation facilities and to report back to the Board regarding same.
5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk