

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

May 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Jim Woods, Charles Wyatt.
Absent: Becky Langston. 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 19, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt and passed with three in favor (Loudermilk, Wyatt, Lange), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods, who was not in attendance during the April 19 meeting).
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Financial Statement: March 2011.** The motion to approve the March 2011 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Requests for Tax Refund.** Chairman Lange said there are five Requests for Tax Refunds. Each request was acted on separately, as follows:
 - (1) **Carroll, Toby Lee:** Refund request of \$63.00 because Mr. Carroll sold his boat in July 2006. The Tax Commissioner and Board of Tax Assessors recommended disapproval because Mr. Carroll did not file a return as required by State law. The motion to disapprove this request was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
 - (2) **Duncan, R. Doug, III:** Refund request of \$219.80 because his bill was sent to the address of property he sold over 10 years ago. The Tax Commissioner recommended approval since the 2009 bill was mailed to the correct address, and the Board of Tax Assessors recommended disapproval. The motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - (3) **Greenway, Douglas:** Refund request of \$203.38 because he does not live in Harris County, but in Muscogee, and was advised by Muscogee to purchase his tag in Harris County. The Tax Commissioner recommended approval since Mr. Greenway does, indeed, live in Muscogee County. The motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - (4) **McTier, Donald:** Refund request of \$216.04 because as a 100% disabled veteran he is entitled to a free tag. The Tax Commission recommended approval. The motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
 - (5) **Phillips, Darren Paul:** Refund request of \$150.68 because Mr. Phillips purchased his renewal tag within the 30-day period prior to his birthday and sold the vehicle within the same period. The Tax Commissioner recommended disapproval. The motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed with three in favor (Loudermilk Woods, Lange) and one opposed (Wyatt).
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Agreement: Hamilton Youth Sports Association.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that it had previously agreed to allow the Hamilton Youth Sports Association (HYSA) to construct a building on County property near Moultrie Park. He said that the agreement before the Board is acceptable to the HYSA and asked that the Board approve same pending various information to include the property description, which will be completed after the plat is prepared, the initial term of the agreement, the early termination date due to non-occupancy, and the HYSA address. Discussion included that the initial term will be five years, the early termination date due to non-occupancy will be 12 months from the date the agreement is entered into, and that section 9 (Removal of Improvements)

should be changed to indicate that upon termination of the agreement or abandonment of the property for more than six (6) months, all improvements to the Leased Premises will remain on the property and will revert to the County. The motion to approve the agreement as set out during discussion was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-15.)

- B. **Equipment Repairs.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, advised the Board that rather than purchasing a new dump truck for Public Works, which would cost about \$85,000, and a new backhoe for Solid Waste, which would cost about \$65,000, repairs can be made for much less. He said that repairs will be approximately \$8,500 for the dump truck and \$5,000 for the backhoe. There were no objections to proceeding with the repairs.
- C. **Surplus Vehicles to Sell as Salvage.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, advised the Board that there are three vehicles (1996, 1999 and 2003 Ford Crown Vics) that have been used for parts and there are very few parts left. He asked that the Board declare these three vehicles as surplus to sell as salvage. The motion to declare the three Ford Crown Vics (VINs 6245, 5572, and 0578) as surplus and unserviceable and to sell same as salvage was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreements to Renewal Motor Vehicle Tags via Internet.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed two agreements regarding the renewal of motor vehicle tags via the internet to include the Renew Vehicle Registration on Line agreement with the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Electronic Transaction Processing agreement with Official Payments Corporation (OPC), which is the company the State requires to be used for such renewals. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Taylor recommended approval of both agreements. The motion to approve both agreements was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A # 11-16 (with DOR) and C&A # 11-17 (with OPC).]

- 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