

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

June 21, 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 June 7, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Langston said that the name of Janie Anderson should be corrected to Jamey Anderson, and the name of Linda Parks should be corrected to Linda Clark. The motion, to include the corrections, passed with four in favor (Wyatt, Woods, Lange, Langston), no opposition, and one abstention (Loudermilk, who was not in attendance during the June 7 meeting).
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointments/Reappointments**. The following reappointments/appointments were made.
 - (1) **Family & Children Services**. Upon the motion by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Wyatt, and unanimous vote, Mary Ann Cheek was reappointed, with her term expiring June 30, 2016.
 - (2) **Recreation Board**. Upon the motion by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Loudermilk, and unanimous vote, Donnie Caudill was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Doug Martin, with his term expiring December 31, 2013.
 - B. **Republican Party Request**. Chairman Lange said that a request had been received from the Harris County Republican Party for a Commissioner to be appointed to its Executive Committee. He said there would be no vote this evening and that if any Commissioner was interested to make it known. No action was taken, and subject will be on the July 5 agenda.
 - C. **Financial Statement: May 2011**. The motion to approve the May 2011 financial statement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Budget Amendment #2: FY 10/11**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, reviewed the amendments to the budget and noted that the Operations entry titled electricity should be Economic Development. The motion to approve the amendments was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - E. **Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water Council Plan**. Chairman Lange gave a brief explanation as to the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water Council Plan draft and said that a copy of same, which he has just received, would be at the Commissioners' office if any Commissioner wanted to review same.
 - F. **Transportation Investment Act**. Chairman Lange gave a brief explanation of the Act and said that depending on the vote of the region (16 counties), a referendum may be on the August 2012 ballot for a one percent (1%) tax to be used for Transportation Projects in the River Valley Regional Commission region lasting 10 years and that each county in the region would split 25% of the tax based upon population and road miles with 75% going towards specific projects in the region. There was discussion regarding the percentage to which each County would be entitled.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Road Improvements List 2011**. Danny Bridges, County Manager, in reviewing the list, said that the roads highlighted in tan are the roads for which he would like the County to go out on bid; that the roads highlighted in green have been completed; that the roads highlighted in blue are currently under contract with DOT; that regarding the funds to pay for the work on the roads in tan, estimated to be

\$1.6 million, and because there are no funds in SPLOST for road work, he said that \$300,000 is due per year from DOT in LMIG funding, that he would like to take \$1 million from fund balance, which is currently at about \$12 million. He reminded the Board that while SPLOST does include funding for road projects that only funds left after other projects go to roads, which is why he suggested using surplus funds. Following discussion, the motion to authorize going out on bid for the roads (highlighted in tan) and for up to \$1 million to be transferred from fund balance to pay for work was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Sheriff's Office Request for Cars, Cameras and Laptops.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that funds were not included in the budget for the purchase of cars for the Sheriff's office and that there were SPLOST funds available for such purchases, and said that the cameras used in the Sheriff's vehicles are outdated and can no longer be repaired. Sheriff Mike Jolley appeared before the Board and said that he is proposing the purchase of camera equipment for 27 vehicles from Kustom Signals, which is on a state contract and is also compatible with other equipment, at a cost of \$181,587 and included a three year warranty; the purchase of laptops for patrol and investigator vehicles, also on a state contract, which would enable the deputies to do their work while on patrol and use a flash drive to print out the reports in the office, and which would not have the capability of downloading videos from the internet, at a cost of \$63,150.09; and the purchase of five vehicles (Chevrolet Tahoes) at a cost of \$150,000. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchases as presented by the Sheriff, using SPLOST funds, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- C. **GEC Proposal Agreement: Three Stream Crossings (Northwest Harris Business Park).** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reminded the Board that it had previously approved an agreement with GEC that covered one stream crossing in the Northwest Harris Business Park and said that the Corps of Engineers had now determined that all three stream crossings must be done at the same time; and that this proposal is for \$4,150 and includes the previously approved amount of \$2,300. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-24.)
- D. **Community Center Update.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, distributed a progress report from Batson-Cook and a cost analysis that he had prepared and reviewed same with the Board to include that after the projected totals are subtracted from the bond funds, approximately \$498,700 remains. Mr. Bridges also said that bleachers had not been included in the construction project; that a decision will be needed, at the next meeting, as to whether or not manual or automatic bleachers should be utilized; and that the cost difference between the two types is \$4,000 or \$5,000.
- E. **Johnson Controls Update.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, distributed photos showing the completed Johnson Controls building and said that the project is complete and the building is being occupied. No action was necessary.
- F. **Cagle's Poultry Plant Layoff.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the County had been notified that Cagle's will be having a mass layoff at the end of August that will effect about 300 employees; that the lack of production will also effect the County's water revenue; and that at the next meeting he hopes to have ideas as to what can be done to help reduce the hit to the County's revenue.
- G. **Request for Executive Session.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreements with New Horizons: Mental Health Center and Harris-Talbot Service Center (both in lieu of rent).** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that these two agreements were for \$500 each, for a total of \$1,000 a month in lieu of rent, from New Horizons; that they appear to be the usual annual agreements; and that he recommended approval of same. The motion to approve both agreements was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-25 for the Mental Health Center and as C&A #11-26 for the Service Center.)
- B. **Intergovernmental Agreement with Development Authority: Seven (7) Acres in**

Hamilton Business Park. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the County owns the property in the Hamilton Business Park; that a company, Sturdi-Buildings, is interested in locating there; that because of legal constraints as to what the County can and can't do with property, the property should be transferred to the Development Authority who can then enter into contracts with the business, subject to this intergovernmental agreement; that this agreement provides that the County will transfer the property to the Development Authority; and that the business will purchase the property from the Authority in five years. Following discussion, the motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-27.)

6. **OTHER**

A. **County Manager Contract Extension.** Commissioner Wyatt made the motion to extend the County Manager's current contract, which expires in 2013, by two additional years, thus making the expiration date 2015. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lange and passed unanimously. Action will be taken during the July 5 meeting to approve the amendment (#3) to the contract and the Resolution regarding same.

7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made at 8:12 PM by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to resume the Regular Session was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

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

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk