

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

July 5, 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 21, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Republican Party Request.** Chairman Lange said that this matter was briefly discussed during the June 21 meeting. Commissioner Wyatt nominated Commissioner Woods to be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Harris County Republican Party. Commissioner Woods accepted the nomination, which was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed with a vote of four in favor (Wyatt, Loudermilk, Lange, Langston), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods).
 - B. **County Manager Agreement: Third Amendment and Resolution.** Chairman Lange said that during the June 21 meeting, the Board voted to extend the employment term of Danny Bridges, County Manager, two years to January 15, 2015; that such action requires an amendment to the agreement as well as a Resolution; and that both documents were before the Board for Action. Commissioner Loudermilk said that it appeared both documents possibly contained a typographical error, and he then made the motion to approve both documents, with the appropriate corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Agreement amendment can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-28.)
 - C. **Liberty Bell Pool.** Chairman Lange said that he, Danny Bridges (County Manager), Lynda Dawson (Harris County Chamber of Commerce President & Development Authority Chairman), and Josh McKoon (State Senator) met with various officials with the Department of Natural Resources and the Governor's Office regarding the Liberty Bell Pool and its viability as a tourist venue; that the meeting was productive; that the next meeting will be towards the end of the month; and that the Board will be advised as to the outcome of the meetings.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Request for Tax Refund: Lewis, Robert.** Chairman Lange said that a request had been made for a refund in the amount of \$1,827.85 because of a boat no longer being in Georgia and the failure of the owner to update the Georgia registration. Following a brief discussion, the motion to disapprove the request was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Resolution: Community Services Block Grant for Enrichment Services Program.** Chairman Lange said that a Resolution was before the Board regarding support for the Enrichment Services Program. Discussion included that the Resolution was in fact in support of lobbying for continued funding. The motion to disapprove the Resolution was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: Solid Waste Cab, Chassis & 25 Cubic Yard Compactor.**

Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that bids had been received for a new garbage truck to include a 25 cubic yard compactor, as follows:

COMPANY	CAB/CHASSIS		COMPACTOR		BID AMOUNT
	MODEL	SPECS	MODEL	SPECS	
Beck Motor, Albany, GA	2012 Peterbilt 320	Y	New Way King Cobra	Y	\$ 173,153
Cherokee Truck Equipment Chattanooga, TN	2011 Peterbilt 320	Y	Heil Durapack	N	\$ 178,450
	Peterbilt 320	Y	Heil Durapack	N	\$ 179,126
Envirowaste Equipment, Macon, GA	Kenworth T440	N	Wayne Phoenix	N	\$ 172,082
	Peterbilt 320	N	Wayne Phoenix	N	\$ 173,905
McNeilus, Villa Rica, GA	2012 Peterbilt 320	Y	McNeilus	N	\$ 197,053
Municipal Equipment, Woodstock, GA	Peterbilt 320	Y	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 176,341
	Kenworth T440	N	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 166,473
	Kenworth T370	N	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 152,775
	Freightliner M2-112	N	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 165,405
	2012 Mack GU713	N	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 173,159

Mr. Bridges said that only one bid met the specs of both the truck and the compactor and with those that did meet specs of the truck, the bids were higher; and that the recommendation is to award the bid to Beck Motor Company for the bid of \$173,153. The motion to award the bid to Beck Motor Company for the bid of \$173,153 was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

B. **Farner Barley Proposal/Agreement: Hamilton Business Park, 5 acres.**

Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this proposal agreement is concerning five (5) acres in the Hamilton Business Park in which Sturdi Buildings is interested and is for the erosion sediment & pollution control and survey plat for same at a cost of \$4,600. The motion to approve this proposal agreement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-30.)

C. **DOT R/W Agreement: SR 315 @ SR 85 (S013026-PR).**

Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this agreement is to certify the right of way for the project regarding the intersection of SR 315 and SR 85. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he had reviewed the agreement, found it to be in line with other DOT right-of-way agreements, and recommended approval of same. Commissioner Wyatt noted that the map provided with the agreement indicated the wrong location of the project, and Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the correct location would be noted in the return of the agreement to DOT. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-29).

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **DOC Agreement: Care and Custody of Prison Inmates.**

John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this is the usual annual agreement regarding the care and custody of state inmates housed at the County Prison for \$20 per inmate per day, and that he recommended approval of same. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-31).

7. **OTHER**

A. **Transportation Investment Act Update.**

Chairman Lange distributed a summary of the Act after which discussion followed and included that it is estimated that Harris County's share of the 25% to be split among the counties in the region is \$1,000,000 a year for the 10 years. Chairman Lange said that he will keep the Board posted on this matter.

B. **Community Center Bleachers.**

In response to a question from Commissioner Loudermilk, Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that at the next meeting (July 19) he will have the recommendation regarding the type

of bleachers to be purchased (either manual or automatic), and reminded the Board that the cost difference is about \$4,000.

C. **Water Issue and Cagle's**. In response to a question from Commissioner Loudermilk concerning the reduction in the water used by Cagle's as a result of its shutting down the second shift, Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he and Chairman Lange would be meeting with Columbus Water Works, from whom the County purchases water to resell to Cagle's, tomorrow morning and would report back to the Board during the next meeting.

8. **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