

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

July 19, 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 July 5, 2011, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Regional Growth Management Plan & Joint Land Use Study Report: Colin Martin.** Colin Martin, VP Governmental Affairs Columbus Chamber of Commerce & Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority, appeared before the Board, distributed information, and gave a brief update of the Regional Growth Management Plan & JLUS Report.
 - B. **First Reading: Application of Callaway Gardens Discovery Café for Beer and Wine On Premises at 13013 Discovery Parkway, Pine Mountain.** Chairman Lange said that this was the First Reading, read the specifics of the application, and said that it had been recommended for approval by the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department but that the Community Development Department had recommended disapproval because the facility cannot seat 40 people, does not have a menu, and is too close to a recreation center. Barry Morgan, applicant and CFO of Callaway Gardens, was not present. There was discussion regarding the items listed by Community Development, and Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he will visit the subject property prior to the next meeting. Chairman Lange said that the Second Reading and action were scheduled for the August 2 meeting.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Community Center Items.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, reviewed four items regarding the Community Center, currently under construction, as follows:
 - (1) **Retractable Bleachers.** Mr. Bridges said that the original bid included an alternate to provide five-level manual retractable gym bleacher seating in the gymnasium at a cost of \$41,927; that the same seating, but electrical rather than manual, is available for \$44,148; and that based on visits to other gymnasiums using the electric bleachers as well as recommendations of those using same, it is being recommended that the County purchase the electric bleachers, which also maintain their shape and retractability better than the manual bleachers. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the purchase of the electric retractable bleachers at a cost of \$44,148, with funds to be taken from the Community Center contingency, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - (2) **Gymnasium Floor.** Mr. Bridges said that he wanted to let the Board know that the floor of the gymnasium will not have a high gloss finish, which if the Board desired to have, would cost an additional \$27,057, and that the recommendation is to not have the high gloss floor. He then showed a sample of the floor material as per the bid specifications, and there were no objections to moving forward with the floor as bid.
 - (3) **Pool Time Clock for Competition.** Mr. Bridges said that while it was

recommended to run conduit in order to put in a future time-clock system for use with swim competitions, the recommendation is to not do so because it has been determined that wireless time-clock systems are what most pool competitions are now using.

- (4) **Dehumidification Unit.** Mr. Bridges said that the company from whom the dehumidification unit is to be purchased originally said their unit met the bid specifications, but the project engineer indicates that the unit does not meet specifications; that the company has indicated it will cost another \$35,000 to \$40,000 for their unit to meet specifications; and that his opinion is that this a problem for sub-contractor and that the County should not have to pay the difference for the error. Commissioner Langston said that she agreed with Mr. Bridges.
- B. **Public Property Disaster Assistance.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the County has applied to FEMA for reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of the tornado damage on April 27; that the expenses of rented equipment and overtime pay for employees totaled \$9,985.48; and that the County should be reimbursed approximately 85%, or \$8,487.67 (\$7,489.12 from Federal funds and \$998.55 from State funds).
- C. **Gebcorp: Defined Benefits Plan Amendment #2 & Resolution.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that when the most recent amendment to the Defined Benefits Plan was made, there was an error in the effective date, which was shown as January 1, 2011 rather than January 1, 2010; that this amendment and resolution make that date correction. Following a brief discussion which included that the amendment was in connection with the Rule of 75 and the date at which the employee starts contributions, the motion to approve the Amendment and the Resolution was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. (Amendment can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #11-32.)
- D. **Convenience Center Attendant Job Description Revision.** Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the job description for Convenience Center Attendant has been revised to delete those portions of the job that are no longer applicable to the position. The motion to approve the revised job description was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed with four in favor (Woods, Loudermilk, Lange, Langston), no opposition, and one abstention (Wyatt, whose wife works as a Convenience Center Attendant).
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 Woods, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk