

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

July 3, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Becky Langston, Joey M. Loudermilk , 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 19, 2012, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods , and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

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Derick Moxley: Community Center Sign and Possible Ordinance Amendments . Derick Moxley, citizen and member of the Recreation Board, appeared before the Board and requested that the Board give consideration to changing the ordinances regarding the use of signs that have messages that change; that he understands the County allows such signs to change their messages every 8 hours; that the

sign at the Community Center is such a sign; that using the sign in the way it should be used would be beneficial; that he is not requesting that the sign utilize scrolling messaging, but at least to change the message more often than every 8 hours. Chairman Lange said that the Board would take the matter under consideration. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that should the Board decide to move forward with making any change, two ordinances will have to be amended.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Wellness Program** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that it may be that such a program is available through ACCG and requested that this matter be tabled until he has been able to contact ACCG and make a determination. Chairman Lange tabled the topic.

B. **Community Center: Change Order #4** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that this was briefly discussed during the June 19 meeting, and Sam Andras and Lee Martin, of 2WR Architects, and Joel Finley, of Batson Cook Construction, are in attendance to better explain this issue. Mr. Andras explained that with the CM at Risk contract, a contingency was built in for various items that could come up during the construction phase of the Community Center. Mr. Martin said that the additional steel (in the change order) was due to a change necessitated because of the steel required to support the equipment on the roof was omitted from the bid drawings; and that with the steel required for the high windows on the gym and pool side it was discovered that the steel as specified would interfere with the curtain walls, and in order to keep the area air-tight, the steel had to be modified with steel that spanned longer distances and is heavier. Mr. Martin also said that the County had received a credit for the steel not used and is only being charged for the additional steel to make the change. Chairman Lange asked if the amount shown in the change

order was the cost after the credit, and Mr. Martin said that it was. Mr. Bridges said, for the benefit of those in attendance, that even with the change order, the project is still about \$300,000 under Batson-Cook's guaranteed maximum price of the project. The motion to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$81,610 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #12-09.)

C. **Community Center: Pool Lighting** . Commissioner Wyatt asked about the pool lighting system. Mr. Andras said that issue has not yet been resolved, but there is a meeting scheduled for Monday during which the topic will be discussed. He said that when the manufacturer performed their assessment, they made assumptions as to the building materials and colors which resulted in the wrong lighting being installed; that the installed lights are two-400 watt bulb fixtures and what is needed are one-1000 watt bulb fixture; that it is his opinion that the manufacturer needs to supply the appropriate fixtures; and that while there may be a cost difference per fixture, that should be the only cost to the County. Discussion included that if the manufacturer had asked, rather than made an assumption, the correct lighting would have been installed. When the costs are known, Mr. Bridges is to e-mail same to the Board.

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Community Center: Pool and Partial Certificate of Occupancy . Commissioner Wyatt asked if the Community Center could open without the use of the pool with a partial certificate of occupancy.

Danny Bridges, County Manager, said there are other issues that need to be addressed before the building is open to the public. Commissioner Wyatt asked if swimming could take place during the day time only if the pool lighting issue is not resolved. Mr. Bridges said that he understands that if a pool is intended to be open at night, the lights have to be right whether or not it is used at night, but that he will find out for certain.

E. **Nelson Road Abandonment** . Chairman Lange said that this topic was tabled from the May 15 meeting; that Edward Callaway has indicated that the prospective purchaser of the property has withdrawn his demand to have the unpaved portion of Nelson Road abandoned by the County; and therefore, this is a mute issue for the Board. Commissioner Wyatt asked if the County spent any money researching the matter, and John Taylor, County Attorney, said that other than concluding that relatives of those buried in the cemetery would have to be notified, he did not perform any title search regarding the property.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Appointments/Reappointments** . The following reappointments were made upon the motion of Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Loudermilk, and unanimous vote.

(1) **Public Improvements Authority** . Danny Bridges and Harry Lange were reappointed to new terms of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

(2) Valley Partnership-Joint Development Authority . Harry Lange was reappointed to the new term of June 1, 2012 to May 30, 2016.

(3) West Central Georgia Region 7 EMS Council . David McCall was reappointed to the new term of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Woods asked that appointments be made at the beginning of each year to avoid making appointments near election dates, which may appear to be somewhat inappropriate to some people. There were no objections. (Note: This practice would apply only to those boards, committees, or authorities for which no recommendations are needed.)

B. **Financial Statement: May 2012** . The motion to approve the May 2012 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

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First Reading: Application for Temporary Special Event Alcohol License by Coweta Falls Steeplechase, dba Steeplechase at Callaway, on Saturday, November 3, at 214 Nelson Road, Pine Mountain . Chairman Lange read the specifications of the application, said that this was the First Reading, and asked if there were any comments. Commissioner Wyatt asked about the letter from the property owner in light of the fact that the subject property was in the process of being sold. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the prospective owner had indicated they will provide the necessary letter of authorization. Chairman Lange asked if anyone in attendance wished

to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application.

Lon Marlowe, citizen who lives on Highway 219, West Point, appeared before the Board and said that he is in favor, and would still like to have the capability to have a special event for a 501(c)(3) organization without the need for a temporary alcohol license.

There being no further comments, Chairman Lange said that the Second Reading is scheduled for July 17.

D. **Insolvent List 2012** . Discussion regarding the insolvent list was lengthy as to what can or cannot be seized for non-payment of the various mobile home and business personal property. Following the discussion, Commissioner Wyatt said he would like to table action to the next meeting, but then said he would be in favor of approving all but 3C and 3D, and then, following more discussion, made the motion to approve the entire list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. It was noted that more information or a better description of the property in question on future Insolvent lists would be helpful.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

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

Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that bids were received for a new garbage truck with a 25 cubic yard compactor; that 12 bids were received; and that only one bid meet the bid specs as well as the bid requirements. The bids were:

COMPANY	CAB/CHASSIS		COMPACTOR		BID AMOUNT
	MODEL	SPEC S	MODEL	SPEC S	
Cherokee Truck Equipment	2013 Freightliner 114SD	N	Heil Durapack 5000	N	\$ 158,832
	2013 Peterbilt 320	Y	Heil Durapack 5000	N	\$ 187,180
	2013 AutoCar ACX64	N	Heil Durapack 5000	N	\$ 193,742
Consolidated Disposal	2013 Freightliner 114SD	N	New Way King Cobra	Y	\$ 160,938
	2013 Peterbilt 320	Y	New Way King Cobra	Y	\$ 188,786
	2013 AutoCar ACX64	N	New Way King Cobra	Y	\$ 195,848
Envirowaste Equipment	2013 Freightliner 114SD	N	Wayne Phoenix	N	\$ 161,206
	2013 Peterbilt 320	Y	Wayne Phoenix	N	\$ 193,062
	2013 AutoCar ACX64	N	Wayne Phoenix	N	\$ 196,116
Municipal Equipment	2013 Peterbilt 320	Y	Loadmaster Excel	N	\$ 188,931
Nextran Truck Center	2013 Mack MRU613	N	Heil Durapack 5000	N	\$ 186,700
Vanguard Truck Center	Volvo VH0648B200	N	McNeilus 2513	N	\$ 194,199

Mr. Bridges said that the recommendation is to award the bid to Consolidated Disposal in the amount of \$188,786, and that the funds would come from Solid Waste. The motion to award the bid as recommended was made by Commissioner Wyatt,

seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

B. **Proposal Award: Safe Room for 9-1-1 Center** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that three proposals had been received for a Safe Room to be delivered and installed on the concrete pad inside the 9-1-1 Center building. The proposals were:

Company	Size Room	Quote
Ragan Grading & Septic Tanks, LaGrange, GA	6' x 6' x 7'	\$ 8,100.00
Harbor Enterprises d/b/a Survive-A-Storm, Thomasville, GA	6' x 6' x 7'	\$ 9,705.00
Aqua Marine Enterprises, Danville, AL	4' x 8' x 7'5"	\$ 9,995.00

Mr. Bridges said that all three proposals met the specifications; that all rooms meet FEMA requirements to withstand tornadoes; and that the low proposer is actually the local source for the rooms built by Harbor Enterprises (second lowest proposer). Following a brief discussion, the motion to purchase the safe room from Ragan Grading & Septic Tanks was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed with four in favor (Loudermilk, Langston, Lange, Wyatt) and one opposed (Woods).

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Airport Committee Report, WK Dickson Task Order #2012-1, DOT Contract, and WK Dickson Agreement Supplement #2 . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the Airport Committees of the County and of the Chamber of Commerce had met recently, have combined into one committee, and it is the recommendation of the

resulting committee that the County move forward with building new T-hangars and entering into lease agreements with individuals who want to build corporate hangars, all of which will come back to the Board for approval at a later date, and that the necessary forestry work (clearing of trees) will start soon. He said that tonight, the request is to approve (1) the task order with WK Dickson, which is needed in order to move forward with the projects that will ultimately wind up with the taxiway being moved; (2) the DOT contract for the design for the relocation of the taxiway, the final wording of which will be completed at a later date, and authorize the Chairman to execute the final document; and (3) the second supplement (one-year extension) to the agreement with WK Dickson, which is the last extension to be approved before the County has to request proposals again next year. Following discussion, the motion to approve the WK Dickson Task Order #2012-01, the DOT contract, and the one year extension agreement with WK Dickson was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #12-10 (Task Order), #12-11 (DOT), and #12-12 (WK Dickson supplement #2).]

D. **Telecommunications Tower: Pate Park** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the School Board will be installing a new radio system; that a site in the Pate Park/Creekside area is needed for the tower; that the County is looking at improving it's radio system with the possibility of ultimately becoming part of the School Board's system; and that it is recommended that Dean's Two-Way be permitted to install a 300' telecommunications tower and small building on the highest point in Pate Park, which is located just behind Creekside School. Following discussion, which included that the County would be able to utilize the tower if needed, and that if the County becomes part of the system it would probably have to pay for maintenance, the motion to allow Dean's Two-Way to located a telecommunications tower on the Pate Park property was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and

passed unanimously. Mr. Bridges said that the lease regarding the location of the telecommunications tower will be brought to the Board in the future, and that in addition to this tower and two others, there may be a need to have antennas located on water towers.

E. **Propane Gas** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he has terminated service with Dowdle Gas based purely on price and service, and is in the process of changing to another gas company (Greene's).

F. **Setting of Millage** . Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that Five-Year History and Millage ads were sent to the newspaper (Harris County Journal) to run June 28; that the newspaper did not run the County's nor the School Board's ads; and that because the ads did not run, a Called Meeting to set the Millage Rate is schedule for Monday, July 23, at 5:30 PM, in the Commissioners' Office Conference Room. (Note: Due to another error with the ads by the newspaper on July 5, the Called Meeting is now scheduled for Monday, July 30, at 5:30 PM in the Commissioners' Office.)

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **DOT Agreements: Inmate Work Details (2)** . John Taylor, County Attorney, said that there are two agreements, one for an inmate detail for which the County receives compensation for a Correctional Officer to supervise the inmates and one for an inmate detail for which the County does not receive compensation; that DOT provides all the equipment and a vehicle for both details; and that these are basically the usual annual agreements regarding the two details. Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that the compensation the County receives does not cover the cost of the employee assigned to

the detail; that that detail usually works outside the County; that we might want to reconsider that particular detail in the future due to the need for a crew at the Community Center and on other County projects; and that the unpaid detail stays within the County. The motion to approve both agreements was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" as C&A #12-13 (paid) and #12-14 (unpaid).]

B. **Prison Trustee Status** . Commissioner Wyatt asked if there had been any progress regarding trustee status at the Prison, to which Danny Bridges, County Manager, said that he was not familiar with that issue.

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

Lange, Chairman

J. Harry

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk