

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 19, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods, Charles Wyatt.
Staff Present: John 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 February 5, 2013, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Jim Furin: Video Taping of Commission Meetings.** Jim Furin, citizen, appeared before the Board, distributed information, and made his presentation of suggestions which included that the County purchase the necessary equipment with an estimated cost range of \$6,635 to \$7,443 depending on the type of equipment and warranty; and that the County could hire an individual to do the actual recording, transfer same to the appropriate media and post it on a server (different from the County's server at \$200 a year) about \$8,400 per year; and that the counties of Cobb, Fulton, Henry, Gwinnett, and Muscogee currently video tape their meetings. (Distributed information can be found in the "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #13-02.)
 - B. **Lynn Sanders: Video Taping of Commission Meetings.** Lynn Sanders, citizen, appeared before the Board and said that while they have been taping the meetings, it is time consuming and they would like to have someone else to take over; that it is something citizens are interested in, particularly those that are overseas in the service.
 - C. **William Crowell: Video Taping of Commission Meetings.** William Crowell, citizen, said that to avoid issues concerning video equipment, cameras could be hard-wired in the Commission Chambers and controlled by switch.

Following comments and discussion, which included if the County does the recording, the disks then become subject to the Open Records Act, and that anyone can record Commission meetings on their own. Consensus was to take this under consideration and look further into the costs.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Community Center Automatic Doors.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the architect has indicated that the use of a press panel/button would be the way to activate one set of the double doors at the front of the Community Center and one set that leads to the pool; that the vestibules were not designed for automatic sensors, which require the doors to be much deeper; that such sensors would result in higher power bills because doors would open every time someone nears the doors; and that the recommendation is to install the automatic doors with the press panel/button at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. Following discussion, the motion to have the automatic doors installed with the press panel/button at the front and pool entrances was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Edge Grant Application and Administration Agreement re: Koch Gas Line.** Chairman Lange said that action had been tabled pending whether or not Koch or Atmos would reimburse the County the \$14,000, which is the cost for the preparation of the grant application and to administer the grant, which total \$1,500,000 and is for equipment; that because Koch is adding a \$20,000,000 piece of equipment on which ad valorem taxes will be paid he did not approach Koch about reimbursement; that he had not yet contacted Atmos regarding reimbursement. Following discussion, Commissioner Woods made the motion to move forward with Allen Smith Consulting preparing the application and administering the grant, pending the reimbursement, but Commissioner Langston asked that action be tabled to the March 5 meeting.
 - C. **FDR Pool and Expenses 2010 & 2012.** Chairman Lange said that a decision regarding the County running the FDR Pool during the upcoming summer had not yet been made. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that she had talked to Pine Mountain Mayor Joey Teel who indicated that the Town of Pine Mountain does not contribute funds toward anything that is outside the city limits. Following discussion, which included that this is the 75th anniversary of FDR State Park, Commissioner Wyatt made the motion for the County to run the pool again this summer and to look for ways to increase revenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Bid Results & Award: Shiloh Multi-Purpose Fire Response Vehicle.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that bids had been received for a multi-purpose fire response vehicle for the Shiloh Fire Department, as follows:

COMPANY	MAKE/MODEL	Meets	BID
Ferrara Fire Apparatus	Ferrara Commercial Pumper /Navistar Chassis	No	\$ 271,458.00
Fire Line	2013 E-One Commercial Pumper	Exceed	\$ 232,971.00
NAFECO	2013 KME International Challenger Pumper	No	\$ 255,968.00
Ten-8	Pierce Responder/2013 Freightliner M2-106 Chassis	Exceed	\$ 215,932.00
Southern Emergency Products	Rosenbauer/2014 Freightliner M2-106 Commercial Pumper	Exceed	\$ 286,918.00
Southern Fire Service	Southern Fire/2014 Freightliner M2-106	No	\$ 212,731.60

Mrs. McMichael said that the bids had been reviewed by the Shiloh Fire Department for accuracy and compliance and that the recommendation was to award the bid to Ten-8/Pierce for the bid of \$215,932 because it met all specifications of the bid. The motion to award the bid to Ten-8/Pierce was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Financial Statements: November & December 2012.** The motion to approve the November and December 2012 financial statements was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Appointment to Highway 27 Initiative.** Chairman Lange said that an appointment was needed for an individual to take the place of Lynda Dawson, and that it had been recommended that Jayson Johnston, the Harris County Chamber of Commerce President, be appointed, and that Mr. Johnston has consented to such appointment. The motion to appoint Jayson Johnson to the Highway 27 Initiative was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Fire Truck Repairs.** Commissioner Wyatt said that recently a volunteer fire department took a fire truck to someplace other than the County's shop for repair. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that policy is if the fire truck belongs to the County, the fire department is to contact our shop about any repairs, and if our shop cannot make the repairs, then they will issue a Purchase Order to have repairs made elsewhere; and that if it is a fire department truck they can either contact our shop and if the repairs can be made, we do it and then bill the fire department, or they can have it repaired elsewhere. Consensus was that this should be brought up at the next Council of Fire Chiefs meeting.
- D. **First Reading: Application of Robert Ornowski for Beer & Wine On Premises at Piazonos Pizza Grill located at 5171 Georgia Highway 219, Fortson.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application. Robert Ornowski, applicant, was present but had no comments other than that is he open for business and would like to have the alcohol license. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. There being none, he said that this was the First Reading and that the Second Reading and action are scheduled for March 5.
- E. **Shiloh Fire Department: Equipment Recertification.** Commissioner Wyatt said that Shiloh Fire Department needs to have some equipment recertified and questioned as to whether or not the cost could be paid from Shiloh's remaining SPLOST funds from 2004 or 2009. Discussion included that the stipend funds (given to the fire department by the County) should cover such, and if not, it may be possible to use SPLOST funds, but it would depend on how the SPLOST was worded. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, is to research the SPLOST referendum regarding same.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Solid Waste Heavy Equipment.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the heavy equipment used at the Solid Waste is not functioning and we have received a proposal from Yancey Bros to lease a D6TXL for 60 months at \$3,169.87 per month with a balloon/guaranteed buy-back by Yancey of \$132,500. Commissioner Wyatt said that the D7 Dozier currently there will cost more to repair than the equipment is worth. Following discussion, which included that the existing equipment is not functional and can be scrapped and that this transaction is on State contract, the motion to approve the 60 month lease at \$3,169.87 with a guaranteed buy-back of \$132,500, and to scrap the existing the non-functional piece of equipment, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Recycling Coordinator.** Commissioner Wyatt said that the County has been able to salvage metal from the discards at the landfill and has sold the metal for approximately \$30,400; that the Board should consider hiring a person to coordinate recycling to not only include the metal, plastics, newspapers and magazines, but any other salvageable items that may be disposed off. Following discussion consensus was to consider such a position in the upcoming budget process.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Real Estate Acquisition: Water Works Expansion.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the closing on the 2.05 acres purchased for the Water Works expansion took place yesterday.
- B. **Annexation to West Point.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the City of West Point has requested the annexation of 68 acres, in two separate adjacent parcels, into the City; that the appropriate paperwork has been received from the City; and that it is up to the Board as to whether or not to approve the annexation. Following discussion, the motion to approve and annexation was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- 8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Lange made the motion, at 8:35 PM, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- 9. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

10. **OTHER**

A. **Personnel Issues.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, explained the proposed changes related to personnel matters.

- (1) **Prison Position Changes.** Change the titles of two Shift Supervisors (W. Lewis and M. Foster, Jr.) to Correctional Officers; change them from salaried to hourly; no change in annual salary; change from 80 hours per pay period to 84 per pay period; and delete the position title of Shift Supervisor. Change the titles of four Shift Leaders (P. Tipton, P. James, J. Self, and one open slot) to Correctional Officers; no change in salary; no change in hours per pay period; and delete the position title of Shift Leader.
- (2) **Public Works Changes.** Promote James York from Roads Supervisor at \$51,971 annually to Public Works Director at \$58,200; unfund the Road Supervisor position and use the funds for the Motor Grade position, which was not funded in the budget.
- (3) **Payout from 1994.** In 1994, an adjustment was made to the way payroll was handled, which resulted in 20 hours being withheld over five pay periods (see minutes of August 16, 1994), with the County's practice being to pay those employees affected at that time the 20 hours when their retire, resign or terminate. Recommendation is to go ahead and payout the 20 hours to the 32 employees who are either still employed or recently terminated at their 1994 rate of pay since that is when the adjustment was made. The 32 employees are: J.T. Carver, R.J. Collier, J.W. Davis, M.D. Davis, R.D. Douglass, Jr., R.E. Downs, K.D. Duke, R. Duke, B.R. Elliott, H.C. Floyd, Jr., D.J. Frantum, C.T. Geter, III, P.N. Ginn, P.Y. Jackson, W.E. Leatherwood, J.S. Lightsey, L.R. Massie, D.W. McCall, N.D. McMichael, G.M. Metcalf, B.A. Moore, B.E. Moore, J.A. Negrete, S. Oliver, G.A. Presley, E.A. Reiney, C.D. Riles, M.B. Roller, P.A. Sivell, L.E. Spellman, J.E. Taylor, C.B. Webb,.

The motion to approve the changes and payout as recommended was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

B. **Sheriff's Office: POST Supervisory Certificate Incentive.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that it is being proposed that when deputies meet the qualifications of a POST Supervisory Certificate they be given a three percent raise. Discussion included that more information regarding the number of employees this could affect and if anyone is currently undertaking the qualifications. Mrs. McMichael is to provide such information at the next meeting.

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

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk