

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

May 14, 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 April 16, 2013, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Langston said that regarding there were two corrections to be made, which are: paragraph 4C - insert who made the motion; and in line six of the sixth paragraph of item 6F, change "Lange" to "Langston". With those changes, the motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Linda Straub: Unfair Public Hearing.** Linda Straub, citizen who lives on Hopkins Farm Road, appeared before the Board and read a statement regarding her opinion that the Public Hearing held on April 16 regarding the Special Use Permit for William H. Clayton on property zoned Resort was unfair and not proper. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" as MD #13-06.)
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Enrichment Services: Belva Dorsey.** Belva Dorsey, with Enrichment Services Programs, Inc., appeared before the Board, distributed information, and reviewed the documents regarding the services provided by the Enrichment Services Program
  - B. **Airport Development: Phil Eberly.** Phil Eberly, with WK Dickson, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Jumbo T-Hangar at the Harris County Airport. Mr. Eberly said that the DOT FAA program from which the County has been receiving an annual entitlement of \$150,000 has been changed; that the County's current entitlement will be used toward the taxiway relocation which has been determined to be a safety issue by the FAA; that because of the change in the entitlement program, the County will not be eligible for funding toward the proposed Jumbo T-Hangar, so the County can move forward with the construction on its own; that once the design and bidding is done, the Board can then choose what part of the work the County can do to save money. Following discussion, the motion to move forward with the design and bidding process for the Jumbo T-Hangar was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
  - C. **Airport Road Extension (Task Order #2013-1): WK Dickson.** Phil Eberly, of WK Dickson, appeared before the Board regarding the design phase for the extension of Sky Meadow Drive from where it currently ends to Nelson Road at a cost of \$79,000. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Agreement was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #13-10.)
  - D. **Financial Statement: March 2013.** The motion to approve the March 2018 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
  - E. **Request for Tax Refund: Kevlacat America.** Chairman Lange said that a request for a Tax Refund had been received in the amount of \$443.20 due to the boat having been sold in 2010; and that the Tax Commissioner agrees with the request but the Board of Tax Assessors disagrees because the tax payer never made a personal property return. Following discussion, the motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed with three in favor (Wyatt, Woods, Lange) and two opposed (Langston, Loudermilk).
  - F. **First Reading: Application of Jonathan Carver for Wine Off Premises at J&J Foodmart, 1205 US Highway 27, Cataula.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application, said that it had been approved by the Sheriff's Office, and that a recommendation was not needed from the Health Department or Community Development Department since the applicant currently has a Beer Off Premises license. The applicant was not in attendance and there were no comments in favor of or against the application. Chairman Lange said that the Second Reading is scheduled for May 21.

- G. **First Reading: Application of Leslie Eaton for Beer Off-Premises at Midway Grocery, 10016 GA Highway 315, Cataula.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application, said that it had been recommended for approval by the Sheriff's Office and Community Development, but that a recommendation was not needed from the Health Department since this is for an Off-Premises license. The applicant was not in attendance and there were no comments in favor of or against the application. Chairman Lange said that the Second Reading is scheduled for May 21.
- H. **Health Insurance FY 13/14.** Wendell Strickland, broker for the County's medical/health insurance services, appeared before the Board and said that he had marketed the County's health, life, vision, dental, long-term disability and short-term disability insurance needs to companies that provide such insurance in Georgia. He then reviewed the results of the marketing for each type of insurance; said that the County should consider increasing the health insurance deductible to \$4,500, which would lower the premium, and because of the HRA the County has in place, the employee would not see a difference in what they pay out of pocket because the County will continue to reimburse employees up to \$3,500 after the first \$1,000 is paid by the employee; and that changing from Greater Georgia Life to Lincoln National for life insurance will increase the basic life from \$10,000 to \$15,000 but at a less expensive annual premium to the County (\$7,598 to \$5,591) and will increase the guaranteed voluntary life amount an employee can purchase from \$50,000 to \$200,000 at a reduced cost. He then reviewed two recommendations regarding the insurance. Unanimous consensus of the Board was to go with recommendation #2, which increases the deductible to \$4,500, increases the HRA amount total to \$128,000, renews dental and vision with no changes, and changes the basic, voluntary, short-term disability and long-term disability insurance to Lincoln National, and to pay 100% of the premium for the employee on the 5008 plan, and pay that same amount toward the employee on the 5007 plan. Final action regarding the insurance and employee premiums will be taken on May 21.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Surplus Property Trade with Board of Education.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the County has a tire change that is not needed or used and the Board of Education has a Kubota tractor is has determined to be surplus; that the Board of Education would like to trade the tractor for the tire changer; that the Recreation Department would like the tractor; that employees of both entities have looked at each other's property and have determined the values to be relatively equal. She said that the Board of Education has voted to give the County the tractor, and that a vote is needed to declare the tire changer to be surplus and to trade it for the tractor from the Board of Education. The motion to declare the tire changer as surplus property and to trade it for the Kubota tractor was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
6. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Lange made the motion, at 9:03 PM, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and real estate acquisition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
7. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
8. **PERSONNEL**
- A. **County Manager Position.** Chairman Lange made the motion to offer the position of County Manager to Greg Wood pending execution of the contract agreement and to approve said agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk