

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

May 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods, Charles Wyatt.
Staff Present: Greg Wood, County Manager; 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 May 14, 2013, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk and seconded by Commissioner Langston. Commissioner Loudermilk noted the minutes reflected that the statement of Linda Straub had not been submitted for the record, and he asked Mrs. Straub, who was in attendance, if she could provide her statement. Mrs. Straub said that she had not been asked to provide her statement but will do so. Commissioner Loudermilk said that that notation in the minutes should be stricken. With that change, the motion passed unanimously.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Introduction of Greg Wood as County Manager.** Chairman Lange announced and introduced Greg Wood as the County Manager for Harris County and reviewed his experience and background.
 - B. **Resolution Honoring Daniel B. Bridges.** Chairman Lange read the Resolution honoring Daniel B. Bridges, former County Commissioner and County Manager, which included his accomplishments as a Commissioner and as County Manager. The motion to approve the document was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. Chairman Lange presented the document to Shelene Bridges, widow of Mr. Bridges.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Second 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. A representative of the applicant was in attendance but had no comments. There being no one in favor of or in opposition to the application, Chairman Lange then made the motion to approve this application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Second 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 in opposition to the application. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**
 - C. **Request for Tax Refund: JP Morgan Chase.** Chairman Lange said that two requests for tax refund had been received from JP Morgan Chase, one for 2011 in the amount of \$287.40 and the other for 2012 in the amount of \$229.45, due to Chase having made a property tax payment erroneously on parcel 082 033 rather than 082 207 for both years. The motion to approve both refunds was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Department of Corrections Agreement: Inmate Capacity at Prison.** At the request of Chairman Lange, John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the agreement regarding the 125 inmates at the Prison and said it was basically the same as those approved in the past, pointed out the items regarding inmate medical expenses, and recommended approval. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #13-12.)

- E. **Appointment to Recreation Board**. Chairman Lange said that the Cataula Youth Sports Association (CYSA) has recommended that Cyndee Redmond be appointed to the Recreation Board to complete the term of Jerry Munoz who resigned as the representative for the CYSA, and that the term will expire December 31, 2014. The motion to appoint Cyndee Redmond to the Recreation Board to complete the term of Jerry Munoz was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
- F. **Medical/Health Insurance Renewal and Fees**. Chairman Lange said that during the May 14 meeting, the consensus of the Board was to renew the medical insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and that the County pay the same amount of the premium on each employee regardless of the tier of insurance. He said that the amount to be paid by the County for each employee for medical insurance is \$422.41, for dental insurance is \$9.16, and nothing toward vision insurance. The motion to approve the renewal, using Recommendation #2 as provided during the last meeting, and for the County to pay the rates as indicated per employee was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Wyatt commented that the County needs to look at possibly becoming self-insured and that such discussions should take place soon.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Bid Award: Road Improvements on 14 County Roads**. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the County went out on bid for the patching, leveling, resurfacing, driveway turnouts, and striping on 14 County roads, and the bids were received as follows:

Company	Affidavit	Bond	Bid Amount
CW Matthews, Marietta, GA	x	x	\$ 1,343,977.02
Robinson Paving, Columbus, GA	x	x	\$ 1,485,281.67

Mrs. McMichael said that James York, Public Works Director, has recommended the bid be awarded to CW Matthews for the low bid of \$1,343,977.02 and that the funds to pay for the improvements are to come from LMIG, T-SPLOST, and SPLOST. The motion to award the bid as recommended was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Releases for Solid Waste Collection: Mountain Top Club Chalet Homeowners Association and Royal Lodge Estates, Inc.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that a request has been received for the County to pick up refuse on three private roads (Mountain Springs Road, Royal Lodge Circle and Royal Lodge Drive); that the Solid Waste supervisor has looked at the roads and determined that the County's garbage truck can traverse the roads; and that for the County to go on these roads, a hold harmless release regarding any damages that may result from the garbage trucks is necessary. The motion to approve the two releases was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #13-07 and #13-08.)

8. **OTHER**

- A. **Abandoned Cemeteries**. Commissioner Wyatt suggested that the County look into taking care of abandoned cemeteries on private property and said he was contacted by someone whose family lost their property, on which there is a cemetery, during the depression and they can't gain access to the cemetery by the current owner of the property. John Taylor, County Attorney, said he had recently reviewed the State law, which indicates that it is the County's option as to whether or not to maintain such cemeteries, but that he will have to review some regarding having prisoners and/or County personnel being on private property.
- B. **Washington Road and Mountain Road**. Commissioner Wyatt said that he has asked James York, Public Works Director, to estimate the cost of paving both Washington Road and Mountain Road.

- 9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Commissioner Wyatt made the motion, at 7:40 PM, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition and/or disposition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
- 10. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**. The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

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

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk