

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Becky Langston, Jim Woods, Charles Wyatt. Commissioner Absent: Joey M. Loudermilk. 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 Regular Session minutes of September 3, 2013, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: American Business Women's Association Day (ABWA).** Chairman Lange read the document proclaiming September 22 as ABWA Day. The motion to approve the document was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Request to Abandon Old Section of Kings Gap Road.** Chairman Lange asked John Taylor discuss this matter. Mr. Taylor said that the request is to abandon a section of road that was not deeded to adjacent property owners when Kings Gap Road was relocated. Following a brief discussion, the motion to move forward with the abandonment process was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Water Plant Filter Renovation.** Chairman Lange asked Greg Wood, County Manager, to discuss this matter. Mr. Wood said that the filter of the water plant needs to undergo renovation at an estimated cost of \$90,597; that two companies, both of whom are sole source for the supplies they provide and the work they do, have submitted proposals totaling \$90,597; that there is a 90-day window before the repairs can start; and it is requested that the cost proposals be approved. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that item 18 of the proposal from Infilco needs to reflect that it is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia (not Virginia) and that the presiding jurisdiction is Harris County, Georgia (not Henrico County, Virginia). The motion to approve with the change to item 18 was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Job Description: Public Safety Director.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the job description for the Public Safety Director has been drafted and reviewed and that it needs to be made part of the personnel classification system. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the motion should also include classifying the position in a Grade 50. In response to a question from Commissioner Langston, Mrs. McMichael said that because she did not have the starting salary of that grade, she would advise the Board of same. The motion to approve the job description and to classify it as a Grade 50 was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Melody Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that Melody Lakes Volunteer Fire Department has disbanded; that the Council of Fire Chiefs has made the recommendation to transfer Engine 601 (1981 Ford Pumper) to Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department, to transfer Tanker 602 (2009 Pierce Pumper/Tanker) to Waverly Hall Fire Department, and to transfer the Brush truck to Eilerslie Volunteer Fire Department; that the Tanker will remain at the Melody Lakes VFD until Waverly Hall completes the upgrade of its facilities; and that Melody Lakes VFD will remit its checking and savings accounts funds to the County. The motion to approve the transfer of the vehicles, as recommended by the Council of Fire Chiefs, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Proclamation for Melody Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.** Following a brief discussion, consensus was to prepare a proclamation from the County recognizing the volunteer firefighters of Melody Lakes VFD and to thank them for the work they have performed for the citizens of the County.

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreement Renewal with Securus for Prison Inmate Phone Service.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the document, suggested that item # 4 be changed to reflect an initial term of 12 months followed by two successive 12 months terms, and recommended approval of same. The motion to approve the agreement, with the change to item #4, unless Securus objects to same, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #13-30.)

6. **OTHER**

- A. **T-SPLOST Update.** Commissioner Wyatt said that the County has received \$352,000 to date from the T-SPLOST and he would like to see the funds used to pave some of the roads that have been discussed. He also commented that similar funds should have been received as part of the regular SPLOST for use on roads. Discussion included that the current SPLOST proceeds received thus far are short of the \$12 million estimated to receive and are being used to cover the cities projects.
- B. **Checks for Damages to Property.** In response to a question from Commissioner Wyatt concerning the recent issuance of a check to cover damages to private property, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, explained the process regarding such, and that the most recent claim showed circumstantial evidence that the County could have damaged the windows of a vehicle. Commissioner Wyatt said that the County doesn't mow that particular area, but just parks the tractors overnight there for use the next day, and that any future claims of this nature should come before the Board for approval. Mrs. McMichael said that she would make certain that such requests go before the Board for action prior to any check being issued and a release being signed by the claimant.
- C. **SPLOST of 2008.** Commissioner Woods asked if the current SPLOST referendum had wording to indicate that the cities were to receive funding before any funds could be used to improve County roads. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he would check the wording and advise.

7. **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