

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 16, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Suspended: 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 September 2, 2014, Regular Session and the Dog Appeal Classification Hearing of Nick Braxton was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Denise Crawford: Walking Trail in Cataula.** Denise Crawford, citizen, appeared before the Board, explained her walking history, described a recent incident that took place while walking on Hudson Mill Road that destroyed her “peace of mind”, that she is afraid to walk on the roads in Pate Park due to its remote location, and that a walking trail is needed in the Cataula area for people like herself. Discussion included that the Railroad Recreation Trail is in Cataula, but will not be developed for many years because such development depends on grant funds; that there are no plans to develop a walking trail in Pate Park; that there will be a walking trail in Ellerslie Park, the plans for which are underway; and that future consideration will be given regarding a walking trail in the Cataula area.
 - B. **Scott Moyer: JCG/Koch Foods Issues.** Scott Moyer, citizen, appeared before the Board concerning the issues he has with JCG/Koch Foods. Discussion between Mr. Moyer and the Board included that the blowing of truck horns has been reduced, but is still happening; that there is no reason for the horn blowing; that with the cutting of the grass on the right of way, the trash is very evident; that the new drain was to have been in place by now; that the River Valley Regional Commission will be undertaking the water sampling; and that sampling will also take place with the water in Fort Creek, a small creek behind the plant. Greg Wood, County Manager, is to contact the Plant Manager to find out about the status of the new drain, and will contact the Prison Warden about having a crew pick up the trash in the area.
 - B. **Bobby Haralson: JCG/Koch Foods Issues.** Bobby Haralson, citizen, appeared before the Board and said that he disagrees with the County Attorney in that the County is still not in compliance with the Open Meetings/Open Records law; and that although the agenda is posted on the County’s website, there is nothing to indicate a person should page down to see the backup for the various items on the agenda. He then invited the Commissioners to homecoming at Roosevelt Church this Sunday, and said they should be prepared to wear face masks in the event the odor from JCG/Koch is as strong as it has recently been.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: American Legion Day.** Chairman Lange read the document proclaiming September 16 as the American Legion Day. The motion to approve the document was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Proclamation: American Business Women’s Day.** Chairman Lange read the document proclaiming September 22 as American Business Women’s Day. The motion to approve the document was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Appointments to Recreation Board and Planning Commission.** Chairman Lange said that appointments are needed on two boards, as follows:
 - (1) **Recreation Board.** With the resignation of Kevin Johnson, as representative of the Mountain Hill Athletic Association (MHAA), the MHAA has recommended that Brian McKeen be appointed to complete Mr. Johnson’s term, which expires December 31, 2015. The motion to appoint Mr. McKeen to the Recreation Board to complete the term of Kevin Johnson and represent the MHAA was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- (2) Planning Commission. With the resignation of James Rodgers, who held an “at large” position, Chance Carlisle has consented to appointment to complete Mr. Rodgers’ term, which expires December 31, 2016. The motion to appoint Mr. Carlisle to the Planning Commission in an “at large” position to complete the term of James Rodgers was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - (3) Airport Committee. Commissioner Loudermilk said that appointments were made to the Airport Committee during the September 2 meeting, but no term limits were set. Following a brief discussion, which included that the appointments were by position and if someone is no longer in their position, the person who takes their place would go into that position, Chairman Lange said that term limits could be considered.
- D. **First Reading: Unsafe Building Ordinance**. Chairman Lange said that was the First Reading of the ordinance; that it is to give authority to the County to take action regarding structures that are abandoned and are unsafe, have been burned and are still standing, are in disrepair, or in which drug crimes are being committed; that farm structures located on a farm are exempt. Following discussion, Chairman Lange said that Second Reading and action are scheduled for the October 7 meeting, and that the draft ordinance will be posted on the County’s website so that citizens can review it prior to the October 7 meeting.
- E. **Southeastern Site Development: Change Order #4 for Airport Parking area, Septic Drainfield System, and Potential Hangar Layout Site Preparation**. Chairman Lange explained the need for the Change Order and said that the cost is \$125,132. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that T-SPLOST funds can be used for all but the Septic Drainfield System, which would come from General Funds. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #14-26.)
- F. **WK Dickson: Task Order for Construction Phase Services for Airport Parking Area, Septic Drainfield System, and Potential Hangar Layout Site Preparation**. Chairman Lange said that with the preceding agreement, this document is for the supervision of the work at a cost of \$12,800. Following discussion, the motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #14-27.)

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Bid Award: Cattleman’s Association Building**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that bids were received for the construction of the building for the Cattleman’s Association; and that funding for same will come from the \$50,000 insurance money from the Cattleman’s Association with the balance from General Funds or SPLOST. The bids are:

Company	Bid Amount
Carlisle Services, LLC, Pine Mountain, GA	\$ 82,215.00
Contemporary Design, Inc., Fortson, GA	\$ 87,560.00
JMR (Jackson Metal Roofing), Jackson, GA	\$ 131,000.00
Rodgers Metal Craft, Fortson, GA	\$ 98,975.00

Mr. Wood said that the recommendation is to award the bid to Carlisle Services for the low bid of \$82,215.00. The motion to award the bid to Carlisle Services for \$82,215.00 was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

- B. **LMIG 2015 Road List**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that a decision is needed regarding the roads to submit for the upcoming 2015 LMIG funds. Following discussion regarding the list approved by the Board in July 2014, the motion to submit Hamilton Mulberry Grove Road, Winfree Road, and Davis Lake Road for the LMIG funds was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Bridge Work Issues**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the County recently went out on bid for rehabilitation to several bridges; that following the pre-bid meeting, DOT got involved and said that it would be money better spent if the County replaces, rather than rehabilitates the majority of the bridges; that the bid will be revised to have the bridge on Mayo Road replaced and the bridges on Jordan Road and O Street rehabilitated; and the Board needs to decide whether to move forward with replacing or repairing/rehabilitating the

remaining bridges. He said that the cost to replace is almost double that of rehabing the bridges and suggested that the bridges on Sunnyside Road and Ridgeway Road be removed from the list and pursued at a future date. Following discussion, consensus to not take action tonight but for the Board to take the list under consideration and possibly take action during the October 7 meeting.

- D. **Fortson Road Bridge Status.** In response to a question from Commissioner Langston, Greg Wood, County Manager, said that he understands the study is still underway and the work will be done in 2015.
- E. **Radio System Status.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that Antioch Volunteer Fire Department has its tower in place, which has helped communications; that it is hoped the issue will be resolved further when the Harrisville Road (Convenience Center) tower is in place; that John Taylor, County Attorney, is working on the agreements for the Harrisville Road and West Point sites, and once those are done, construction on the towers can begin.
- F. **CAD Update & Smart Phones.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that when responses are toned out on the CAD system, it is also possible to send texts on smart phones, but that cost for that capability is an additional \$2,500. Following discussion, consensus was to move forward with the smart phone capability.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Intergovernmental Agreement w/Board of Education: Waverly Hall School Property for Recreational Purposes.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Education has been approved and executed; that the term of the lease agreement is 50 years; that the only cost to the County is approximately \$35,000 that was paid toward the paving of a drive at Pine Ridge Elementary; that the County will have the use of all the property, but cannot place any permanent structures on the property closest to Highway 208; that although the need for a school is not imminent, if the need is there, the school will be built on the property closest to Highway 208; that the School system will have use of the fields, but must coordinate same through the County's Recreation Department. Following discussion, the motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #14-28.)
- 7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition and/or disposition and personnel was made at 8:07 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. After about 15-20 minutes, the County Manager, the County Attorney, and the County Clerk were asked to leave the Executive Session, and after another 15-20 minutes, the County Manager was called into the Executive Session.
 - 8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to resume the Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, 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 Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk