

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

December 2, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Absent: Martha Chewing. 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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Vice-Chairman Loudermilk introduced Boy Scout Troop #47 and asked that they lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, which they did.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014, Regular Session and the Termination Appeal of Lottie Ann Lee was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Scott Moye: JCG/Koch Foods Issues.** Scott Moye, citizen, appeared before the Board concerning the issues he has with JCG/Koch Foods. Discussion between Mr. Moye and the Board included that the County will have water tests performed next week; that Chairman Lange, County Manager Greg Wood, and Commissioner Chewing will be meeting with plant officials on the 8<sup>th</sup>, after which another meeting will be scheduled for them, as well as Mr. Moye, to attend; that the previous water test results should be interpreted by a professional in order to determine what is in the water, even though the collection method did not meet EPD standards/requirements; that the difference in JCG and Cagles is that Cagles did not run three shifts, the trucks did not blow their horns, and that although there was odor, it was less than now; that if the odor is coming from the retention ponds, it may be possible to neutralize it in some manner; that EPD officials have observed waste water coming from trucks as they leave the plant; and that if the results of next week's water test show exceeding levels of contaminants, they can be used as a basis for moving forward with resolving the issues.
  - B. **Jerry Armstrong: Reflective Numbers at All Residences.** Jerry Armstrong, citizen, appeared before the Board and said that while he has worked for Georgia Power for 43 years, he is speaking as a citizen; that he would like the Board to consider adopting an ordinance to require County residents to post their addresses; that when Taylor County started its 9-1-1 system, it provided such address signs to their citizens; that the signs and posts can be ordered from GCI (Georgia Correctional Industries); that Taylor County has a machine to produce the reflective numbers; that the lack of posting addresses causes delays for fire fighters, emergency services, and law enforcement. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that in October of 1999, the Board of Commissioners considered adopting an ordinance to require the posting of addresses, but one Commissioner felt it was a constitutional right for people not to be found if they chose not to, which resulted in the ordinance suggesting that citizens post their addresses, and it expired one year after the adoption. He said that should the Board choose to do so, that ordinance could be used as a template to draft a new ordinance. Discussion included that while such an ordinance would not require citizens in the municipalities to post their addresses, the municipalities could adopt the ordinance at the same time. Consensus was to move forward with drafting the ordinance, and Greg Wood, County Manager, is to look at pricing for the equipment necessary to cut reflective numbers.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Request from Shiloh: Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance.** At the request of Greg Wood, County Manager, this agenda item was moved up so that the representative from Shiloh could leave to attend another meeting. Billy McDaniel, of the Shiloh City Council, appeared before the Board to request that the County perform servicing and maintenance on the City's four vehicles; that they have been sending their vehicles out for repairs to various locations; and that having the County perform the work could save them money. Mr. Wood said that while the County could perform such work, the County's vehicles would have precedent over other vehicles; that the other municipalities may also wish to have the County perform such work on their vehicles. Discussion included that an intergovernmental agreement would be necessary for the County to perform the work. Consensus was not to take action on this request, but to allow the County to provide one set of tires to one of Shiloh's police cars that

is in need of tired, and to move forward with drafting an agreement on which the Board would act at a later date.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **AWOS: Purchase, Installation and First Year's Maintenance.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that he has learned that should the County move forward with the purchase of the AWOS equipment from Vaisala through State contract, the State contract requirements and conditions would prevail. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that with the State contract requirements, the concerns he had with the Vaisala agreements are satisfied. Discussion included that FAA funding toward this may be at 90% or 75% depending on funds; that having the AWOS could possibly increase corporate traffic at the Airport by 50%, which will result in more fuel sales. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchase, installation and first year's maintenance of the AWOS equipment from Vaisala at an approximate cost of \$86,429 was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- B. **Financial Statement: October 2014.** The motion to approve the October 2014 financial statement was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Airport Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).** Chairman Lange said that the CIP is a five-year plan that the County must submit to FAA each year; that it covers 2016 to 2020; that the projects listed can be changed; and that the projects total about \$5.4 million, with approximately \$4.8 million from Federal funds, \$270,000 from State funds, and \$270,000 from County funds. He said that Phil Eberly, airport consultant with WK Dickson, is present to explain and respond to questions. Mr. Eberly said that while there is no assurance that federal funds will be available for any of the projects, the FAA requires the annual submittal of projects in order to get an idea of funding needs. He then reviewed the list and said that the list can be revised. Following discussion, the motion to approve the CIP was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD#14-21.)

8. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Request from Direct Services: Additional Funding for Senior Center Program.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that Direct Services, which provides services for the Senior Center Program; that the request is for \$1,500 and is due to their funding be cut; and that the County already provides about \$6,500. Following discussion, consensus was to table the issue until the December 16 meeting so that a representative of Direct Services can be present to explain what they do. Mr. Wood is to also provide the previously budgeted amounts for Direct Services.
- B. **Proposal from Gullatte Associates: Timber Management in Ellerslie Park.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that a proposal had been received from Gary Gullatte, with Gullatte Associates, regarding the inventory, thinning, valuation, removal and control burning of forestry in Ellerslie Park; that the cost is \$7,650; that the inventory would include species, general age, spacing, quality, health, volumes, grades and values of the timber currently in the park; that this service is needed in order to be able to better plan the development of the park; that the cost will come from the proceeds of the sale of the Ridgeway Road property; and that he recommends approval. Following discussion, the motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$7,650 was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #14-41.)

9. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **South Porter Road: Quit Claim Deed.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that South Porter Road is a County road by prescription; that the County has been maintaining the road since at least 1993, if not before; that a property owner at the end of the road wants to subdivide his property into two 10-acre tracts and one 14-acre tract; that it was suggested that the owner must provide the County a 60-foot right of way for South Porter Road; and that a Quit Claim Deed regarding same has been submitted. Discussion included that the deed is only for the portion at the end of the road; and that it would be beneficial to have this right of way if the County decides to improve the road in the future because it would only have to

acquire the necessary right of way for the part of South Porter from Oak Mountain Road to this property. Following discussion, the motion to accept the Quit Claim deed, pending the proper recording of the plat and deed, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed with three in favor (Woods, Lange, Langston) and one opposed (Loudermilk).

- B. **Bond Validation Update: Kopla.** John Taylor, County Attorney, advised the Board that he had filed the bond documents, which had been approved by the Development Authority, regarding Kopla, a business located in the Northwest Harris Business Park; that the required advertisements will be in the December 4 and 11 editions of the Harris County Journal; that the hearing for same will be on December 18 at 9:30 AM before Judge Jordan; and that assuming all goes well, the anticipated closing will occur on December 19. He also said that no funds in connection with the bonds will come from the Development Authority or the County; that Kopla will be buying the bonds; that Kopla will experience tax abatements at 100% for the first three years and 50% for the next four years; and that the abatements will start in 2015.
- C. **Bond Validation Update: The Grove.** John Taylor, County Attorney, advised the Board that he had filed the bond documents, which had been approved by the Public Improvements Authority, regarding The Grove, a development of Mulberry Grove Development, owned by Bradley/Woodruff entities; that these bonds are for the sanitary sewer line to run from the Muscogee County line up the west side of Interstate 185, then under the Interstate to the development; that the developer is responsible for paying back the bonds; that the County will create a special tax district so that should there be an issue with bond repayment, a tax can be implemented for that area; that the required advertisements will be in the December 4 and 11 editions of the Harris County Journal; and that the hearing for same will be on December 18 at 9:30 AM before Judge Jordan.
- D. **Sewer Ordinance.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that with the development of The Grove, a development of Mulberry Grove Development, the County must adopt a sewer ordinance, the requirement of which has been included in the intergovernmental agreement with the Columbus Water Works; that he had sent the Board an e-mail which included the document; and that unless there are objections, it will be on the December 16 agenda for approval. He said that the ordinance will be specifically for The Grove by resolution and that should a similar situation occur with another development, like Woodland Hills, a resolution would be adopted for the ordinance to apply there as well.

10. **OTHER**

- A. **David Lyons.** Greg Wood, County Manager, announced that David Lyons, with the Valley Partnership economic development, has accepted a position in Ozark, Alabama, and that the County will now be working the Brian Sillitto regarding economic development.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk