

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

March 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey Loudermilk, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. 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.** Chairman Lange asked Sgt. Major Jim Furin, an Army veteran, to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Furin complied.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, 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 included that Chairman Lange said GDOT had changed the stop bar at the traffic light at the intersection of US Highway 27 and Georgia Highway 116 and had repaired an area on Highway 116; that Greg Wood, County Manager, reported that he had written a letter to the District Engineer advising that the Board desires to take back Georgia Highway 354 (beginning at bridge), but has not yet received a response; that the Material Safety Data sheets have been received; that Mr. Wood will be talking with the County's Water Works Director about taking water samples; and that the County will be following up with GDOT.
 - B. **Bobby Haralson: JCG/Koch Foods Issues.** Bobby Haralson, citizen, appeared before the Board and said that he has noticed the "chicken plant" sign in the valley, but has observed trucks making u-turns and damaging road shoulders because they ignored the sign; and that while he was pleased to see that GDOT had done work at the intersection of US Highway 27 and Georgia Highway 116, he does not think it will work because people are not stopping at the new stop bar. Chairman Lange said that the County will be following up with GDOT regarding the intersection. Mr. Haralson suggested that property be purchased in order to relocate the intersection further north to Mack Miller Lane between the library and the former James McMichael property.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Budget Schedule FY 2015/2016.** The motion to approve the Budget Schedule for FY 2015/2016 was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Plan.** Chairman Lange said that the IRS requires all qualified retirement plans to be amended and restated every five years to incorporate new laws as well as employer-specific amendments; that the County's plan with ACCG must be amended and restated; and that ACCG will file the County's plan on its behalf, and in order to facilitate the process, authorization is necessary for the Chairman to execute the necessary documents. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Personnel: Correctional Officers and Crew Supervisors at Prison.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that Warden Alex Haden would like to combine the positions of Correctional Officers and Crew Supervisors so that they are all Correctional Officers; that currently the Correctional Officers, who supervise inmates inside the Prison, work 84 hours per pay period while the Crew Supervisors, who supervise inmates away from the Prison, work 80 hours; that the change will result in the Warden being able to better cover absences as well as reduce overtime and comp time; and that the difference in the starting salary between the two positions is \$1,336 annually. Discussion included that there are currently six Crew Supervisors at the Prison; and that the job description for Correction Officer is to be revised to include the duties of Crew Supervisor. The motion to approve changing the position titles to Correctional Officer with such position working 84 hours per pay period was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and real estate acquisition was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
9. **OTHER**
 - A. **Banking: Change CD Signer.** Prior to adjourning into Executive Session, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the County has a CD with First Peoples Bank that still has Jennie Shelhorse listed as the signer and that the bank requires the Board to take action in order to change the signer. The motion to delete Jennie Shelhorse and replace with Greg Wood and Nancy McMichael was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed with four in favor (Lange, Langston, Chewning, Loudermilk), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods).
10. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 PM as previously voted upon (see #8 above).
11. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION & ADJOURNMENT.** The motion to go back into Regular Session and to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:30 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk