

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 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 Greg Wood, County Manager, to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he complied.
3. **MINUTES**. The motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Financial Statement: June 2015**. Chairman Lange said that action on the motion of Commissioner Woods and second by Commissioner Chewning was tabled during the September 1 meeting due to one page missing from the financial statement, and that the missing page had been supplied. The vote on the motion to approve was unanimous.
- B. **Master Fire Plan Proposal Award**. Chairman Lange said that five proposals were received in response to the County's request for proposals for a master fire plan; that the proposals were reviewed and graded by the Fire Plan Committee; that the top three firms are Emergency Services Consultation International of Wilsonville, OR with 89, Matrix Consulting of Keller, TX with 85, and JMCM Consulting of Five Points, AL with 80; and that action was tabled pending review of the proposals by the Commissioners; and that the Commissioners have reviewed the proposals. Following discussion, the motion to award the proposal to Emergency Services Consultation International (ESCI) of Wilsonville, OR, who has a representative in Georgia, was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **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 Chewning, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Financial Statement: July 2015**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that several pages of the statement had been e-mailed to the Board, to which some members indicated they did not have the revised pages. Commissioner Langston asked that action be tabled until the revised pages had been received by all Commissioners. There were no objections to tabling action to the October 6 meeting.
- C. **Appointments to Recreation Board**. Chairman Lange said that the Mountain Hill Youth Sports Association (YSA) has recommended that Heather Hajek be appointed as its representative to replace Brian McKeen, who resigned and whose term expires December 31, 2015. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that earlier today she had received a request from the Hamilton YSA to appoint Mark Parsley as its representative to replace Tony Tarver, whose term expires December 31, 2016. The motion to appoint Heather Hajek as Mountain Hill YSA representative and Mark Parsley as Hamilton YSA representative was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- D. **Bid Award: Scoreboard for Pate Park**. Chairman Lange said that bids had been requested a second time for a scoreboard for Pate Park; that three bids has been received as follows:

COMPANY	BID	MET ALL SPECS
Electro-Mech, Wrightsville, GA	\$ 5,458.00	Yes
Eversan, Inc., Whitesboro, NY	\$ 12,266.00	No
Varsity Scoreboards, Murray, KY	\$ 6,257.01	No

Chairman Lange said that that two of the bids did not meet the specifications and that it has been recommended by John Magazu that the bid be awarded to Electro-Mech for the low bid of \$5,458. The motion to award the bid as recommended was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that he would like to apply for a \$750,000 grant from the State Road & Tollway Authority to offset costs associated with the replacement of Mount Airy Road bridge; that it has been estimated the cost for bridge

replacement will be approximately \$825,000, which includes not only replacement materials but signage, striping, erosion control, and engineering and inspection; and that if awarded, the County would have to provide the 10% match, which can be done from TSPLOST. Following discussion, the motion to move forward with the grant application was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

- B. **2016 LMIG Road List.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the next three roads on the approved road list for resurfacing are Calhoun Road at 2.2 miles, Fortune Hole Road at 5.5 miles, and Licksillet Road at 6.9 miles; that trying to do all three roads will exceed the LMIG funds the County will receive. He then recommended that either Licksillet Road or Fortune Hole Road and Calhoun Road be resurfaced. Discussion included that Calhoun Road could be included as an “add alternate” so that if the bids are low enough, it could be included in the resurfacing; and that Madison Way, currently an “add alternate” in the resurfacing bid scheduled to open on September 30, may also need to be included with the new bid. Following discussion, action was tabled to the October 6 meeting pending the results of the current resurfacing bid for which action will be taken during an upcoming Called Session (October 2 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Commissioners’ Office).
- C. **Purchase of Cardiac Monitors.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that EMS had submitted a request to purchase six (6) refurbished Zoll cardiac monitors and that Jimmy Carver, EMS Chief, was present to discuss same. Mr. Carver said that the current monitors are outdated and need to be replaced; that the six (6) refurbished monitors are cheaper than purchasing one (1) new monitor; and that the refurbished monitors have a one-year warranty. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchase of six (6) refurbished Zoll cardiac monitors for a total cost of \$22,770 was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
- D. **State Patrol Funding Revision Request.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that GSP in LaGrange has requested that their funding allocation of \$12,000 for fuel be reallocated since the State has lifted restrictions on fuel purchases, and that the reallocation is to allow the purchase of four (4) tasers at a cost of \$5,255.26 and to pay for water damage repair at a cost of \$809.49. Following discussion, the motion to approve the reallocation of \$5,255.26 for the purchase of four (4) tasers was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said he had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk