

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

October 18, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Joey Loudermilk, Jim Woods. Staff Present: 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.** At the request of Chairman Lange, Commissioner Chewning led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.**
 - A. **October 4, 2016, Regular Session.** The motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 4, 2016, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **October 6, 2016, Called Session.** The motion to approve the Called Session minutes of October 6, 2016 was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed with three in favor (Loudermilk, Langston, Lange), no opposition, and two abstentions (Chewning, Woods) due to being absent from the meeting.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
 - A. **Sylvester McGee: Lake Fairchild Resort.** Sylvester McGee, citizen who lives on McGee Road, Pine Mountain, appeared before the Board regarding the events that take place at Lake Fairchild Resort, which is owned by his sister Shirley McGee Fannings, as a result of the site being rented to various individuals sometimes two or three times a month. Mr. McGee stated that he can't get help from the Sheriff's office when he calls. Following discussion, it was pointed out that the Sheriff's office can only address illegal activities, but that the Code Enforcement officer can be dispatched to determine zoning or other county ordinance violations. Consensus was for the appropriate investigation to take place and correspondence be sent to the property owner if violations are found.
 - B. **Rickey Flournoy: Washington Road.** Rickey Flournoy, citizen who lives on Washington Road, appeared before the Board and said that the lack of completion of the road improvement project is not acceptable. Mike Brown, Public Works Director, was in attendance and said that the road is passable and functional but a few things are still needed; that he met with the engineer and contractor and a punch list, resulting from that meeting, is being prepared; and that whatever needs to be done to get everything finished will be done. Chairman Lange assured Mr. Flournoy that the road will be completed to the satisfaction of the County, either by the contractor or the County, depending on the need, and that while the project is taking much longer than desired, it will be completed.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Financial Statement: July 2016.** Following discussion as to the overage regarding the Community Center and the Public Improvements Authority, the vote on the motion to approve the July 2016 financial statement made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Chewning during the October 4 meeting, was unanimous.
 - B. **Airport Financial.** Paul Glick, Finance Officer, reviewed and explained the financial information regarding the Airport.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Letter of Support: Long Cane Creek Project.** The motion to approve the letter of support for the Long Cane Creek project, which is to hopefully reduce the fecal coliform and sediment levels within Long Cane Creek, and commits to providing 20 hours of in-kind service, with an approximate value of \$471, over a two-year period, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **CDBG Project Update.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk and Assistant County Manager, advised that the pre-construction meeting regarding the paving of the roads within Kings Gap took place last week; that the outcome included the possibility of reducing the project costs by deleting the final stabilization/grassing (\$14,000) and reducing the driveway aprons (\$28,000), both of which would be addressed in a future change order; that the Notice to Proceed on the project will be issued once the required performance and payment bonds are received; and that another extension will be requested from the Department of Community Affairs due to the delay regarding the sole source provider process. There were no objections from the Board regarding the proposed changes or to the extension request.
- B. **Ellerslie Park.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk and Assistant County Manager, said that she understood the plans for the roads within the Park are to be ready by the end of this month.

8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreement: CDBG Paving Project with Robinson Paving.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the agreement for the paving of the roads within Kings Gap at a cost of \$465,572, noted that the reductions previously discussed (see 7A above) would be made in future change order, and recommended approval of the agreement. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #16-29.)
9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, potential or pending litigation, and the acquisition or disposal of real property, was made at 7:58 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
10. **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 10:10 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
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.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk