

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

November 15, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Joey Loudermilk, Jim Woods. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, 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.** At the request of Chairman Lange, Randy Dowling, County Manager, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.**
  - A. **Regular Session of November 1, 2016, and Planning Session of October 31, 2016.** The motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016, Regular Session and the October 31, 2016, Planning Session was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Work Session of November 1, 2016.** The motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016, Work Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Rickey Flournoy: Washington Road.** Rickey Flournoy, citizen, appeared before the Board and asked several questions regarding Washington Road. Chairman Lange asked Mr. Flournoy to contact the Commissioners' office regarding his concerns.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **CDBG Project for 2017.** Chairman Lange said there had been discussion about moving forward with applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for 2017; that we have not yet completed our current CDBG; and that application should not be made at this time and to concentrate on same next year for a grant in 2018. There were no objections.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Richard McKinney: Aerial Ladder Truck.** Richard McKinney, Chief of Antioch Fire Department, appeared before the Board and said that Antioch's aerial ladder truck failed its recent inspection due to metal fatigue; that it can't be used to fight fires or for rescue purposes; that such a vehicle is needed for the condos in the Backwaters as well as for Mountain Hill School; that a used truck, at a cost of \$200,000, has been located in Griffin and is currently in use there; that the truck is in running order, good condition, and needs tires, but that Griffin will change out the tires; that Antioch does not have the funds to purchase the truck; and that it is being requested that the County provide funding to purchase the truck. Discussion included that Paul Glick, Finance Officer, had indicated there are enough funds in the Solid Waste enterprise fund that could be transferred out and used for the purchase of the truck. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchase of the aerial ladder truck using Solid Waste funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with title coming to the county, was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Airport CIP.** Chairman Lange said that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Airport was discussed during the November 1 Work Session; that the CIP can be changed or altered as needed, but is required to be approved annually. The motion to approve the CIP was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD#16-05.)
  - C. **Fee Schedules: Community Development.** Chairman Lange said that this item has been removed from the agenda and that the County Manager, County Attorney, and Community Development Director are to meet and discuss same before the Board will take action.

D. **Agreement: Transfer from Vaisala to DBT Transportation Services for AWOS Preventive Maintenance and Data Service.** Chairman Lange asked John Taylor, County Attorney, to explain this document. Mr. Taylor said that Vaisala, with whom the County has two existing agreements regarding the AWOS Preventive Maintenance and the AWOS Data Service; that Vaisala has transferred certain portions of their business to DBT Transportation; that essentially, the personnel for DBT is the same as that for Vaisala; and that with the exception of some minor changes, he recommended approval of same. The motion to approve the document, to include minor revisions, was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements file as C&A #16-31.)

E. **Resolutions: Depository Signatures.** Chairman Lange said that due to personnel changes, resolutions are needed for three banks in order to change the signers on the CD accounts; and suggested that the new signers will be Randy Dowling, Nancy McMichael, and Christy Searcy. The motion to approve all three resolutions was made by Commissioner Loudermilk and seconded by Commissioner Langston. Commissioner Woods commented that two of the three banks are out of state and that the County should keep its funds as close to home as possible. Discussion included that the terms and location of the CDs should be reviewed prior to reinvesting the funds. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Projects Update.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, brought the Board up to date on various projects, as follows:

- (1) **Ellerslie Park.** Work is in progress to include review of conceptual budget and schedule as well as meeting with staff on November 16 to review plans; and it is hoped the park will be open to the public by April 2017. Chairman Lange commented there is a 7-acre tract across from the park; that the use for same is not restricted; and that it could possibly be used for a recycling site or sold, depending on the needs of the County.
- (2) **Library.** Construction Manager (CM) at Risk proposals will be reviewed and potential contractors will be interviewed on November 21, with a recommendation to be made to the Board.
- (3) **LMIG 2017.** List being prepared; scheduled to be before the Board on December 6.
- (4) **Pate Park.** Specs for playground equipment is in progress.
- (5) **Mars Hill Drive and West Mars Hill Drive.** All necessary right of way deeds have been obtained; attorney to draft acceptance resolution for approval by the Board on December 6.
- (6) **Hardage Road.** Three right of way deeds have not yet been obtained; efforts will be made to obtain same in order to proceed with the paving process.
- (7) **Pine Mountain Ballpark Restrooms.** Work continuing this week; completion should be soon.

## 8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Ante Litem Notice: Larry Wayne Burden, Jr.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that an ante litem notice had been received regarding the claim of Joann Bryant, as surviving heir of Larry Wayne Burden, Jr., received as a result of the death of Mr. Burden while incarcerated at the Harris County Prison. He recommended that the Board deny the ante-litem notice, after which he will notify the County's insurance carrier of same. Following discussion, the motion to deny the ante-litem notice was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

B. **Request for Executive Session.** John Taylor, County Attorney, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and potential or pending litigation.

9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and potential or pending litigation was made at 8:00 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 8:30 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk