

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

November 21, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Jim Woods, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewing, Becky Langston.  
Commissioner Absent: J. Harry Lange. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; John Taylor,  
County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** In the absence of Chairman Lange, Vice-Chairman Woods called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** At the request of Vice-Chairman Woods, Andy Kober, reporter for the Harris County Journal and firefighter with the Pine Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Regular Session and the November 13, 2017 Work Session was made by Commissioner Chewing, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Commissioner Langston asked that wording be included in paragraph 6E to indicate that should the grant not be awarded, the amnesty event will not occur. Commissioner Chewing amended her motion and Commissioner Andrews amended her second to include the wording, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Second Reading: Application of Mindy McGuire for Beer & Wine On-Premises at Tricky's located at 6052 GA Hwy 85, Ellerslie (formerly Ossahatchee Oyster Bar).** Vice-Chairman Woods said that this was the Second Reading of this application. Mindy McGuire, applicant, was not in attendance. Vice-Chairman Woods asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. There being none, and no questions or comments from the Board, he asked for a motion. The motion to approve this application was made by Commissioner Chewing, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and failed by a vote of two in favor (Chewing, Woods) and two opposed (Andrews, Langston). The motion to disapprove this application was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and failed by a vote of two in favor (Andrews, Langston) and two opposed (Chewing, Woods). John Taylor, County Attorney, said due to both motions failing, the application would go back before the Board on December 5 for action.
  - B. **Bid Award: Washers for Jail and Prison.** Vice-Chairman Woods said that during the November 7 meeting, the motion to award the bid for two washing machines (one for the Jail and one for the Prison to Southeastern Laundry Equipment Sales for the bid of \$20,000 (including delivery and installation) had been made, seconded and tabled pending a response from Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute regarding two washers. He asked Mrs. McMichael to discuss the findings. Mrs. McMichael said that contact was made with Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute, that it was confirmed that the washers were on site, but that the State had not notified RWSI to surplus the washers, and there was no indication as to when that would occur. Vice-Chairman Woods asked for a vote on the motion to award the bid to Southeastern Laundry Equipment. The vote was unanimous.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Road Listing & Improvement Program: Addition of Old McKee Road.** Vice-Chairman Woods asked Mrs. McMichael to provide details on this issue. Mrs. McMichael said that several years ago (in 2010), the Board approved a road listing and improvement program of roads to be resurfaced or paved; that on the list are 29 roads to be paved (grade, base & pave); that Commissioner Andrews received a request from a constituent to add Old McKee Road, a short graveled road approximately .20 of a mile that connects Village Parkway and McKee Road; and that the addition of this road would increase the number of roads for grade, base and pave to 30. Commissioner Andrews made the motion to add Old McKee Road to the Road Listing & Improvement Program list as #30. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langston and passed unanimously. [Note: Previous minutes refer to this list as starting with 30 and another being added in December 2016, but upon

review it was determined two roads scheduled for resurfacing had been inadvertently included; with that correction, the number of roads reduced to 29 and the addition of this road brings the total to 30.]

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

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

- (1) Recreation Director Position. Five applicants have been interviewed and applications are still being accepted with an anticipated start date of January 2, 2018.
- (2) Accounting Software. Bid was awarded during the November 7 meeting and the County Attorney is reviewing the contract agreement.
- (3) Prison CCTV Security System Update. Advertising in underway with bids due December 22 and completion expected 90 days after notice to proceed.
- (4) 911 Telephone & CAD System. Project is underway with the CAD cut over date scheduled for Monday, November 27, and the phone system cut over date scheduled for mid to late December.
- (5) Radio System. Discussion regarding agreement is still underway.
- (6) Washers for Jail and Prison. Bid awarded this evening and machines will be ordered tomorrow for delivery to the Jail and to the Prison.
- (7) Fire Trucks. The first fire truck, for Ellerslie VFD, has come in; photos have been taken and posted on website; and the balance of the trucks are due between now and February 2018.
- (8) LMIG 2017. No bids were received for Striping; the Guardrail bid was awarded tonight; and guardrail installation will start soon and should be completed by the end of the year.
- (9) Hardage Road. Paving of road is underway and the project should be completed before the end of the year.
- (10) Airport Wildlife & Security Fencing. Phase I of the project is currently being advertised with bids to be received December 21.
- (11) Solid Waste Garbage Trucks. Bid was awarded on September 5 and trucks are expected during March 2018.
- (12) Solid Waste Compactors. Bid was awarded during the November 7 meeting, order has been placed, and compactors should be delivered late January.
- (13) Solid Waste Containers. Bid was awarded during the November 7 meeting, order has been placed, and containers are expected late December or early January.
- (14) Library. Project continues to go well and is on time, on budget and on target.
- (15) Tennis Courts. In response to a question from Commissioner Chewning, Mr. Dowling said that a recommendation from the Recreation Director regarding tennis court usage will be on the December 5 agenda, that input has been received from Bill Champion, tennis pro, and that Bobby Greer will be contacted for input as well.

B. **Bid Award: Striping of Four Roads.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were properly advertised for striping on four County roads for a distance of 3.90 miles, but that no bids were received, and that the funding for the striping, which is part of the LMIG 2017 Off-System Safety grant, will be used toward the guardrail portion of the grant. Vice-Chairman Woods suggested that Two Rivers be contacted about the striping of roads.

C. **Bid Award: Guardrails on Two Roads.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were properly advertised for guardrails on sections of Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road and on Lickskillet Road, and that only one (1) bid was received from Stembridge Custom Metals of Fairburn, GA, in the amount of \$81,600; that the LMIG 2017 Off-System Safety grant was \$65,000; that the County's match is \$6,500, which will be taken from SPLOST 2009, for a total of \$71,500; and that the difference of \$10,100 between the bid and the funding total will come from SPLOST 2009. The motion to award the bid to Stembridge Custom Metals in the amount of \$81,600 was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **First Amendment to County Manager Agreement of Randy Dowling.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this is the First Amendment to the agreement with County Manager Randy Dowling and extends the contract time period along with other changes to include participation in ACCG's Senior Management Retirement Program, for which the Board must take separate action during the December 5 meeting, with all changes effective November 1. The motion to approve the First Amendment was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" as C&A #17-43.)

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Vice-Chairman Woods, and passed unanimously.

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Jim Woods, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk