

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

March 20, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, 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, Clint Chastain, CFO, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed with four in favor (Chewning, Andrews, Lange, Langston), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods, who was absent from the March 6 meeting).
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Second Reading: Application of Anita D. Patel for Beer & Wine Off Premises at Country Market located at 6017 GA Highway 315, Cataula.** Chairman Lange said that this was the Second Reading for this application, which has been recommended for approval by the Sheriff's Office and Community Development, and by the Health Department pending issuance of a food permit. Anita D. Patel, applicant, appeared before the Board but had no comments regarding the application. Discussion took place regarding the Health Department's recommendation, and Ms. Patel said that she plans to sell only pre-packaged food, but at some point in the future may sell prepared food, for which she is aware that a food permit will be needed. There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. There being none, he asked for a motion. The motion to approve this application was made by Commissioner Langston and seconded by Commissioner Chewning. Commissioner Woods said that question 6h (on the application) is incomplete as it only shows Ms. Patel's birthplace as India, to which Ms. Patel said she was born in Karamsab, India. The motion passed unanimously.
  - B. **Second Reading: Ordinance Regarding Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.** Chairman Lange said that this ordinance would amend Article I of the Code of Ordinance to add Chapter 9, and asked John Taylor, County Attorney, to review the proposed ordinance. Mr. Taylor said that no changes have been made since the First Reading; that this ordinance would allow the offenses of disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, and loitering or prowling to be adjudicated in Magistrate Court; and that it will be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer, who can issue citations, or Sheriff's deputies, who can make arrests. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Financial Statement: January 2018.** Following comments from Clint Chastain, CFO, to include that all departments appear to be on track for the year, the motion to approve the January 2018 financial statement was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Recreation Board Appointment.** Chairman Lange said that the School Board has recommended that Garnett Ray be appointed as its liaison on the Recreation Board to complete the term of Morgan Marlowe, and that Mr. Ray's term will expire December 31, 2018. The motion to appoint Garnett Ray to the Recreation Board as the School Board's liaison was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
  - C. **Shiloh Request to Provide Water to Residents on Deloach Road.** Chairman Lange said that there are contaminated water wells on Deloach Road near the City of Shiloh. Representing Shiloh were Rich Scott (Director of Public Works), Randy Phillips (Council member), and Sharon Cross (Council member). Commissioner Chewning said that Deloach Road is about six miles from Sam Jones Road, which is

where the County's water line ends and would cost about \$2,000,000 for the County to run water to Deloach Road, and there are no plans in the foreseeable future to run water to that area of the County; that the City of Shiloh is applying for a Community Development Block Grant for water system improvements; that they want to include Deloach Road, which is in the unincorporated area of the County; that the deadline to submit the CDBG application is April 2; that they are requesting the County amend the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) to allow the citizens on Deloach Road to be served by the City of Shiloh; that there would be no cost to the County; that amendment to the SDS would need to be executed by the other cities as well; that the request is for the County to state that the County will cooperate in amending the SDS; and that the amendment should be narrowly defined for only the subject road. She said that annexation of the property will take much longer than the August 2 deadline for submission of final CDBG documents and there are estate issues involved with the properties on Deloach Road. Discussion included that annexation would be best, but will take far too long to accomplish; that Deloach Road is 2,600 feet; that fire hydrants will be included with the water lines; that this will be a way to help citizens who need water; and that while digging wells may be a good option, it is not in this case due to the lack of financial means for the citizens involved. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that a letter tailored to this particular set of circumstances is needed.

Following discussion, Commissioner Chewning made the motion to authorize a letter to be sent on behalf of Harris County and its Water Department to state that Harris County will assist in executing an amendment to the SDS that is narrowly tailored to the specific circumstance of the property on Deloach Road and for which the City of Shiloh is seeking their CDBG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Chairman Lange suggested amending the motion to include that this area has contaminated wells and there is no other financially feasible means to provide the water to the citizens in this area. Both Commissioner Chewning and Commissioner Andrews agreed to amend the motion to include reference to the contaminated wells and the lack of financial means for the County to provide the water to the citizens on Deloach Road. Commissioner Woods asked about the total grant being applied for and what would be covered. Mr. Scott said that the total grant is about \$570,000 and there are eight (8) houses in the city limits that will also benefit from the water improvements. Commissioner Woods said he has a hard time supporting this when new wells cost about \$40,000; that two wells could possibly suffice; and that it should be a personal responsibility rather than asking the State to spend \$226,000 for this area. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed with four in favor (Chewning, Andrews, Lange, Langston) and one opposed (Woods).

- D. **Road Name Clarification: Hart Road vs Hart Drive.** Chairman Lange asked Commissioner Langston to explain this issue. Commissioner Langston said that about a year ago, it was discovered that the road was being called (and addresses assigned) Hart Drive; that a citizen called her concerned from a public safety aspect in locating homes on the road; that she asked the County Clerk to send out a brief survey; that the older plats refer to Hart Road; and that she would like to see the road name changed to Hart Road. She then made the motion to clarify that the road known as both Hart Road and Hart Drive (off GA Highway 315) is named Hart Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chewning and passed unanimously.
- E. **GDOT Agreement: Airport Security Fencing - Phase I (AP018-9033-12(145); PID #T006648).** Chairman Lange asked John Taylor, County Attorney, to explain this issue. Mr. Taylor said that the Board awarded the Airport fencing contract on February 20 to McCall Fencing with the total project cost of \$376,651; that this agreement from GDOT is for the funding of the project; that due to additional funding from the State, the agreement is for \$369,947 (\$158,833 from State funds and \$210,664 from Federal funds) with the County's match of \$62,958.35, for the new total project cost of \$432,455.35; and that the project cannot proceed until GDOT provides the County with a Notice to Proceed upon receipt of the executed agreement. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A # 18-08.)

## 6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

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

- (1) Prison CCTV Security System Update. Project will soon be underway with completion by June 30, 2018.
  - (2) County-wide Radio System. The agreement is complete and has been sent to Diverse Power to review and comment.
  - (3) Fire Trucks. Nine of the ten trucks have been purchased, and the nine have been received.
  - (4) Hamilton Business Park Road Extension. Pre-construction conference to be held next week with project completion by late June 2018.
  - (5) Holland Drive. Right of Way agreements have been mailed to property owners, and five have been received.
  - (6) Ellerslie Park Development. Trying to get the development started.
  - (7) Airport Fencing Project. Should be started soon and completed by the end of the fiscal year.
  - (8) Garbage Trucks. The two trucks should be here soon.
  - (9) Scrap Tire Event. Two days for turning in scrap tires at the Transfer Station at no charge will be April 7 and April 14.
  - (10) Library. Dedication and Open House is scheduled for March 29 at 11:00 AM; the old library closed on Wednesday, February 28.
  - (11) SPLOST Continuation. All information is on the website in preparation for the May 22 referendum.
  - (12) Prison Inmate Health Care Services. Five proposals were received on the 19<sup>th</sup> and are currently being evaluated.
  - (13) SPLOST Collections. 76.7% complete with 46 of the 60 months collected.
  - (14) Playground Equipment for Pate Park. In response to a question from Commissioner Woods, Mr. Dowling said that preparing of the specs will soon be forthcoming and the project bid out.
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 the meeting was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk