

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

May 1, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney in the absence of 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.** The motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Chairman Lange said that item 5A should be "First" rather than "Second" Reading. With that change, the motion passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Second Reading: Application of Mindy McGuire for Beer and Wine On-Premises at Tricky Dick's Oyster Bar, 6052 GA Highway 85, Ellerslie.** Chairman Lange read the specifics of the application and said that the Sheriff's Office, the Health Department, and Community Development have recommended approval. Mindy McGuire, applicant, had no comments regarding the application. Chairman Lange asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. There being none, and there being no comments from the Board, he asked for a motion. The motion to approve this application was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed with four in favor (Chewning, Woods, Lange, Langston) and one opposed (Andrews).
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Insurance Renewal (Medical, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability).** Les Szabolcsi, with MSI, the County's insurance broker, appeared before the Board and said that he was substituting for the County's regular representative, John Leggett, who had to attend another County's meeting. Mr. Szabolcsi reviewed the various aspects of the renewal presentation which included that there is no change in the medical, vision, life and disability premiums, and only a slight increase in dental, with an overall net increase of one-third of one percent. Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the County will absorb the dental increase so that there will be no change to the premiums paid by the employee. Following discussion, the motion to approve renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented with the County absorbing the dental premium increase, which results in no change to the premiums paid by the employee, was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Requests for Tax Refund.** Chairman Lange said that two requests for tax refunds had been received, as follows:
 - (1) Lott, Wylie Daniel. Refund of \$79.97 due to trailer being sold before owner's birthday; and that both the Tax Commissioner and Board of Tax Assessors agree with the request.
 - (2) Williams, Robert. Refund of \$31.08 due to new owner being unaware there would be two separate tax bills - one for the property and one for the mobile home; that the Tax Commissioner agrees since this amount is only interest and penalty; and the Board of Tax Assessors disagrees with no reason given.The motion to approve both requests was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, brought the Board up to date on various projects, as follows:

- (1) County-wide Radio System. Still no response from Diverse Power regarding the agreement.
- (2) Hamilton Business Park Road Extension. Project is progressing and is expected to be completed by late June.
- (3) Pate Park Playground. Proposals were received earlier this afternoon and are being reviewed.
- (4) Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Resurfacing. Bids are due May 3.
- (5) SPLOST Continuation. Referendum is on ballot, and early voting has started.
- (6) Budget 18/19. Budget is progressing, with preview document to be provided to the Board on May 4 (during Planning Retreat).

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Agreement w/GDC: Care & Custody of State Prison Inmates**. Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney in the absence of John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this is the usual annual agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) regarding the care and custody of up to 150 inmates at the Prison and that it contains no changes from the previous agreement, except that it begins July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2019. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #18-14.)

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.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk