

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

May 15, 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, Stephen Waskey, Recreation Director, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Comprehensive Plan Working Committee Appointments.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Chewning, second by Commissioner Andrews, and unanimous approval, the following individuals were appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Working Committee: Two Commissioners, County Manager Randy Dowling, County Clerk Nancy McMichael, Community Development Director Brian Williams, Chamber of Commerce President Colin Martin, Development Authority members Craig Greenhaw and Alan Feagin, Planning Commission members John Brent and Chance Carlisle, School Board member Morgan Marlowe, Fire Services members Jack McClung and Byron Hawkins, District 1 citizen Keith Hammond, District 2 citizen Linda Straub, District 3 citizens Wayne Harburt and Grady Vinson, District 5 citizen Will Cliatt, Pine Mountain Mayor Jim Trott, and Randy Phillips, representing the Mayor of Shiloh. Chairman Lange said that additional members may be added in the future.
  - B. **Melody Lake Dam Construction Options: Carter & Sloope.** Chairman Lange said that Carter & Sloope, consulting engineers, had been engaged to perform a study regarding the options to resolve the issues surrounding Melody Lake Dam, and he welcomed Tom Sloope, of Carter & Sloope, to the meeting. Mr. Sloope said that Brian Kimsey and Clayton Hunnicutt, of Carter Engineering (not affiliated with Carter & Sloope) would make the presentation. Mr. Kimsey reviewed the study and responded to questions concerning the six (6) options available to the Board, with costs ranging from \$230,000 to \$910,000, and described as:

Option #1	50' wide labyrinth chute spillway; pool remains at existing level; no notching of dam; no modification to dam's crest; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction (does not include the cost of a bridge for vehicular travel across spillway)	\$ 910,000
Option #2	Drop box spillway w/6' x 12' riser and two 6' x 4' box culverts; pool remains at existing elevation; no notching of dam; dam's crest raised to elevation 697.0' (results in raising dam 2.5' at its low point); portion of road to be demolished and repaved; residential driveways to be modified at intersection with Melody Drive after crest is raised; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction	\$ 710,000
Option #3	6' x 12' riser and 60" conduit; normal pool lowered by 1'; requires notching of dam; dam's crest raised to elevation 697.0' (results in raising dam 2.5' at its low point); portion of road to be demolished and repaved; residential driveways to be modified at intersection with Melody Drive after crest is raised; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction	\$ 650,000
Option #4	Drop box spillway w/8' x 16' riser and two 8' x 4' box culverts; normal pool lowered by 2'; no notching of dam; no modification to dam's crest; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction	\$ 665,000
Option #5	Remove existing spillways; lower road with vertical curve; install 12' x 8' box culvert; pool removed; normal pool removed; stream returns to natural state; requires notching of dam; road is rebuilt over box culvert; operates as normal road and culvert system; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction	\$ 480,000
Option #6	Remove existing spillways; breach dam, 20' bottom width channel; normal pool removed; road is permanently closes on east and west abutments; lower Ski Lake's normal pool for construction	\$ 230,000

Discussion included that once an option is chosen, it could take four or five months before the design and review is completed and that while the resolution should be done within 180 days, as long as work is progressing, there is doubt that the DNR EPD Safe Dams will take action against the County. Following discussion, consensus was that legal work may be necessary to determine ownership of the lake, a meeting needs to be held with Melody Lakes property owners, an option needs to be chosen, a geotechnical analysis will be needed, the plan submitted to the state, and then followed by bidding out the project.

B. **Requests for Tax Refund.** Chairman Lange said that two requests for tax refunds had been received, as follows:

- (1) Anzano, Susan J.: Refund of \$29.38 due to tag purchased on Aril 4 and sold on April 17 prior to birthday. Both the Tax Commissioner and Board of Tax Assessors agree with the request.
- (2) Steele, Debra A.: Refund of \$47.87 due to tag purchased on April 16 and vehicle totaled on April 20 prior to birthday. Both the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Tax assessors agree with the request.

The motion to approve both requests was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewing, and passed unanimously.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Renovation.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, asked Stephen Waskey, Recreation Director, to discuss the bids for the tennis courts. Mr. Waskey said that bids were received to rehabilitate and renovate the two tennis courts in Pate Park and the tennis court in Pine Mountain Valley Park, as follows:

	Advanced Athletic Surfaces Woodstock, GA	Signature Tennis Courts Woodstock, GA	Talbot Tennis Marietta, GA	Windscreen Factory Dallas, GA
EC Pate Park	\$ 18,980	\$ 17,200	\$ 24,241	\$ 16,600
PMV Park	\$ 15,490	\$ 14,000	\$ 24,731	no bid
Benches (3)	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,241	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,275
Trash Cans (3)	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,274	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,650
PMV Alternate	\$ 7,980	\$ 38,000	\$ 83,707	\$ 19,525
Completion	10 days	3 weeks	60 days	80 days
All Items/Info	no	yes	yes	no

Mr. Waskey said that of the bids received two did not return all items required and of the other two valid bids, he recommends the award be made to Signature Tennis Courts of Woodstock, GA, and that funding will be from the 2004 SPLOST. He said that Pine Mountain Valley Park was included in the bid only to determine approximate costs for future planning purposes because it was not included in the 2004 SPLOST referendum. Following discussion, which included that Mr. Waskey could probably find better pricing for the benches and trash cans, the motion to award the bid to Signature Tennis Courts in the amount of \$17,200 was made by Commissioner Chewing, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

B. **Proposal Award: Pate Park Playground Equipment.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, asked Stephen Waskey, Recreation Director, to discuss the proposals for the playground equipment. Mr. Waskey said that 14 responses were received but only six submitted all information required for consideration, as follows:

	Proposal Amount	Est. Completion
GameTime, Longwood, FL	\$ 99,931.34	90 days
Great Southern Recreation, Hixson, TN	\$ 99,975.56	70 days
Great Southern Recreation, Hixson, TN	\$ 99,981.01	70 days
Miracle Recreation, Flowery Branch, GA	\$ 97,645.78	7-8 weeks
PlaySouth LLC, Atlanta, GA	\$ 97,139.00	60 days
PlaySouth LLC, Atlanta, GA	\$ 99,475.00	60 days

Mr. Waskey said that the proposals were reviewed by staff and by 30 school children from Creekside and Mulberry Creek schools, both of which are adjacent to the park, and the recommendation is to award the proposal to GameTime of Longwood, FL, and that funding will come from the 2004 SPLOST. Following discussion, which included that the balance of the 2004 SPLOST funds (from this and the preceding bid) would be used for windscreens, concrete pathways, widening of the tennis gate for ADA purposes, batting cage improvements, and other necessary improvements at Pate Park), the motion to award the proposal to GameTime in the amount of \$99,931.34 was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

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

- (1) **Holland Drive**. Ten of 14 deeds have been received, contact has been made with two of the four outstanding deeds, and we are still waiting on the final two deeds from the Attorney.
- (2) **Pate Park Playground**. Proposal was awarded during tonight's meeting.
- (3) **Airport Fencing**. Work has begun with completion expected by June 30.
- (4) **SPLOST Continuation**. Referendum is on ballot, early voting is underway, with results to be known on May 22.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Agreement w/Correctional Resource Group: Jail Inmate Food Service**. Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney in the absence of John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this agreement has already been executed by the Sheriff; that the document can be terminated with on a 30-day notice; that it will begin July 1, 2018; and that the Board should ratify the document. The motion to approve this agreement was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and tabled by Commissioner Woods, who requested that the Sheriff be present at the June 5 meeting to respond to questions regarding the agreement and the method in which the agreement was reached.

7. **REMINDER**. Randy Dowling, County Manager, reminded the Board that the next Budget Work Session will take place Tuesday, May 22, beginning at 4:00 PM in room 223 of the Courthouse, and the third Budget Work Session will be on Tuesday, May 29, beginning at 4:00 PM in the same location.

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