

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

August 7, 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 Andrews led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018, Regular Session, the July 17, 2018 Work Session, and the August 2 Called Session was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Appointments: Development Authority and Region 6 Advisory Council (Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities).**
    - (1) **Development Authority.** Commissioner Woods made the motion to appoint Charles Sweat to the Development Authority to complete the term of David King. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chewning and passed unanimously. Mr. Sweat's term will expire December 31, 2019.
    - (2) **Region 6 Advisory Council (Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities).** Chairman Lange said that the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council has recommended the appointment of Starla Lewis DeSaussure to take the place of Lynne Taylor, who resigned. The motion to appoint Mrs. DeSaussure to the Region 6 Advisory Council was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. Mrs. DeSaussure's term will expire June 30, 2021.
  - B. **Resolution to Accept Hart Ridge Court (balance) and Newberry Court in Hart Preserve Subdivision, Section Two.** All documents having been properly submitted, the motion to approve the Resolution to accept Hart Ridge Court and Newberry Court in Hart Preserve Subdivision, Section Two, was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
    - (1) **Vehicles for Animal Control.** Two pick-up trucks have been ordered and should be in by late September.
    - (2) **Replacement Phone System for Community Center.** Rather than purchasing a system, one has been rented from Charter/Spectrum at \$467/month for phone service and maintenance, which about the same as the fee to Earthlink just for service. There was discussion with consensus being to not move forward with the lease at this time.
    - (3) **Ambulances for EMS.** Bids for two ambulances open tomorrow, August 8.
    - (4) **Prison Locking/Intercom System.** System currently being designed.
    - (5) **Holland Drive.** Two outstanding deeds remain - one regarding a land swap and one regarding a title issue.
    - (6) **Barnes Mill Road Bridge Repair.** Design proposal on tonight's agenda for consideration.
    - (7) **Airport Fencing, Phase I.** Fencing is being installed with completion expected by the end of the month.

- (8) Airport Fencing, Phase II. Bid and easement documents being prepared.
- (9) Airport Access Road. Currently on bid with bids due September 18 and award expected on October 2.
- (10) Water Meter Replacement. Project is currently underway with completion expected by December 2019.
- (11) Water Line Relocation (SR 219). Currently on bid with bids due September 7 and award expected September 18.
- (12) Comprehensive Plan Update. Currently underway with next meeting scheduled for August 21 to discuss land use.
- (13) Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Ordinance being prepared.
- (14) Sign Ordinance. Ordinance under review and almost complete.
- (15) Daesol Stream Reroute. Bid award to be made during tonight's meeting.
- (16) SPLOST. Exceeded projected revenue budget by \$36,819.89.
- (17) LOST. Exceeded projected revenue budget by \$55,939.11.
- (18) TSPLOST. Exceeded projected revenue budget by \$4,357.28.
- (19) Single Family Building Permits. 20 permits issued during the monthly of July.
- (20) Solid Waste Tonnage. Total tonnage exceeded 14,000 tons for the 17/18 fiscal year.

B. **Bid Award: Daesol Stream Reroute Project.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were received on July 24 for the reroute of the stream behind the current Daesol building, in the Northwest Harris Business Park, for the purpose of constructing a second building in that location. The bids received are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
Landmark Grading, Ft. Mitchell, AL	\$ 842,110.00
Southeastern Site Development, Newnan, GA	\$ 1,825,430.00
TAKCO Construction, LaGrange, GA	\$ 425,235.54

Mr. Dowling said the project is to be finished in 90 days; that the approved budget for this project is \$1,395,500; and that the low bidder is well under budget. He said that Cedric Campbell, with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC), was in attendance to discuss the bids and make a recommendation. Mr. Campbell said that he checked with TAKCO's references and other clients of TAKCO, found the company to be in good standing, and he recommends awarding the bid to TAKCO in the amount of \$425,235.54. Discussion included that the bid is all inclusive, lump sum, and includes excavation of any rock that may be in the area, that GMC revised its previous proposal (for construction drawings, bidding and negotiating, construction staking and construction site visits) from \$19,900 to \$41,800 due to changes in the scope of the project over time; that Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants (GEC) has submitted a proposal (for construction quality control testing services) for \$22,485; that no contingency will be considered at this time, but should it appear additional funding is necessary, the matter is to be brought back to the Board for approval. Following discussion, the motion to award the bid to TAKCO for \$425,235.54, to approve the revised GMC proposal for \$41,800, to approve the GEC proposal for \$22,485, and to authorize execution of the contract documents by the County Manager and County Clerk was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. [Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #18-24 (GMC) and C&A #18-25 (GEC).]

C. **Grant Submission Authorization: TAP Grant.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that authorization is being requested to submit an application for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to GDOT to extend the Rails to Trails project from behind the Callaway Mountain Creek Villas to the Callaway Country Store, a distance of 2.10 miles. He said that the estimated cost of the project is

\$1,948,375; that if awarded, the grant would pay 80%, or \$1,558,700, and the County would pay 20%, or \$389,675 from SPLOST 2019 and TSPLOST funds; that the grant would cover engineering, actual construction costs, and guard rails; that of the estimated costs, \$350,000 is earmarked toward rehabilitation of the old train trestle above US Highway 27; and that the submission deadline is August 30. There was discussion as to whether the distance could be reduced if costs exceed the grant, or if, for whatever reason, the project cannot make it to the Country Store, would the grant funds be reduced, with consensus being to table action to the August 21 meeting.

- D. **Barnes Mill Road Bridge Repair.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that authorization is being requested to engage a bridge consultant to design plans for repair of the Barnes Mill Road bridge to include preparation of bid specifications, pre-bid meeting, bid selection, and construction administration in the amount of \$36,150. He said that GDOT inspected the bridge recently, recommended the bridge be repaired in a certain way, and recommended that Sastry & Associates be engaged to do the design work. He said that such work is not budgeted, but the budget could be amended at a later date to include not only the design work, but the estimated project cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000. There was discussion as to who owns the bridge (the County or the City of Hamilton), why move forward with costs if ownership is not definite, with consensus being to table action until ownership of the bridge is determined.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Resolution: Moratorium on Planned Unit Developments (PUD).** Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney, said in response to questions that there should be a time limit on the moratorium, as such could be very subjective in court. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Resolution for a 180-day moratorium on PUDs was made by Commissioner Langston and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Commissioner Woods commented that there has been a six-month delay in finalizing this matter, and that the Sign ordinance revision has taken over three years. The motion to approve passed with four in favor (Langston, Andrews, Chewning, Lange) and one opposed (Woods).
7. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn 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