

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 16, 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, Commissioner Andrews led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Regular Session, and the October 1, 2018 Meeting with the Melody Lakes Property Owners, was made by Commissioner Chewning and seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Local Preference Policy.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that a Local Preference Policy had been drafted in response to the request of Commissioner Woods. He then reviewed the policy. Following discussion regarding “work site” and the six month time period, John Taylor, County Attorney, was directed to revise the wording. Chairman Lange tabled action to the November 6 meeting.
 - B. **Agreement: Talbot County for Inmate Work Detail & Budget Amendment #4.** Chairman Lange asked Cynthia Nelson, Prison Warden, if the agreement covered the arrangement she had discussed with Talbot County, and Warden Nelson confirmed that it did. In response to questions, Warden Nelson said that she has enough inmates to provide for the work detail. Following discussion, the motion to approve the agreement and to add one (1) Correctional Officer slot for the Prison, which resulted in Budget Amendment #4, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #18-31.)
 - C. **Request for Flashing Beacon at New Mountain Hill Elementary.** Commissioner Langston said that in response to a request from a constituent, she contacted the respective member of the Board of Education, who contacted GDOT about having a flashing beacon at New Mountain Hill Elementary school. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that GDOT, in turn, sent the appropriate request form to the County for approval. Discussion included that the County is responsible for costs associated with any school beacon on State roads; that GDOT will install the equipment at no cost to the County; and that the County will be responsible for any electrical costs, which should be minimal due to the beacon being solar powered. Following discussion, the motion to approve was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Miscellaneous Documents” file as MD# 18-09.)
 - D. **Emergency Disaster Planning Workshop.** Chairman Lange said that he recently attended a workshop regarding emergency preparedness and that he would like to know more about the County’s disaster plan. He suggested that Monty Davis, EMA Director, attend a Work Session to review the County’s disaster plan (aka Emergency Operations Plan) with the Board so that all would be aware of same. There were no objections to having a Work Session and to inviting the School Superintendent and the municipal Mayors to attend.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Bid Award: LMIG Roads 2019.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were requested for the resurfacing of two (2) County roads (Barnes Mill Road, a distance of 3.7 miles from Hamilton city limits (on the east side of bridge) to the east side of the County’s Solid Waste entrance, and Lower Blue Springs Road, a distance of 4.5 miles from SR 116 to Hamilton-Mulberry Grove Road); that also included in the bid were two roads for Shiloh and two for Pine Mountain; and that bids were received on October 9 as follows:

Company	County Rds	Pine Mtn Rds	Shiloh Rds	TOTAL BID
Robinson Paving, Columbus	\$ 1,021,490.30	\$ 39,506.31	\$ 41,431.45	\$ 1,102,428.06
CW Matthews, Marietta	\$ 1,111,306.69	\$ 44,812.62	\$ 44,635.36	\$ 1,200,754.67

Mr. Dowling said the bids had been reviewed and evaluated by staff and recommended that the bid be awarded to Robinson Paving for the total bid of \$1,102,428.06, of which \$1,021,490.30 is the County's portion. He said that funding for the County's portion is from the 2019 LMIG allocation of \$766,947.06 from GDOT and \$254,532.34 from SPLOST 2014 for the required 10% match and overage; that the municipalities will pay their share of the project cost; and that the deadline for completion is May 30, 2019. The motion to award the bid to Robinson Paving and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute any necessary documents was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

B. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:

- (1) Prison Security Control Upgrade. Bids are due October 22 with award expected November 6.
- (2) LMIG 2019 Roads. Bid was awarded previously in the meeting, and completion is expected by the end of May 2019.
- (3) Hamilton Business Park Road Improvements. Ongoing and should be completed by the end of the month.
- (4) Striping of County Roads. Bids are due November 15 with award expected November 20.
- (5) Ellerslie Park Driveway Improvement. Project is underway, and the playground equipment is expected to be in shortly after November 1. Discussion included that verification should be obtained regarding the November 1 deadline for the playground equipment grant and the related donation stipulation.
- (6) Airport Fencing, Phase I. Project is complete and GDOT is in the process of closing out the project.
- (7) Airport Access Road. Bid award was made during the October 2 meeting and project is to be completed by the end of 2018.
- (8) Airport Runway Extension Justification Study. This project has been put on hold.
- (9) Airport Runway Remarking. This project has been put on hold.
- (10) Airport Tractor/Mower. Delivered yesterday but rejected due to its poor condition and discussion is underway with vendor regarding same.
- (11) Airport Fuel Vendor. Bid specs are being drafted, and if all goes well will be advertised in two weeks.
- (12) Melody Lakes Dam. This issue is in a 60-day waiting period during which the property owners try to reinstate the Homeowners Association.
- (13) Rails to Trails Project. Federal allocation funding has been pushed back to May 2019.
- (14) Daesol Stream Reroute. Project is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of December.
- (15) Radio System Sharing Agreement. Document still being reviewed by other parties.
- (16) Health Fair & Blood Drive. Taking place tomorrow, October 17, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Community Center.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Welcome Back.** Chairman Lange welcomed John Taylor, County Attorney, back from his recovery from surgery earlier in the year. Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for their prayers, notes, cards, and phone calls, and said he was glad to be back.
- B. **Request for Executive Session.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that an Executive Session is necessary to discuss real estate acquisition and a personnel matter.
7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition and a personnel matter was made at 7:52 PM by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
8. **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
9. **REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION.** The motion to move forward with the acquisition of 6.51+/- acres from Callaway Gardens, at a cost of \$5,000 per acre, in order to finish the fencing project (in phase II) of the Airport, to include plat survey, title search, sales agreement, deed preparation along with other legal documents was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously. (Contract for Sale of Real Property document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #18-31A.)
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk