

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

January 2, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Becky Langston, Rob Grant, Andrew Zuerner.
Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; John Taylor, County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael,
County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order and welcomed new Commissioners Rob Grant and Andrew Zuerner.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** At the request of Chairman Lange, John Taylor, County Attorney, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
4. **ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION**
 - A. **Election of Chairman.** The motion to appoint Becky Langston as Chairman was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed with three in favor (Grant, Zuerner, Langston) and two opposed (Andrews, Lange).
 - B. **Election of Vice-Chairman.** The motion to appoint Harry Lange as Vice-Chairman was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and failed by a vote of two in favor (Andrews, Lange) and three opposed (Grant, Langston, Zuerner). The motion to appoint Andrew Zuerner as Vice Chairman was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Appointment of County Attorney and County Clerk.** Commissioner Grant tabled action on these appointments until after the Executive Session.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointments/Reappointments: Various Boards, Committees Authorities.** Chairman Langston said that several appointments/reappointments are still needed, and she asked for a motion. Upon a joint motion made by Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Lange, Commissioner Andrews, and Chairman Langston, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously, the following appointments and reappointments were made.
 - (1) **Airport Committee.** Jim Woods was appointed to continue to serve as designee for District 2 Commissioner Grant with term expiration to coincide with Commissioner Grant's term (December 31, 2022).
 - (2) **Family & Children Services.** Debbie Blackmar was reappointed to another term to expire June 30, 2023.
 - (3) **Health, Board of.** Jim Woods was reappointed to continue as designee for Chairman with term expiration to coincide with term expiration of Chairman Langston.
 - (4) **Housing Authority.** John Winchester was reappointed to another term to expire October 31, 2023.
 - (5) **Planning Commission.** John Brent was reappointed to another term to expire December 31, 2022.
 - (6) **Public Improvements Authority.** Craig Greenhaw was appointed to complete the term of David King as the Development Authority representative, with term expiring June 30, 2019.
 - (7) **Tax Assessors, Board of.** Jerry Smith was appointed to complete the term of Adam Smith, who resigned, with term expiring December 31, 2022.

- (8) Two Rivers RC&D. Susan Andrews was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Jim Woods who did not wish to continue as one of the County's representatives on this board. There is no term limit for this appointment. In response to a request from Commissioner Grant, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, is to provide information regarding Two Rivers RC&D.
- (9) Zoning Adjustments, Board of. Lora Taft was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Matt Wyatt who did not wish to be reappointed. Ms. Taft's term will expire September 30, 2021.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Financial Statement: October 2018**. The motion to approve the October 2018 financial statement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Rezoning & SUP Schedule for 2019**. Following a brief discussion, Chairman Langston made the motion to approve the Rezoning & SUP Schedule for 2019 with one revision to change the Board of Commissioners' July 2 meeting to July 8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously.

7. COUNTY MANAGER

- A. **Project Updates**. Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
 - (1) Jaws of Life. Bid specs are being prepared.
 - (2) Prison Locking Control & Intercom System. Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 9.
 - (3) Striping of 33 County Roads. Bids are due January 17 with consideration by the Board on February 5.
 - (4) Ellerslie Park Development. Due to weather/rain delays, work on the internal road and the turn lane has slowed; playground equipment has been delivered but cannot be erected until ground dries.
 - (5) Acquisition of 6.5 Acres for Airport Wildlife Fence Project. Closing on the 6.5 acres is scheduled for late January.
 - (6) Airport Wildlife Fencing, Phase II. Task Order from Pond & Company will be before the Board on January 15 for approval; bidding is scheduled for February with award in March and completion by July 2019.
 - (7) Airport Runway Remarketing and Crack Seal Project. Task Order from Pond & Company will be before the Board on January 15 for approval; bidding is scheduled for February with award in March and completion by July 2019.
 - (8) Comprehensive Master Plan. Update is underway; next meeting is scheduled for January 15 at 5:00 PM. Plan must be completed in April for the state to approve by the June 2019 deadline.
 - (9) Melody Lakes Dam. Statistical report regarding Option #7 (proposed by Melody Lakes homeowners) has been received and provided to the Board; topic will be on January 15 agenda for further consideration.
 - (10) Sign Ordinance. Ordinance will be before the Board on January 15 for consideration and action.
 - (11) Third Sign at Northwest Harris Business Park. Bid specs are being prepared for a third sign that will look like the other two signs (on SR 103) to be located at the entrance to Progress Parkway on Davidson Road and will take the place of the existing small monument sign.
 - (12) Clear and Grub 35 Acres in Northwest Harris Business Park. Proposal from Harris Gray to prepare permitting documents and obtain the land disturbance permit that are needed before the County can move forward with the clearing and grubbing of the 35 acres for a prospective business.

- (13) Fitness Equipment for Community Center. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that the equipment consists of treadmill, medicine balls, stationery bike and dumb bells, and that all are new and not replacement equipment.
- (14) Replacement Phone System at Community Center. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that the system will not be purchased, but leased, and the phone numbers should be ported over soon.
- (15) Barnes Mill Road Bridge Repair. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that the bridge would be best discussed during Executive Session.
- (16) Backstops at Moultrie Park. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that some of the backstops are damaged and need to be replaced.
- (17) Airport Fly-In. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that planning is underway for the Airport Open House and Fly-In on May 4, 2019, and that a search is underway to provide insurance on planes not owned by the County so that individuals can take short plane rides.
- (18) Rails to Trails. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Dowling said that this is a 10-year project; that the County has received three grants totaling \$1.1 million, but even with the funding, only about 3 miles of the trail will be paved, from Pine Mountain to the Callaway Gardens Villas.
- (19) Daesol Stream Relocation. In response to a question from Commission Grant, Commissioner Lange said that Daesol has an existing building and the new building will be right behind it once the stream relocation has occurred.
- (20) Diverse Power Sharing Agreement. In response to a question from Commission Grant, Mr. Dowling said that an agreement between the County and Diverse Power for the use of Diverse Power's radio system is in progress and that an agreement for the maintenance of the internal 911 equipment is also being prepared.
- (21) SPLOST & LOST Revenue. Numbers are up from last month and for the same time last year.
- (22) Solid Waste Tonnage. Numbers are up from last month; the more the population increases, the more garbage is generated.

8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

A. **Agreement with Harris Gray: Survey, Erosion Control Plan & Permitting for 35 acres in Northwest Harris Business Park.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the proposal agreement from Harris Gray to perform the boundary survey, erosion control plan, and permitting for 35 acres in Northwest Harris Business Park at a cost of \$10,600. Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that funding will come from Development Authority funds. The motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously. (Agreement document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #19-01.)

9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation and real estate was made at 7:35 PM by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

10. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

11. **COUNTY ATTORNEY (CONTINUED)**

B. **Ante Litem Notice: David & Mary Martin Nordness.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the County has received an ante litem notice regarding an accident that occurred in May 2018 on Barnes Mill Road Bridge, and he recommended denial of the claim. The motion to deny the claim was made by

Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

12. **ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION (CONTINUED)**

C. **Appointment of County Attorney.** The motion to reappoint John Taylor as County Attorney was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

C. **Appointment of County Clerk.** The motion to reappoint Nancy McMichael as County Clerk was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk