

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Becky Langston, Andrew Zuerner, Susan Andrews Rob Grant, J. Harry Lange.
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 Langston called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** At the request of Chairman Langston, Commissioner Zuerner, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 Regular Session and the January 31, 2019 Planning Session was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **GEMA Grant Application: Melody Lakes.** In response to a question from Chairman Langston, Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that completion of the GEMA grant application for funding in connection with option #8 of the Melody Lakes Dam is underway and will be submitted well before the March 1 deadline.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Belva Dorsey: Enrichment Services Program Update.** Belva Dorsey, CEO of Enrichment Services Program (ESP), appeared before the Board to provide an update of the services available through ESP. (Documents can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #19-01.)
 - B. **Gloria Strode: 2020 Census.** Gloria Strode, partnership specialist with the US Census Bureau, appeared before the Board to provide information regarding the upcoming census, the need for a local Complete Count Committee to help spread the word, and the need for employment of local individuals to help with the census. She said that the goal is to count everyone only once and in the right place; that college students living in dorms would be counted at their home; and that citizens will be able to respond on line, by phone, or on paper (Documents can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #19-02.)
 - C. **First Reading: Application of Lane & Larry Adams for Beer & Wine On Premises at Shorty's BBQ, 5161 GA Hwy 219, Fortson.** Chairman Langston read the specifics of the application; said that this was the First Reading; and that approval had been recommended by the Sheriff's Office, the Health Department, and the Community Development Department. Lane & Larry Adams, applicants, were in attendance but said they had no comments. Chairman Langston asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. There being none, she said that the Second Reading will be on March 5.
 - D. **GEMA Grant Application: Generators for 911, Water Works, Jail and Community Center.** Chairman Langston said that nine (9) back-up generators are needed at several locations; that grant funds are available through GEMA; that the deadline for the application is March 1; and that the grant is a 75/25 match with the County's portion being \$293,784. The motion to authorize the submission of the grant application was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
 - E. **GEMA Grant Application: Five Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.** Chairman Langston said that the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated every five years to meet federal requirements; that the total cost for the update is \$34,000 with the federal share of \$25,500, the state share of \$4,300, and the local share of \$4,200; and that funds are available from GEMA for the update. The motion to authorize the submission of the grant application was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously. (Note: the time/salary of Monty Davis, EMA/911 Director, will be counted toward the local share.)
 - F. **Memorandum of Agreement: All Hazard-All Emergency Mutual Aid Assistance between US Army (Ft. Benning), County Governments,**

Commissions and Sheriffs. Chairman Langston said that the current All Hazard-All Emergency Mutual Aid agreement was approved in 2009; that Ft. Benning has updated the document which provides a system of mutual aid and assistance between participating parties during an emergency or disaster, as well as in conducting emergency or disaster related exercises; and that while a official “signing party” will be held at a later date, approval is necessary at this time. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #19-11.)

G. **Financial Statement: December 2018.** In response to questions, Clint Chastain, CFO, responded that all departments are in good shape and are within budget. The motion to approve the December 2018 financial statement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

H. **Appointments: Region 7 EMS Council.** Chairman Langston said that two appointments were needed to fill seats on the Region 7 EMS Council, and that the recommendation was to appoint Jimmy Carver to the term expiring June 30, 2019 and Darrell Enfinger to the term expiring June 30, 2020. Following discussion, the motion to make the appointments as recommended was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

I. **Harris County Little League: Request to Use Fireworks at Pate Park.** Chairman Langston said that this item has been withdrawn from the agenda.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: Extrication Tools.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were requested for three (3) sets of extrication tools (i.e. Jaws of Life) to replace old existing extrication tools and that three bids were received on February 14, as follows:

| | Georgia Fire & Rescue Canton, GA | Municipal Emergency Services, Charlotte, NC | Rescue Systems Unlimited Tallahassee, FL |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Original Bid Total | \$ 62,272.65 | \$ 54,474.24 | \$ 63,690.00 |
| All Required Documents Received | Yes | Yes | No |
| Delivery Date | 70 days | 30 days | 60 |
| Exceptions to Specs | No | Two (2) | No |

Mr. Dowling said that the bids were reviewed by staff and the recommendation of Jimmy Carver, EMS Director, was to award the bid to Georgia Fire & Rescue, who met all requirements of the bid, for \$62,272.65; that the bid is under budget; and that funds are budgeted in SPLOST 2019 (\$50,000) and EMS (\$20,00). Following discussion, the motion to award the bid to Georgia Fire & Rescue as recommended was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

B. **Proposal Award: Sign for Northwest Harris Business Park.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that a third sign is needed at the Northwest Harris Business Park at the entrance off Davidson Road; that in response to a request for proposals, on behalf of the Development Authority, four proposals were received on February 14, as follows:

| | Lang Signs Cumming, GA | Signs, Inc. Columbus, GA | Complete Signs Dothan, AL | Atlanta Creative Graphics Alpharetta, GA |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Proposal Amount | \$ 21,830.00 | \$ 24,197.50 | \$ 25,242.00 | \$ 29,095.20 |
| All Required Documents Rec'd | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Timeline | 6-8 weeks | 6-8 weeks | 9 weeks | 15 weeks |
| Down Payment Amount | \$ 0 | \$ 12,098.75 | \$ 12,621.00 | \$ 8,728.00 |

Mr. Dowling said that proposals were reviewed by staff and the recommendation is to award to Lang Signs for the low bid of \$21,830 and that funding will be from the Development Authority. Following discussion, the motion to award to Lang Signs in the amount of \$21,830 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

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

- (1) Jaws of Life. Bid was awarded previously during the meeting and equipment is expected late April.
- (2) EMS Ambulances. Delivery was on Monday, the 18th, and will be in service within the next week.
- (4) Recreation Equipment. Mower and field groomer have been purchased, but due to the cost for same, the tractor purchase has been postponed. In response to question from Commissioner Grant, the equipment will be located at Moultrie Park.
- (5) Back-up Generator at 911. Will be included in the GEMA grant application approved earlier during the meeting.
- (6) Resurfacing of Lower Blue Springs Road and Barnes Mill Road. Currently underway with completion in May.
- (7) Road Striping Bid. Bid was awarded during the February 5 meeting, contractor has been notified, and the restriping of 31 roads is to be completed by May 31.
- (8) Barnes Mill Road Bridge Signs. Signs have been ordered but not yet received.
- (9) Fencing & Backstops at Moultrie Park. Project is underway and should be finished soon, weather permitting.
- (10) Ellerslie Park. Installation of playground has started, but will be postponed due to expected inclement weather.
- (11) Comprehensive Master Plan Update. Update is underway; next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 5:00 PM; and smaller subcommittee meetings will take place to better move this process forward. Deadline for the County to approve to send to DCA must take place April 16 and DCA's deadline to approve is June 30.
- (12) Daesol Stream Relocation. Project has been delayed due to inclement weather and is about three months behind schedule.
- (13) Third Sign for Northwest Harris Business Park. Project awarded earlier during this meeting; completion 6 to 8 weeks following Notice to Proceed.
- (14) Clear and Grub 35+/- acres in Northwest Harris Business Park. Permits from West Point and EPD should be in place in two weeks, after which Public Works personnel can perform the work.
- (15) Scrap Tire Amnesty Event. Application has been submitted to Georgia DNR and a response is expected within the next two weeks.
- (16) Holland Drive. At the request of Chairman Langston, Mr. Dowling agreed to change the project title to Pitts Drive.
- (17) Completed Projects. At the request of Chairman Langston, Mr. Dowling agreed to move completed projects to the end of the projects list.
- (18) SPLOST, LOST and T-SPLOST. The numbers for December are record highs for each of these special taxes, but the numbers for January have not yet been received.
- (19) Single Family Home Permits. Request was made for the reports from Community Development to show fiscal year numbers rather than calendar year.
- (20) Solid Waste Tonnage. Increase correlates to the increase in single family home permits.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** Jeff Todd, Acting County Attorney in the absence of John Taylor, said he had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk