

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

October 15, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chairman Langston led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Kim Tharp: Tourism in Harris County Presentation.** Kim Tharp, President and CEO of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board and made a PowerPoint presentation regarding tourism in Harris County, which included the marketing committee identified five areas of focus for tourism; that a new website, entitled www.westgaplayground.com, is underway; that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first phase of the Railroad Recreation Trail is set for Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 4:00 PM, at the intersection of US 27 and Broad Street in Pine Mountain, and the viewing of a 10-minute video by the Georgia Economic Development Tourism Division. Comments included that the website name reminds people of Carrollton, which is where West Georgia College is located; and that the website should include "Harris County" to better identify the County.

B. **First Reading: Ordinance to Amend Rails to Trails Ordinance.** At the request of Chairman Langston, John Taylor, County Attorney, explained that because the existing Rails to Trails ordinance prohibits new crossovers/driveways over the railbed, the proposed amendment will allow the Board to decide, on a case-by-case basis, the request for new crossovers/driveways on the railbed. Following discussion, which included that the words "increase or" should be added to item #4 so that it will read "all proposed new driveways or crossovers shall not cause or result in any increase or decrease in the elevation of the existing surface of the former railroad bed", Chairman Langston asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the amendment. There being none, she said that the second reading is scheduled to take place during the November 5 meeting.

C. **Bank Account Resolution.** Chairman Langston said that the County has received a donation of 1,000 shares of AFLAC stock from an anonymous donor, specifically earmarked to further the completion of Ellerslie Park and in order to process the shares, it is necessary to open a brokerage bank account by resolution. The motion to approve the resolution to open the bank account was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: Solid Waste Containers.** In the absence of County Manager Randy Dowling, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that one bid, in response to a properly advertised bid request, was received on October 8 for three (3) 20 Cubic Yard (CY) rectangular open top containers and two (2) 40 CY rectangular open top containers, as follows:

Company	Wastequip Mfg., Statesville, NC	
	Price Each	Total
20 CY (for 3)	\$ 3,591	\$ 10,773
40 CY (for 2)	\$ 4,569	\$ 9,138
TOTAL		\$ 19,911

Mrs. McMichael said that two of the 20 CY containers and both of the 40 CY containers are for Solid Waste in the amount of \$16,320; that one of the 20 CY containers is for Water Works in the amount of \$3,591; and that containers should be received four weeks from the Notice to Award; and that it is being recommended

to award the bid to Wastequip and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute any necessary documents regarding the bid.

Lloyd Mewbourne, citizen, commented there was a company located in Georgia that could provide such containers and he provided Mrs. McMichael with the contact information. Mr. Mewbourne was advised that the company name was familiar to Mrs. McMichael, but that it had not submitted a bid.

The motion to award the bid for the solid waste containers to Wastequip in the amount of \$19,911 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

B. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant Submission & Resolution.

In the absence of County Manager Randy Dowling, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that Phase I of the Rails to Trails project is near completion and Phases II and III to be completed by March 2020; that staff is completing a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant application for Phase IV, which would continue the trail from where Phase III ends (behind the Mountain Creek Inn) to the Callaway Country Store, a logical ending point and destination; that Phase IV would consist of 1.55 miles of asphalt trail and rehabilitation of the historic railroad bridge over US Highway 27 near Callaway Gardens' main entrance; that the State Historic Preservation Office and GOSP representatives have indicated that rehabilitation of the bridge for pedestrian use is preferred; that Phase IV is estimated to cost \$1,100,000; that \$700,000 of the total cost (63.6%) would come from the GOSP grant and \$400,000 (36.4%) would come from TSPLOST funds as the County's required match; that while the competitive grant is a 75%/25% grant, if the County's match is greater it would result in more points toward the grant; that the application deadline is October 31 with funds scheduled to be awarded in late summer of 2020; that if the County is successful, the project would be completed in early 2022 since it will take about a year to design the project, obtain environmental permits, prepared construction documents and bid out the project and about six months for construction. Following discussion, the motion to approve the submission of the application and the required resolution for same, and the authorize staff to execute all necessary grant documents was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

C. Project Updates. In the absence of County Manager Randy Dowling, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, reviewed various projects, as follows:

- (1) County-wide Email System. Is in the process of being implemented with completion expected by early December.
- (2) Fuel Card Readers. Bids are due October 29 with action by the Board scheduled for December 3; and the WEX fuel card management system implementation is in progress and expected to be completed in late December.
- (3) LMIG Road Resurfacing (2020). Project will be bid out in January 2020.
- (4) Restriping of 18 County Roads. Project is underway and expected to be completed by November 30.
- (5) Community Center Pool Equipment. Bids are due October 17 with action by the Board scheduled for November 5.
- (6) Ellerslie Park Lodge Repair. One bid was received October 7 and is being reviewed by the County's insurance adjuster to determine if the County is due more insurance proceeds. Action by the Board is scheduled for November 5.
- (7) Ellerslie Park Chipping & Grinding. Project is underway, on schedule, 65% completed, and should be finished by late October.
- (8) Rails to Trails. Phase I of the project, from downtown Pine Mountain to the Corner Store at the intersection of US 27 and SR 354, is almost completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 PM in Pine Mountain. Phases II and III of the project are expected to be completed by early March 2020.
- (10) Airport Consultant. RFP process regarding an Airport consultant, which is required to take place every five year by State law, will begin in January 2020.

- (11) Vehicle Scales for Solid Waste. Bid opening is November 8 with action by the Board scheduled for November 19.
- (12) Garbage Truck for Solid Waste. Bid opening is November 7 with action by the Board scheduled for November 19.
- (13) Solid Waste Containers. Bid was awarded during tonight's meeting and delivery will be in about four weeks from the Notice of Award.
- (14) Water Line Upgrade on SR 315. Bid opening is November 14 with action by the Board scheduled for December 3.
- (15) Land Use & Development Codes Update. Request for qualifications responses are due October 18, with action by the Board scheduled for November 19, and project completion by June 30, 2020.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreement with Pictometry International: Aerial Imagery**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he has reviewed the proposal from Pictometry International to perform aerial imagery of tax maps/parcels at a cost of \$65,849.80 for the balance of FY 2020, and all of FY 2021 and 2022; that the cost will be broken into three annual payments; that if a second aerial imagery project is authorized for an additional years, the cost will be the same; that this company has direct interface with the WINGAP and qPublic systems used by the County; and that he recommends approval of the agreement. The motion to approve the agreement for FY 2020, 2021, and 2022 at a cost of \$65,849.80 was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #19-39.)
 - B. **Change Order #1 with Takco: Daesol Site Preparation and Stream Relocation Project and Budget Amendment #2**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the original bid with Takco to perform site preparation work in the Northwest Harris Business Park for Daesol's second industrial building was awarded in the amount of \$425,235.54 during the August 7, 2018, meeting; that unforeseen events and field conditions have occurred resulting in a change order that was originally discussed during the May 7, 2019, meeting; that the change order has been revised and is now \$265,000, which will increase the total project cost to \$690,235.54; and that he recommends approval of the change order. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the required budget amendment for FY 19/20 will be in the amount of \$318,00, which includes the change order of \$265,000, \$10,000 for GMC to complete the project, and \$43,000 for Takco's previous retainage, all of which will come from the Solid Waste Funds. The motion to approve Change Order #1, Budget Amendment #2, and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute the necessary documents was made by Chairman Langston, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously. (Change Order document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #19-40.)
 - C. **Request for Executive Session**. John Taylor, County Attorney, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.
- 7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation was made at 8:07 PM by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
 - 8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**. The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - 9. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk