

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 5, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Becky Langston, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, J. Harry Lange, Andrew Zuerner.
Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; 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.** Chairman Langston led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Second Reading: Ordinance to Amend Railroad Recreation Trail (aka Rails to Trails) Ordinance.** Chairman Langston said that this was the second reading of amendments to Chapter 3.5 (Parks & Recreation), Article III (Railroad Recreation Trail), Sections 51 and 54; that the amendments include the hours of operation shall be from sunrise to sunset (in section 51) and the provision to allow new crossovers/driveways over the railbed on a case by case basis (in section 54). She asked if anyone wished to comment on the amendments. There being none, she asked for comments from the Commissioners, and there was a brief discussion regarding the length of the railbed (from Muscogee County to Meriwether County). Following discussion, the motion to approve the amendment ordinance was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously. John Taylor, County Attorney, reminded the Board that at this time, the railbed is not open for any use south of Hamilton; that the usage is from Hamilton north to and through Pine Mountain.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Census Complete Count Committee.** Chairman Langston said that as required by the US Constitution, a census is performed every 10 years; that the official deadline for the census is April 1, 2020; that the Governor has directed a Complete Count Committee be formed in each of the 159 counties; that the purpose of the Committee is to raise awareness of the importance of the census and to come up with ideas as to how to get the census info out so that all citizens get counted; that the results of the census are used to redraw boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and to determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the US House of Representatives; that the following individuals have agreed to be on the Committee, but more can be added as necessary: Charles Sweat (Harris County Chamber), Connie Harris and Ricky Hood (Hamilton), Shirley Manning and Josephine Bray (Pine Mountain), Peggy Allen and Holly Holloway (Shiloh), Geraldine Boddie, Pam Nelms and (possibly) Dennis McPherson (Waverly Hall), Dennis Dutton (West Point), Stephanie Green (Library), John Winchester (Family Connections), Becky Langston (Commissioner), Randy Dowling and Nancy McMichael (Staff). Chairman Langston said that one other Commissioner could be on the Committee, and Commissioner Lange said he would like to be on the Committee. Commissioner Andrews said that she would talk to the Ellerslie Place HOA President about being on the Committee. Chairman Langston said that Mrs. McMichael should be notified of any additions to the Committee, and that plans are to have the first meeting during the first or second week of December.
 - B. **Harris County Statistics.** Commissioner Lange said that he recently attended an ACCG meeting regarding health issues; and that Harris County's prognosis is relatively healthy. He then read the County's statistics, as follows: 8th in health, 8th in length of life, 12th in quality of life, 9th in health factors, 18th in health behavior, 8th in clinical care, 6th in socioeconomic factors, but 145th in physical environment (due to air pollution from neighboring counties/states).
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Bid Award: Ellerslie Park Lodge Repair.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reminded the Board that Ellerslie Lodge sustained damage during the March 2019 tornado for which the County received \$70,775.23 in insurance proceeds; that bids for the repair to the Lodge were requested in August and only one bid was received in the amount of \$139,455, which the Board rejected and authorized the project to be rebid; that another bid was requested and only one bid was received on October 7 from MMC Contracting of Columbus, GA, in the amount of \$84,143.80; that the County's insurance adjuster met with the contractor resulting in an increase in insurance proceeds to \$81,040.02 and the contractor reducing his bid to \$81,040.02; and that the recommendation is to award the bid to MMC Contracting for the bid of \$81,040.02; that insurance proceeds will fund 100% of the repair cost; that if approved, the project is scheduled to be completed in 60 days from the Notice to Proceed, or about early

January 2020. The motion to award the bid to MMC Contracting in the amount of \$81,040.02 and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute the necessary documents was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Bid Award: Community Center Replacement Pool Equipment.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that \$100,000 was included in the FY 2019-20 budget to modernize the pool equipment at the Community Center to include a new chemical feed control panel, acid feed pump, bleach feed pump, and UV system; that bids were requested and six (6) bids were received on October 17, as follows:

	Aquatic Consulting, Alpharetta GA	Duffield Aquatics Inc, Alcoa TN	Leslie's Poolmart, Phoenix AZ	DC Pool Service, LLC, Powder Spgs GA	Sunbelt Pools of GA, Alpharetta GA	Aquatic Mgmt. Inc, Atlanta GA
Chemical Feed Control Panel	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 2,299.05	\$ 1,249.99	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 3,500.00
Acid Feed Pump	\$ 350.00	\$ 364.33	\$ 449.99	\$ 360.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 750.00
Bleach Feed Pump	\$ 350.00	\$ 364.33	\$ 449.99	\$ 360.00	\$ 656.00	\$ 750.00
UV System	\$ 18,570.00	\$ 16,633.33	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 18,615.00	\$ 21,832.00	\$ 28,877.00
Total	\$ 22,135.00	\$ 19,661.04	\$ 19,349.97	\$ 22,210.00	\$ 25,714.00	\$ 33,877.00
Installation	does not provide	\$ 3,656.90	\$ 6,004.95	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL BID	\$ 22,135.00	\$ 23,317.94	\$ 25,354.92	\$ 27,210.00	\$ 28,214.00	\$ 37,377.00

Mr. Dowling said that the low bidder, who can also install the equipment, is Duffield Aquatics of Alcoa, TN, and that staff recommends the bid be awarded to same. He said that funding for this project is included in SPLOST 2014; that the bid is well under the amount budgeted; that if approved, the project can be completed within 60 days of the Notice to Proceed, or about late December; that the pool will not need to be closed for the equipment to be installed; and that Duffield Aquatics will provide on-site training to Community Center staff at no charge. The motion to award the bid to Duffield Aquatics for the low bid, which includes installation, in the amount of \$23,317.94 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Recreation Trails Program Grant Submission & Resolution for Ellerslie Park** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that once the tornado storm debris is cleared from Ellerslie Park, Alexander Paving can come back and complete the installation of the GDOT required turn lanes; that it is anticipated the Park can be partially opened during the summer of 2020; that the FY 2020-21 budget will include a request for a full time Park employee, vehicle, assorted equipment, and a Prison crew to keep the Park mowed, cleaned and secure; that to further develop the Park, an RTP grant to fund the construction of a 1.0 mile long, 8' wide, compacted gravel loop trail around the 12.5 acre lake, which would include two pedestrian bridges, and the construction of a .25 mile long, 8' wide, recycled asphalt trail for ADA compliance to the two-acre lake; that the grant is an 80/20 grant with a maximum award of \$200,000 (the 80%); that the required 20% match would be \$50,000 from SPLOST 2014; that the recent donation of \$52,666 would be included to make a total project cost of \$302,666; that the deadline for application is November 17; that if successful, grant funds will be awarded during the fall of 2020; that it will take one year to design the project, obtain all environmental permits, prepare construction documents and bid out the project, and construction would take about six months, so it would be early 2022 when the project is completed. He said that staff recommends approval of the grant application, the resolution that is required as part of the application, and authorization for staff to execute all necessary grant documents. Following discussion, the motion to approve the submission of the grant application, the Resolution for same, and staff to execute necessary grant documents was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

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

- (1) County-wide Email System. Is in the process of being implemented with completion expected by early December.
- (2) Jaws of Life Tools and Cardiac Monitors. Project completed.
- (3) Fuel Card Readers & WEX Program. Project ongoing; should be completed by late December.
- (4) Restriping of 18 County Roads. Project is underway; should be completed by the end of the month.
- (5) Community Center Pool Equipment. Bid was awarded during tonight's meeting; project should be finished by late December.
- (6) Ellerslie Park Lodge Repair. Bid was awarded during tonight's meeting; project should be finished by the end of the year.

- (7) Ellerslie Park Chipping & Grinding. Project is underway, on schedule, 65% completed, will be moving back on site the week of November 18 to finish up by the end of December.
 - (8) Soccer Complex Pavilion. Project is ongoing; should be completed by the end of the year.
 - (9) 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 completed except for some signage and markings. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 PM in Pine Mountain. MOU is being prepared for the town of Pine Mountain to maintain the trail and provide enforcement. Phases II and III of the project are expected to be completed by early March 2020.
 - (10) Airport Fencing. Project completed.
 - (11) Water Line Upgrade on SR 315. Bid opening is November 14 with action by the Board scheduled for December 3 and project completion by late February 2020.
 - (12) Land Use & Development Codes Update. Request for qualifications responses received October 18, action by Board scheduled for November 19, and project completion by June 30, 2020.
 - (13) Melody Lakes Dam. Still waiting on the State.
7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**. John Taylor, County Attorney, had to business to discuss with the Board during this meeting.
 8. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Chairman Langston requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, without the County Attorney, County Manager, or County Clerk being present.
 9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion a personnel matter was made at 7:33 PM by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.
 10. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION & ADJOURNMENT**. The motion to go back into Regular Session and for adjournment was made by 8:05 PM by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk