

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
 December 3, 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 November 19, 2019, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Resolution: PRD Moratorium Extension.** Chairman Langston said that action regarding the Resolution to extend the moratorium on Planned Residential Developments (PRD) was tabled from the November 19 meeting; that the current moratorium expires at midnight tonight; and that because the PRD is part of the Zoning Ordinance, which is scheduled to be updated within the next year along with other land use ordinances, it has been suggested that the moratorium be extended to December 31, 2020, or the completion of the revision/rewrite, whichever occurs first. The motion to approve the moratorium resolution was made by Commissioner Lange and seconded by Commissioner Zuerner. Commissioner Grant said that he wanted the public to be aware that the Board is not kicking this matter down the road, but that it only makes sense since the PRD is part of the Zoning Ordinance to extend the moratorium for that purpose and that he would like to see this particular issue in the forefront of the revision/rewrite. Chairman Langston agreed with Commissioner Grant, and consensus of the remainder of the Board was as well. The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Employee Appreciation Proposal & Budget Amendment #4.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the Board has discussed some type of employee appreciation or recognition program several times; that staff is proposing the addition of Monday, December 23, as an additional paid holiday to the 2019 holiday schedule; that the holiday would be treated just like all other holidays in terms of time off and holiday pay; that full-time personnel who must work on the holiday (i.e. Prison, EMS, 911, Solid Waste, Community Center, Airport, Jail and Sheriff's Office) would receive an extra 8 hours in holiday pay; that part-time employees will receive straight time without extra pay; that the cost of the additional holiday will be \$21,148 for the General Fund, \$1,982 for the 911 Fund, \$208 for the Airport, and \$2,209 for Solid Waste for a total of \$25,547; that a budget amendment will be needed for the General Fund, but all other funds can absorb their cost without the need for an amendment to their budget; and that if approved, notices will be distributed to employees through staff meetings and emails, and to the citizens through newspaper advertisement, the website, and the posting of notices at main entrances to buildings. The motion to approve the addition of Monday, December 23, in the 2019 holiday schedule and budget amendment #4 regarding same, was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
- B. **Bid Award: Water Line Upgrade on SR 315 & Budget Amendment #3.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the Board, on July 8, 2019, approved Carter & Sloope, consulting engineers, to design and permit a water line upgrade on SR 315 to provide water to Phase I of the Mulberry Grove Development, and the design and permitting have been completed; that during the September 30, 2019, meeting, the Board authorized the bidding of the water line upgrade and to have Carter & Sloope provide construction administration services; that on November 14, 2019, three bids were received as follows:

ITEM	Gordy Construction Co., Fortson, GA	Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Luthersville, GA	United Grading & Excavating, Fairburn, GA
Base Bid Total	\$ 249,373.00	\$ 284,946.00	\$ 316,134.78

Mr. Dowling said that the recommendation is to award the bid to Gordy Construction for the low bid of \$249,373; that funding for this project was not included in the Water Works FY 2019-20 budget and will need a budget amendment; and that the project can be completed in 45 days from the Notice to Proceed or about early February 2020. The motion to award the bid to Gordy Construction in the amount of \$249,373, to approve budget amendment #3, and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute necessary documents was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
- (1) County-wide Email System. On track and should go live next week.
  - (2) Heavy Equipment for Public Works - Six Pieces. Equipment will be delivered December 17 with training taking place same day.
  - (3) Fuel Card Readers & WEX Program. Another fuel card vendor to make presentation. WEX cards should be in place by late December.
  - (4) Boom Cutter for Public Works. Will be delivered in late December.
  - (5) Restriping of 18 County Roads. Project has been completed.
  - (6) Pitts Drive. Chairman Langston indicated that she would advise as to whether or not to remove the road from the list of roads to be paved.
  - (7) Community Center Pool Equipment. Work is scheduled to begin December 16 and be finished within three or four days.
  - (8) Ellerslie Park Lodge Repair. Project is underway.
  - (9) Ellerslie Park Chipping & Grinding. About 10,000 cubic yards remain to be removed.
  - (10) Soccer Complex Pavilion. With the Facilities Maintenance Director out on sick leave for a while, this project will be slowed down for a while.
  - (11) Rails to Trails. Phase I has been completed; Phases II and III are underway and should be completed mid January 2020.
  - (12) Solid Waste Containers. Delivery of the five (5) containers is expected mid January 2020.
  - (13) Water Line Upgrade on SR 315. Bid was awarded during tonight's meeting and project will soon be underway with completion by late February 2020.
  - (14) Land Use & Development Codes Update. Consideration and action by the Board is scheduled for December 17.
  - (15) SPLOST. Amount received in October is higher than what was budgeted.
  - (16) LOST. Amount received in October is higher than what was budgeted.
  - (17) Single Family Building Permits. Only 10 permits were issued in November, for a total of 87 this fiscal year.
  - (18) Solid Waste Tonnage. Tonnage for October is higher than same time last year.
6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said he had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
7. **RECESS.** Chairman Langston recessed the Regular Meeting until 7:30 PM, at which time the Public Hearing will be held.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:30 PM**
- A. **Conflict of Interest Forms.** The Conflict of Interest forms were completed at the request of Chairman Langston.
  - B. **Explanation of Public Hearing Procedures.** Chairman Langston explained the procedures involved for the scheduled Public Hearing.
  - C. **Application of Jon Barnes to rezone 1.35 acres on Land Lot 48, Land District 19, Map 045, Parcel 178, from C-3 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-4 (Highway Commercial); current use gas station and convenience store; proposed use convenience store (gas station/mercantile) and plumbing office; properly located at 6017 GA Highway 315, Fortson.** Chairman Langston called the Public Hearing to order and read the specifications of the application. Jon Barnes, applicant, appeared before the Board and said he will only be using the property to store supplies and to park two service trucks; and that the office will not be manned. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Barnes said there will be no large equipment on the premises. There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Langston asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. There being none, she closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion. The motion to approve this rezoning was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

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Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk