

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 18, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Becky Langston, Rob Grant, J. Harry Lange, Andrew Zuerner. Commissioner Absent: Susan Andrews. 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 February 4, 2020, Regular Session, and the February 11, 2020, Planning Session, was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointment: Planning Commission.** Chairman Langston said that the appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the position left vacant by Chad Kimbrough, who declined reappointment, had been tabled during the January 21 meeting. Commissioner Grant made the motion to appoint Paul Dasher to the District 2 position on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuerner and passed unanimously. Mr. Dasher's term will expire December 31, 2023.
 - B. **Financial Statement: November 2019.** Chairman Langston said that action regarding the November 2019 financial statement had been tabled from the February 4 meeting due to a question she had regarding the reimbursement from the Little League for batting cages improvements. She said that she had been advised by Clint Chastain, Chief Financial Officer, that the reimbursement occurred in December 2019. The motion to approve the November 2019 financial statement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Chance Carlisle: Railroad Right of Way Crossing.** Chairman Langston said that during the December 17, 2019, meeting Chance Carlisle made a request for four (4) driveways/crossovers over the railroad railbed/right of way and the Board approved the request, pending receipt of a survey showing the proposed grade, drainage, utilities, and public rights-of-way; that Mr. Carlisle has submitted the required survey, which has been reviewed by Brian Williams, Community Development Director, who has confirmed the survey shows the required information; and that Mr. Carlisle has reduced his request from four (4) driveways/crossovers to three (3). The motion to approve Mr. Carlisle's request for three (3) driveway/crossovers of the railroad railbed/right of way in the city limits of Hamilton was made by Commissioner Zuerner and seconded by Commissioner Grant. Commissioner Lange said that he would be voting against the request due to the number of crossings in one location and that such could be handled by having a single crossing. The motion passed with three in favor (Zuerner, Grant, Langston) and one opposed (Lange).
 - D. **Surplus Real Property & Disposal of 3.29 acres: Revised Minimum Bid.** Chairman Langston said that during the January 21, 2020, meeting, the Board declared 3.29 acres near Ellerslie Park as surplus and authorized its disposal by sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$250,000; and that after further review of access and rezoning issues, it is being suggested that the minimum bid be reduced to \$30,000. Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that GDOT would not grant access to the subject property from Georgia Highway 85; that access from SR 315 will be difficult; and that reducing the minimum bid may attract adjacent property owners. The motion to reduce the minimum bid from \$250,000 to \$30,000 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: ABWA Harris County Charter Chapter.** Chairman Langston said that the Harris County Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is celebrating its 39th anniversary and has requested a proclamation regarding same. Chairman Langston read the application, which will

be presented to the ABWA during its meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2020, by Commissioner Lange. The motion to approve the proclamation was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

B. **Financial Statement: December 2019.** There being no discussion, the motion to approve the December 2019 financial statement was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.

C. **Amend Elections & Registration Budget, FY 2019-20 Amendment #8.** Chairman Langston said that Sherrail Jarrett, Elections & Registration Supervisor, notified the Board, during its February 11 Planning Session, of additional expenses related to the new voting equipment, to include privacy screens, printer toner, and rental truck fees for transporting the equipment to and from the voting precincts; that a state grant of \$10,000 may be received to help offset the necessary budget amendment; and that the net amount of the amendment is \$30,000 from General Fund Reserves. The motion to approve Budget Amendment #8 was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Bid Award: 2020 LMIG Roads.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were requested for the resurfacing of three roads through GDOT’s Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) program; that four bids were received on February 6, 2020, as follows:

Company/Location	Hart Road	Watkins Road	Hamilton Pleasant Grove Road	Total Bid
CW Matthews Marietta, GA	\$ 396,984.65	\$ 31,370.77	\$ 576,116.58	\$ 1,004,471.99
Robinson Paving Co. Columbus, GA	\$ 444,612.50	\$ 36,101.50	\$ 577,023.00	\$ 1,057,737.00
Blount Construction Co. Marietta, GA	\$ 404,927.65	\$ 38,196.00	\$ 645,014.05	\$ 1,088,137.70
Piedmont Paving, Newnan, GA	\$ 435,511.95	\$ 36,857.79	\$ 720,404.78	\$ 1,192,774.52

Mr. Dowling said the low bidder is CW Matthews with a bid of \$1,004,471.09; that funding for this project will be \$838,498.57 from LMIG funds, \$83,849.86 as the County’s 10% match and \$82,123.56 as the overage will come from SPLOST 2014. The motion to award the bid to CW Matthews in the amount of \$1,004,471.09 and to authorize the County Manager and County Clerk to execute any necessary documents regarding same was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously. There was discussion about making sure the resurfacing of Hamilton Pleasant Grove occurs when school is out in order to avoid detour issues for the school buses.

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

- (1) Replacement Telephone System for Courthouse, Admin Building, and Community Development. Bid specs are being prepared.
- (2) Storage Buildings and Hay Baler for Public Works. Quotes being obtained for the buildings and bid specs being prepared for the hay baler.
- (3) Public Works Equipment. The sixth piece of heavy equipment will be delivered this month.
- (4) LMIG 2020 Road Resurfacing. Bid awarded during tonight’s meeting.
- (5) Replacement Scoreboards for Recreations Facilities. On order, should be received soon with installation during March by County crews.
- (6) Soccer Complex Pavilion. Being worked on as weather permits.
- (7) Rails to Trails. Phase I has been completed and being closed out; Phases II and III have been completed; still awaiting word on the grant for Phase IV.

- (8) Airport Consultant. Eight responses have been received and are being evaluated by a sub-committee of the Airport Committee.
- (9) Airport Fly-In Event. Scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020.
- (10) Replacement Scales at Transfer Station. Project has been completed and well received with LED lights.
- (11) Water Line Upgrade on SR 315. Project is underway and should be completed in March, weather permitting.
- (12) Land Use & Development Codes Update. Office web pages have been created to keep everyone posted on the project status. Wood PLC representatives will be at the March 3 Board meeting to let the Board know about the goals and schedule for the project, which should last 15 to 20 minutes, but the review will not be a public hearing.
- (13) Melody Lakes Dam. Construction plans are well underway and will be sent to EPD well in advance of the March 5 due date; that temporary and permanent construction easements will be needed from two property owners in Melody Lakes in connection with the project; that contact has been made with one property owner and efforts are underway to locate the other property owner.
- (14) Compensation Study by CVIOG. Project has begun with questionnaires to be completed by February 21 for review by supervisors and then submitted to HR by February 28 in order to send to CVIOG.
- (15) Surplus Property: 24 Lots. Bid request is out, deadline is March 10, with consideration of results before the Board on March 17.
- (16) Surplus Property: 3.29 Acre Lot. Approved during tonight's meeting to reduce minimum bid to \$30,000; bid will go out this week; and adjacent property owners will also be notified.
- (17) Solid Waste Tonnage. Tonnage for January was about 1,500 tons.
- (18) Water Line Installation on Hadley Road. Material has been received and the project is waiting for better weather.
- (19) WEX System. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that a few issues with the WEX cards have occurred in only one department, and may be more human error than card errors.
- (20) Single Family Building Permits. Total for seven months is 120 which is more than half of last year's total, but weather is affecting construction of homes.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Resolution: Board of Education Bond Tax Levy and Collection**. John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the resolution regarding the levy and collection of an annual tax for payment of principal and interest on \$23,495,000 on the School district's general obligation sales tax bonds, series 2020, which was approved by the voters during the November 2019 election. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.

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

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk