

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

June 2, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Grant led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020, Regular Session, the May 19, 2020 Budget Work Session II, the May 26, 2020 Called Session, and the May 26, 2020 Budget Work Session III was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Budget Public Hearing I: FY 20/21.** Chairman Langston called the Public Hearing to order and said that this is the first of two public hearings regarding the proposed budget. She asked if any Department Heads were present who wished to comment on their proposed budget.

Vickie Jamerson, Tax Commissioner, appeared before the Board and requested that the full-time Motor Vehicle Clerk she requested be put back into the budget; that the position is needed due to an increase in tags and titles; and that it would help with absences due to vacation and illness as well as to respond to phone calls.

Wayne Morris, Tax Assessor, appeared before the Board and said that due to three conservation breaches, the County will be receiving \$45,052 in July; that one of his two requested vehicles was removed from the budget, but the revenue from the breaches would provide funding to purchase that vehicle; and that such a purchase would leave about \$33,000 in the General Fund.

Stephen Waskey, Recreation Director, appeared before the Board and requested that the \$50,000 to repair light poles and lights at Pate Park and Moultrie Park be put back into the budget; that three light poles are out at Moultrie and several out at Pate Park; that halogen lights go out frequently and ballasts need to be changed.

Randy Dowling, County Manager, asked if any citizen wished to make comments. There being none, Chairman Langston closed the Public Hearing. The second Public Hearing on the FY 20/21 budget will be on June 16 and is scheduled to be followed by adoption.

5. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
 - (1) **Replacement Telephone System.** The project is being advertised and proposals are due July 2.
 - (2) **LMIG Roads.** Road resurfacing should be completed.
 - (3) **Soccer Complex Building.** Should be completed by the end of the month.
 - (4) **Rails to Trails Project.** Project is complete; waiting on reimbursement from all three grants.
 - (5) **Hadley Road Water Lines.** Project in progress.
 - (6) **Water Meter Replacement Project.** Project is almost at 70%.
 - (7) **Land Use & Development Codes Update.** Project is ongoing.

- (8) Melody Lakes Dam. Still waiting for approval from the State; two easements are being prepared
 - (9) Compensation Study by CVIOG. Project is ongoing and should be completed by the end of summer.
 - (10) SPLOST Collections. April is slightly under that of March and the same time last year.
 - (11) Single Family Building Permits. Total for May is 24; still going strong.
 - (12) Solid Waste Tonnage. Amount during April was a record high.
- B. **Surplus Property Near Ellerslie Park**. Discussion included that with the last bid request, the price was dropped to \$35,000 and there were no bids. Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the property has ingress/egress issues and, therefore, very limited value.

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Executive Session**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that he understood there was a need for an Executive Session and would leave that to the Board.
7. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and real estate was made at 7:52 PM by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously.
8. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION & ADJOURNMENT**. The motion to go back into Regular Session and to adjourn was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lange, and passed unanimously.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk