

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

March 16, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Andrew Zuerner, Becky Langston, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, Bobby Irions.  
Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Russell Britt, County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael,  
County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Zuerner called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chairman Zuerner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Appointment: Elections Board.** Chairman Zuerner said that a vacancy exists on the Elections Board due to the passing of John Adams, who term expires December 31, 2023, and an appointment is needed to complete the term. Commissioner Langston said that she would like to make the motion to appoint Wayne Harbert to complete Mr. Adams' term; that Mr. Harbert has been a County resident for 25 years, is a member of the Planning Commission, is past chairman of the Muscogee County Republican Party, past treasurer of the Third District Republican Party, past member of the Muscogee County Board of Elections, and involved in various community and political affairs throughout the years. The motion was seconded by Chairman Zuerner and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Request for Vehicle Purchase: Sheriff Mike Jolley.** Sheriff Jolley appeared before the Board to request the purchase of a needed vehicle, which was not included in the approved budget but for which there are funds that can be moved from other line items. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle using existing funds from other line items was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Surplus Property: Vehicles.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that with the acquisitions of new vehicles, the County has 12 surplus vehicles for disposition due to age, mileage, and/or condition; that the list has been provided to the Board for approval; that the Board of Education has requested four vehicles; and that Pine Mountain Volunteer Fire Department has requested the old fire truck. The motion to declare the vehicles as surplus, to authorize the transfer of the four vehicles to the Board of Education, to authorize the transfer of the fire truck to the Pine Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and to sell the remaining vehicles on GovDeals or other legal means was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
    - (1) **Replacement Ambulances for EMS.** Two replacement ambulances should arrive in May.
    - (2) **Replacement Consoles (4) for 911.** Installation should be at the end of this month.
    - (3) **LMIG Road Resurfacing.** Bid awarded and project is to be completed by June 30, 2021.
    - (4) **Restriping of County Roads.** Bid awarded and project is to be completed by June 30, 2021.
    - (5) **Patching of County Roads.** Bid awarded and project is to be completed by June 30, 2021.

- (6) Melody Lakes Dam. Project is underway and is to be completed by June 30, 2021.
- (7) Ellerslie Park. Internal roads have been completed, and Alexander Paving will be starting on the turn lanes soon, weather permitting.
- (8) Ellerslie Park Storm Debris. County did not get the GOSP grant.
- (9) Installation of Wooden Poles for Lights at Soccer Complex. Project will start as soon as soccer season is over and will be completed before fall soccer.
- (10) Replacement Garbage Trucks. Vehicles are expected to arrive this month.
- (11) Scrap Tire Amnesty Events. One event was held Saturday, March 13, and 755 tires were taken in; the next event will be Saturday, March 20, from 8 AM to 4 PM, at the County's Transfer Station.
- (12) Water Works Administration Building. Project moving forward accordingly.
- (13) Renovation of Old Library. Project is being designed, and is to be completed by December 15, 2021.
- (14) Land Use and Development Codes Update. Project is proceeding; drafts are being reviewed and road, water and sewer construction standards are being developed; that public review will probably be within the next 45 days.
- (15) Impact Fee Study. Project approved last meeting; the first meeting of the committee members, also appointed during the March 2 meeting, will occur on Thursday, March 25, at the Community Center, at 5:30 PM; and the meetings are open to the public.
- (16) SPLOST. Collection is back to normal.
- (17) LOST. Collection is back to normal.
- (18) T-SPLOST. Collection is back to normal.
- (19) Single Family Home Permits. Total thus far this fiscal year is 147, but if the homes being built in West Point, but located within the County, are counted, the total is 187.
- (20) Airport Courtesy Cars. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant as to how often the courtesy cars at the Airport are used, Mr. Dowling reported that the vehicles are frequently used and that the Airport Manager has requested another vehicle for such use in the upcoming budget.

## 6. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. **Resolution: Extend Moratorium on Planned Unit Developments**. Russell Britt, County Attorney, said that the current moratorium to bar the acceptance of rezoning applications for Planned Unit Developments (PUD) will expire March 31; that the County is undergoing a major revision/rewrite of the Land Use Codes, to include the zoning ordinance and the moratorium should be extended until midnight on September 7, 2021, or until the completion and adoption of the land use codes, whichever occurs first, or earlier if lifted by action of the Board. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Resolution to extend the temporary moratorium on PUDs was made by Commissioner Irions and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. In response to a question from Commissioner Grant, Mr. Britt said that expiration date of September 7 should provide ample time for the land use code update to be completed. The motion passed with four in favor (Irions, Andrews, Grant, Zuerner) and one opposed (Langston).

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

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Andrew Zuerner, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk