

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 3, 2022
6:30 P.M.

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

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 April 19, 2022, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Andrews and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: Enrichment Services Community Action Month.** Chairman Zuerner read the Proclamation designating May as “Community Action Month” in recognition of the Enrichment Services Program. The motion to approve this Proclamation was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Resolution to Accept James Creek Road in James Creek Subdivision.** Chairman Zuerner said that all required documents to accept the road have been submitted in accordance with County regulations. The motion to approve the Resolution to accept this road was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Impact Fee Process Decision.** Due to the absence of Lee Walton, consultant, this matter was tabled to the meeting following the State’s approval of the Capital Improvements Element (CIE).
 - D. **Employee Healthcare Insurance Renewal: John Leggett, MSI.** John Leggett, with MSI, the County’s insurance broker, reviewed the insurance documents which included that initially Cigna had quoted an increase in premiums of 8%; that the insurance was shopped with competitors and United Health Care (UHC) came back with a quote of -8% but following negotiations for reduced deductibles and bundling the dental and vision insurance, UHC’s quote ended up being comparable to Cigna’s but with lower deductibles, which is better for the employees. Following discussion, the motion to accept the Option C proposal from UHC (lower deductible and no HRA), move dental and vision to UHC, and change life and disability insurances to Standard was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
5. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
 - (1) **UDC/Land Use Codes.** To be discussed during the next Planning Retreat on May 19, and is scheduled for a decision to be made during the June 7 meeting.
 - (2) **EMS/VFD Facility in NWHBP.** Design is proceeding with the last design meeting scheduled for May 4.
 - (3) **LMIG Resurfacing 2022.** Project is to be completed by June 30, 2022.
 - (4) **Patching of 7 County Roads.** Project is to be completed by June 30, 2022.
 - (5) **Man O’War Railroad Recreation Trail, Phase V (aka Rails to Trails).** Project of 5.5 miles should begin any day now and be finished before Thanksgiving. Proposal is being drafted for Phase VI with funding to come from T-SPLOST.
 - (6) **Solid Waste Replacement Building.** Bid opening is on May 19 with Board consideration on June 7.

- (7) Water Works Administration Building. Bid opening is on May 19 with Board consideration on June 7.
- (8) Courthouse Renovations, Phase I. Still waiting for GMP (guaranteed maximum price) from the Construction Manager; hopefully it will be before the Board during the next meeting.
- (9) Impact Fee Study. Scheduled to be discussed at the meeting next following approval of the CIE by the State.
- (10) Assist RVRC with T-SPLOST Referendum. T-SPLOST referendum is May 24.

6. **OTHER**

- A. **Award of Excellence**. Commissioner Grant said that during the recent ACCG Conference in Savannah, Harris County won the ACCG & GeorgiaTrend 2022 Georgia County Excellence Award for the Man O'War Railroad Recreation Trail in recognition of innovation in County government. He displayed the award and the Commissioners gathered for a photograph.
 - B. **Clerk of Court**. Commissioner Langston said that Stacy Haralson, Superior Court Clerk, has been named Court Clerk of the Year.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.

Andrew Zuerner, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk