

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

January 2, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rob Grant, Susan Andrews, Greg Gantt, Scott Lightsey, Bobby Irions. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Russell Britt, County Attorney (via telephone); Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Grant called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Vice-Chair Andrews gave the invocation. Chairman Grant led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES** The motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Planning Session and Called Special Meeting and the December 5, 2023 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
4. **ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION**
 - A. **Election of Chairman, Election of Vice-Chairman, Appointment of County Attorney, and Appointment of County Clerk.** Chairman Grant introduced the agenda item related to the Organization of the Commission. The motion to reappoint Rob Grant as Chairman, Susan Andrews as Vice-Chairman, Russell Britt as County Attorney, and Andrea Dzioba as County Clerk was made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Chairman Grant, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Appointment to the Planning Commission.** Chairman Grant provide information related to the appointment to the Planning Commission and advised that Mr. Paul Dasher does not seek reappointment. Chairman Grant requested that this item be tabled until the January 16, 2024 Regular Session meeting.
 - B. **Harris County Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2024.** The motion to approve the Harris County Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2024 was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedule 2024.** The motion to approved the Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedule for 2024 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, advised that this is the first Program of Work for this fiscal year and reviewed various projects as follows:
 - (1) **Employee Compensation and Classification Plan.** The study will begin next week on January 11, 2024.
 - (2) **SPLOST Continuation.** Everything has been completed and are now waiting for the election to be held on March 12, 2024.
 - (3) **Dehumidification System at Community Center.** This project will be completed this week.
 - (4) **New EMA/VFD Facility.** This facility is operational and the ribbon cutting will be held on January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
 - (5) **LMIG Resurfacing Program.** Ripshin Road was approved to be resurfaced on August 1, 2023 and this project will be bid out and the bid opening will be on February 6, 2024.
 - (6) **New Public Works Facility.** A pre-construction meeting will be held next week and completion of the project will be in approximately 10 to 11 months.

- (7) Ellerslie Park Observation Tower. Pieces of the project are being delivered and the project should be complete in the next 30-45 days.
- (8) Wi-fi at Moultrie and Pate Parks. This project is complete as of today.
- (9) RFP for P25 Standard 911 Radio System. The final draft of the RFP was received today and is being reviewed.
- (10) New Elevated Water Tank at SR 315/I-185. Carter and Sloope is designing the new elevated water tank and the logos are being discussed.
- (11) Phase II Courthouse Renovations. Design phase is ongoing and end user meetings are being held.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

- A. **Public Improvements Authority Language.** County Attorney Russell Britt (via telephone) introduced an item related to the Public Improvements Authority language and wanted to follow up with the Board to confirm whether the Board's intent was to allow other public entities to seek assistance from the Public Improvements Authority or if the intent was to only allow County projects.

The motion to approve the clarification to the Public Improvements Authority language to allow other public entities to seek assistance from the Public Improvements Authority was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Chairman Grant, and unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Rob Grant, Chairman

Attest:

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk