

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

January 16, 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; 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 January 2, 2024 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Connie Guy - Meetings of Boards Appointed by Harris County Commissioners.** Chairman Grant informed the Board that Ms. Guy has requested that her appearance be moved to the Regular Session meeting of February 6, 2024.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Appointment to the Planning Commission.** Chairman Grant provided information related to the appointment to the Planning Commission and advised that Mr. Paul Dasher does not seek reappointment. Chairman Grant is recommending that Addis Bugg be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission. The motion to appoint Addis Bugg to the Planning Commission for a term effective from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Appointments to the Development Authority.** The motion to re-appoint Christopher Butzon and Charles Sweat to the Development Authority for a term effective from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027 was made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Chairman Grant, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Appointments to the Board of Elections & Registrations.** Vice-Chair Andrews requested that this item be tabled until the February 6, 2024 Regular Session meeting.
  - C. **Request for Tax Refund - Johnny Chung Ho Ho.** Chairman Grant introduced the request by Johnny Chung Ho Ho for a \$77.72 refund related to a vehicle renewal made prior to its due date and that was subsequently sold. The motion to approve the \$77.72 refund to Johnny Chung Ho Ho for the vehicle renewal was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
  - D. **Resolution Setting Qualifying Fees for the 2024 Election and Authorizing Publication of Same.** Chairman Grant said that the Board is required to set qualifying fees for the 2024 elections for salaried and non-salaried elected officials and publish same by February 1st. The motion to approve and adopt the Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Harris County, Georgia Setting Qualifying Fees for the 2024 Election and Authorizing Publication of Same was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
  - E. **Declaration of Surplus County Property.** Chairman Grant said County staff has deemed items as unneeded for County operations and recommends that the Board declare these items listed as surplus County property. The motion to declare the list of items listed as surplus County property and authorize their disposal through advertised electronic public auction was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.

7. **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 has been started and most departments will be meeting virtually with CVIOG tomorrow.
- (2) SPLOST Continuation. Everything has been completed and in place. We are now waiting for the election that will be held on March 12, 2024.
- (3) New EMS/VFD Facility. The ribbon cutting was held this evening and was well attended.
- (4) Citizen Request Management System. SeeClickFix is beginning to be used by citizens for issues that they want to report to Public Works, Water Works, Solid Waste, and Recreation.
- (5) LMIG Resurfacing Program. This project is out for bid, the bid opening will be on February 6, 2024, and it will be considered by the Board on February 20, 2024.
- (6) New Public Works Facility. A pre-construction meeting was held on January 10th to begin the process.
- (7) Ellerslie Park Observation Tower. The tower has begun to be erected and completion is expected in early 2024.
- (8) Pine Mountain Valley Park. The results of citizen surveys have been compiled. A concept plan based upon the results will be completed in the next 30-45 days.
- (9) Annual Surplus Sale. The list of vehicles and/or equipment to be sold was approved this evening.
- (10) RFP for P25 Standard 911 Radio System. The final draft of the RFP was received and will be distributed/bid out on January 22, 2024.
- (11) Phase II Courthouse Renovations. Design drawings have been shared with the end users and the drawing should be finalized in the next several weeks. The construction is expected to begin in the Spring.

8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** Russell Britt, County Attorney, said that he had no business to come before the Board this evening.

9. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Grant stated that he would like to an executive session to discuss personnel.

10. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Grant made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel at 6:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews and passed unanimously.

11. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioners Irions and Gantt, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Rob Grant, Chairman

Attest:

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Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk