

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

October 1, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rob Grant, Susan Andrews, Greg Gantt, Scott Lightsey, Bobby Irions. Staff Present: Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**. Chairman Grant called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for continued thoughts and prayers for everyone that has been affected by the hurricane. Chairman Grant also extended thanks to all of our Public Safety in Harris County.
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 September 17, 2024 Regular Session was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioners Irions, and passed unanimously.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A. **John Bayer, American Legion Post Commander - American Legion Impact**. Craig Rowan, Third District Commander, appeared in the place of John Bayer who was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Rowan thanked the Board for allowing him to address them this evening. He further stated that their Post has decided to begin briefing their County Commissioners on their activities. Mr. Rowan addressed the Board and stated that the American Legion is funded by memberships and fundraisers. He further advised that they have grown from 125 to 131 members; that they have collected over 100 flags for retirement; that they have completed 8,400 service hours; that service officers provided claims support to local veterans free of charge; that they presented eight businesses with certificates of appreciation for supporting veterans; that Post 189 has a wealth of involved leadership; that they laid a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and that reports are submitted to the National organization annually and the National Organization reports to Congress.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Correction to the terms of and reappointment to the Public Improvements Authority**. Chairman Grant advised the Board that while reviewing the Act that created the Harris County Public Improvements Authority, it was determined that the terms of the members were not staggered correctly.

A motion to affirm and approve the amended terms of the members of the Harris County Public Improvements as follows:

County Manager Position (vacant)	Term 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2025
Rob Grant (Commissioner)	Term 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2026
Craig Greenhaw (Development Auth)	Term 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027
Cheryl Rees (Citizen)	Term 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027
Greg Gantt (Commissioner)	Term 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2026

was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**. Chairman Grant stated that he was aware of social media posts related to the County's ambulance service and that he asked Ms. Dzioba to bring information related to an e-mail from the State related to same. County Clerk Andrea Dzioba stated that the Regional 7 Regional Director of Public Health requested that the EMS directors disseminate information to social media to inform the public that if there were sustained winds of 35 mph or higher during the storm that services would be suspended. She further said that even though the information was posted as requested that we did not have sustained winds in excess of 35 mph and that our ambulance services continued to provide service to the community. Additionally, Ms. Dzioba advised that it is expected that financials will be provided soon for the first half of the last fiscal year (July through December of 2023). Chairman Grant informed the Board that they have information related to the County Manager search

in front of them for their review.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** Chairman Grant advised that there isn't a need for an executive session.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Rob Grant, Chairman

Attest:

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk