

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

March 4, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rob Grant, Susan Andrews, Greg Gantt, Scott Lightsey, Bobby Irions. Staff Present: Russell Britt, County Attorney; Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk; Brian Williams, Community Development Director; Melissa Price, EMA/E911 Director; Shalee Mallory, Chief Appraiser.

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. **AMEND THE AGENDA**. The motion to amend the agenda to include consideration of a resolution authorizing the submission of the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element and covering a five-year period to the River Valley Regional Commission was made by Commissioner Irions, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
4. **MINUTES** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Session was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioners Gantt and Irions, and passed unanimously.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors**. Chairman Grant advised that the Board recently expanded the Board of Tax Assessors from three to five members and one of the additional positions was appointed at the February 18, 2025 Regular meeting.

The motion to appoint Melissa Hammer to serve in Position #5 on the Board of Tax Assessors for a term effective from the date of appointment until December 31, 2029 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution - Safety Coordinator for Harris County**. Chairman Grant advised that as part of the ACCG Safety Discount Program Harris County is required to have a designated Safety Coordinator and that Melissa Price, EMA/E911 Director, has been previously named as the Safety Coordinator.

The motion to approve the resolution establishing the position of Safety Coordinator and designating Melissa Price, EMA/E911 Director as the Safety Coordinator for Harris County was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Safety Policy Statement**. Chairman Grant stated that in conjunction with the resolution for a designated Safety Coordinator, the County also should approve a Safety Policy Statement. He further advised that the Harris County Board of Commissioners approved the same statement at its August 1, 2000 Regular meeting.

The motion to approve the Safety Policy Statement was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Resolution - Authorizing the Submission of the Annual Update of the Capital Improvements Element and Covering the Five-Year Period to the River Valley Regional Commission**. County Clerk Andrea Dzioba stated that yesterday the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) advised that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) needed a resolution to accompany the submission of the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) which Harris County believed was already sent as a part of the Comprehensive Plan. In response to questions, Ms. Dzioba stated that the projects included in the original CIE also were updated to move them along the timeline and that projects that were completed without impact fees - since there are no impact fees being charged - have fallen off of the list.

The motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Annual Update of the Capital Improvements Element and Covering the Five-Year Period to the River Valley Regional Commission was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY MANAGER.** Chairman Grant stated that after conducting interviews, Harris County announced that Clark Harrell has been chosen as Harris County's sole finalist for the County Manager position.

County Clerk Andrea Dzioba informed the Board that the Board will continue to receive quarterly updates related to the E911 Radio System project and the GMASS rural land revaluation.

8. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

- A. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** County Attorney Russell Britt stated that he had a need for an executive session for real estate, personnel, and litigation.

9. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Grant made the motion to go into Executive Session for real estate, personnel, and litigation at 6:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.

10. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:12 p.m. by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Irions, and passed unanimously.

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AT 7:00 P.M.**

- A. **Application of Beckie McKenzie, to rezone a 4.5-acre parcel, located on Map 080, Parcel 021F, Land Lot 189, Land District 18th; Rezoning from C-4 (Highway Commercial) with an SUP to A-1 (Agricultural/Forestry); Current use is unused commercial property; proposed use is for a residence and farm; property located at 469 Farmhouse Road, Ellerslie, GA.**

Chairman Grant called the Public hearing to order at 7:13 p.m. and introduced the proposed application. Beckie McKenzie, Applicant, appeared before the Board to provide information and respond to questions

Chairman Grant asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor of this application. There being none, Chairman Grant asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in opposition to the application. There being none, Chairman Grant closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

A motion to approve the Application of Beckie McKenzie, to rezone a 4.5-acre parcel, located on Map 080, Parcel 021F, Land Lot 189, Land District 18th; Rezoning from C-4 (Highway Commercial) with an SUP to A-1 (Agricultural/Forestry); Current use is unused commercial property; proposed use is for a residence and farm; property located at 469 Farmhouse Road, Ellerslie, GA was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Chairman Grant, and passed unanimously.

12. **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 7:15 p.m.

Rob Grant, Chairman

Attest:

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk