

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commission Chamber, Room 215, Harris County Courthouse
REGULAR SESSION
December 16, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rob Grant, Susan Andrews, Greg Gantt, Scott Lightsey.
Commissioners Absent: Bobby Irions. Staff Present: Russell Britt, County Attorney;
Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk; Sheriff Mike Jolley; Melissa Price, E911/EMA Director.
Staff Absent: Clark Harrell, County Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Grant called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Grant extended congratulations to the High School Flag Football Team for winning the State Championship.

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 December 2, 2025 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Change Order - Harris County Public Safety Radio System.** Chairman Grant introduced the Change Order for the Harris County Public Safety Radio Replacement and advised that E911/EMA Director Melissa Price, Dominick Arcuri from Televate, Bryan Kocher, Vice President from Williams Communications, and Dean Ginn from Dean's Two-Way were in attendance to present information and respond to any questions. Dominick Arcuri from Televate reviewed the quote provided for the change order which includes modification to the Ellerslie Tower, a self-supporting 270' tower at 911, site development, NEPA/SHPO/FCC, and improvements and needs at the FDR (Pine Mountain) site. Discussion included that site analysis up front could have cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 per tower site; that the County hired a company to give a good estimate at the beginning; that there are concerns with a large change order this close to the beginning of the project; that the time from the first discussion in October until now provided enough time to determine what is also needed at the FDR (Pine Mountain) tower site; that structural integrity at existing towers is unknown until testing; that there could have been additional sites that needed structural work; that the project team is requesting to build a new tower which eliminates the 911 water tower issue and that the Hamilton site will then not need to be rented; that no additional change orders are expected; and that improving the structure at the water tank would exceed the cost of the Hamilton lease which was high; and that upfront costs may be possible to offset with possible leasing of space on the new towers over the left of the project. County Attorney Russell Britt advised that he has been working through the tower lease agreements; that the Ellerslie lease has a claw back so that the County's investment will be protected; and that it has been agreed to should structural improvements be made to the tower.

A motion to approve the Change Order related to the Harris County Public Radio System in an amount not to exceed \$504,640.55, with funding to be allocated as determined appropriate by the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and authorize the Chairman, County Manager, and County Clerk to execute any necessary documents was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Grant Award - Harris County Sheriff's Office.** Chairman Grant stated that Sheriff Mike Jolley is in attendance to provide information related to a grant. Sheriff Jolley informed the Board that they have received a \$250,246.79 grant for local DUI enforcement from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety; that we received one of twenty-six awards; that it will assist with strategies to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities; that it will cover the salaries of two deputies from October of 2025 through September of 2026; that it is renewable; that there is a 30-day reimbursement; that he will not be hiring anyone new right now but using individuals that are already in place to see how it works; that if the grant works well that he will attempt to renew it again next year; and that he needs authorization to purchase two vehicles (including radios, striping, and radar) in

the amount of \$149,840.20. A motion to approve the purchase of two vehicles in the amount of \$149,840.20 to be reimbursed by the grant was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lightsey left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

- B. **Harris County Commissioners Meeting Schedule 2026.** Chairman Grant informed the Board that there are no date conflicts in the schedule between the Board's regular meetings and holidays in 2026. A motion to approve the Harris County Commissioners meeting Schedule 2026 was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedule 2026.** Chairman Grant stated that the Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedule sets out the filing and submission deadlines, advertising dates and dates of public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. A motion to approve the Rezoning and Special Use Permit Schedule for 2026 was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
- D. **Appointments to the Recreation Board.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expiring terms of the Hamilton Youth Sports Association position and the At-Large position. The Hamilton Youth Sports Association has recommended that Leanne Smith be appointed as their representative on the Recreation Board and Thomas Vowell wishes to be reappointed for the At-Large position. A motion to approve the appointment of Leanne Smith as the Hamilton Youth Sports Association on the Recreation Board and Thomas Vowell for the At-Large position for the term effective from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2028 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lightsey returned to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

- E. **Appointment to the Housing Authority of Harris County.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expired term of Pamela Jackson on the Housing Authority of Harris County. Ms. Jackson wishes to continue to serve on the Housing Authority of Harris County and has requested consideration for reappointment. A motion to approve the reappointment of Pamela Jackson to the Housing Authority of Harris County for the term effective from November 1, 2025 until October 31, 2030 was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Chairman Grant, and passed unanimously.
- F. **Appointment to the Harris County Board of Tax Assessors.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expiring term of Pamela Jackson on the Harris County Board of Tax Assessors and stated that Ms. Jackson wishes to continue to serve on the Harris County Board of Tax Assessors and has requested consideration for reappointment. A motion to approve the reappointment of Pamela Jackson to the Harris County Board of Tax Assessors for the term effective from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2029 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
- G. **Appointment to the Harris County Board of Zoning Adjustments.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expired term of Maria Copeland on the Harris County Board of Zoning Adjustments and stated that Ms. Copeland wishes to continue to serve on the Harris County Board of Zoning Adjustments. A motion to approve the reappointment of Maria Copeland to the Harris County Board of Zoning Adjustments for the term effective from October 1, 2025 until September 30, 2026 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.
- H. **Appointments to the Harris County Library Board.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expiring terms of Patricia Holloway and Jim Trott on the Harris County Library Board and stated that the Library Board is unanimously recommending their reappointments to serve another term. A motion to approve the reappointments of Patricia Holloway and Jim Trott for terms effective from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2028 was made by Vice-Chair Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.

- I. **Appointment to the Development Authority of Harris County.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expiring term of Craig Greenhaw on the Development Authority of Harris County and stated that Mr. Greenhaw would like to continue to serve on the Development Authority. A motion to approve the reappointment of Craig Greenhaw to the Development Authority of Harris County for the term effective from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2029 was made by Commissioner Gantt, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
- J. **Appointment to the Harris County Airport Committee.** Chairman Grant introduced the item related to the expired term of Lynda Dawson on the Harris County Airport Committee and stated that Ms. Dawson would like to continue to serve on the Airport Committee. A motion to approve the reappointment of Lynda Dawson to the Harris County Airport Committee for the term effective from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2029 was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY.** County Attorney Russell Britt stated that he did not have any business to come before the Board this evening.
7. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** County Clerk Andrea Dzioba stated that she had a need for an executive session for personnel.
8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chairman Grant made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel at 7:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, and passed unanimously.
9. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made at 7:23 p.m. by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Gantt, and passed unanimously.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Grant, seconded by Vice-Chair Andrews, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Rob Grant, Chairman

Attest:

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk