

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

June 4, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey M. Loudermilk, Becky Langston, Jim Woods, Charles Wyatt.
Staff Present: Greg Wood, County Manager; John Taylor, County Attorney; Sherrail Jarrett, Acting Secretary
in the absence of Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session and the Appeal Hearing of Rebecca Haynie (regarding three dogs) of May 21, 2013, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **SPLOST: Discussion Regarding AWOS.** Chairman Lange said that during the recent Work Session on the upcoming SPLOST, there was no discussion regarding the inclusion of an AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station) at the Airport. Following discussion, which included that without the AWOS, the recent and future improvements to the airport would be superfluous, the motion to start the permitting process, which will cost approximately \$20,000, for the AWOS now and to include the cost of the AWOS in the upcoming SPLOST was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Wellness Grant Application.** Chairman Lange said that it is being requested that the County apply for a \$2,500 Wellness Grant; that the County has received such a grant during the past four years; that the funds must be used for health/wellness related promotions and activities; and that there is no match involved with the grant. The motion to approve the grant application was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Budget FY 13/14 Public Hearing I.** Chairman Lange called the Public Hearing to order. Discussion included that the part-time position for the Tax Commissioner's office was inadvertently omitted and should be put back in the budget since the requested full-time position has not been included; that a 3% across the board increase for employees had been included; that an increase in solid waste fees is not anticipated; and that while a property tax increase is not anticipated, the Board has no control over any such increases by the Board of Education. There being no comments from citizens, Chairman Lange closed the Public Hearing and said that action is scheduled following the next Public Hearing which is to be held on June 18.
5. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Commissioner Wyatt made the motion, at 7:48 PM, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and the acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
6. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.
7. **OTHER.**
 - A. **Salary Increase: BOC Office Assistant/Voter Registrar.** Commissioner Wyatt made the motion to increase the salary of Sherrail Jarrett, Office Assistant and Registrar, effective July 1 by 10 percent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Chairman Lange, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk
(from notes taken by Sherrail Jarrett)