

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

May 20, 2014

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; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Regular Session to order and apologized for the delay in starting the meeting due to discussion regarding the County's health insurance.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
3. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Bobby Haralson: Cagle Drive.** Bobby Haralson, citizen, appeared before the Board to discuss the events that lead up to the Board approving a Quit Claim regarding Cagle Drive on June 19, 2012, submitted a copy of a newspaper article from June 7, 1984, regarding CDBG funding for Cagle's, and said that the action taken by the Board in 2012 was incorrect. John Taylor, County Attorney, explained that Cagle's had deeded a road to the County in 1984; that the deed can be found in Deed Book 122, Page 546; that the road, known as Cagle Drive, was 80' x 257'; that the deed contained a reversionary clause in that if the road ever ceased to be a public road, it would revert to Cagle's or its successors; and that because the road ceased to be used as a public road in 2012, the Quit Claim was approved and executed. (Newspaper article can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD #14-11.)
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Health Insurance Renewal.** Chairman Lange said that this had been discussed during the preceding Work Session; that the Board was considering "Option 3", which has two plans to choose from, one having slightly higher premiums than the other. The motion to approve Option 3 with the dual plans was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. Regarding the HRA, the motion to leave the HRA reimbursement as current, with the County reimbursing above the first \$1,000 for the employee up to \$5,350, was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Appointments/Reappointments to Public Improvements Authority.** Chairman Lange said that several appointments or reappointments are needed regarding the Public Improvements Authority, as follows:
    - (1) Appoint Greg Wood, County Manager, to fill the position left vacant by the death of Danny Bridges, with term expiring June 30, 2015.
    - (2) Appoint Jayson Johnston as the Harris County Chamber of Commerce representative to replace Lynda Dawson, who is no longer with the Chamber, and whose term expires June 30, 2014. Mr. Johnston's term would expire June 30, 2017.
    - (3) Appoint Lynda Dawson as the Harris County Development Authority representative to replace Charles Blair, who is no longer on the Development Authority and whose term expired June 30, 2013. Mrs. Dawson's term would expire June 30, 2016.
    - (4) Reappoint Joey Loudermilk to one of the Commissioner positions, with new term expiring June 30, 2017.

The motion to make the appointments and reappointments as explained was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Comprehensive Plan: Adoption.** Chairman Lange said that the County's Comprehensive Plan had been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and that the Board must now approve/adopt same. He said the Jim Livingston, with the River Valley Regional Commission, was present, and he asked Mr. Livingston for comments. Mr. Livingston said the document is much smaller than the previous version because DCA had changed the requirements, and that the municipalities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall will soon be adopting their Comp Plans. The motion to approve/adopt the Comprehensive Plan (for 2015-2019 and including the adoption resolution) was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as MD#14-12.)
- C. **Financial Statement: March 2014.** The motion to approve the March 2014 financial statement was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **GEC: Proposal Agreement for Wetland/Stream Delineation near Northwest Harris Business Park.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that a proposal had been received from GEC to perform the wetland/stream delineation for the recently acquired Blackwell property and part of the property north of Koplá in the Northwest Harris Business Park (NWHBP); that such has been requested by a potential business for the property; and that the cost will be \$3,800. In response to questions, Mr. Wood said that GEC has performed the other delineations needed for the NWHBP and performed the Level I Environmental on the property. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the County is responsible for flagging underground utilities and for notification of hazardous waste; and that the venue needs to be changed from Bibb County to Harris County. The motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed with four in favor (Loudermilk, Woods, Lange, Langston), and one opposed (Wyatt). (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #14-08.)
- B. **Jail Fund Request.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the dishwasher at the Jail has stopped working and that it will cost approximately \$11,000 to replace; and that one of the Jail Gates has issues; and that it is being requested to replace the dishwasher and repair the Jail Gate using up to \$20,000 from the Jail Fund. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approving spending up to \$20,000 from the Jail Funds as requested was made by Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
- C. **Radio System Update.** Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the 9-1-1 consoles will be put in place shortly; that training on same is scheduled for next week; and that it will be a couple weeks before radio distribution will be completed.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **GEFA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement.** John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the agreement regarding a \$2,000,000 loan from GEFA for improvements at the water treatment facility, which will increase efficiency, and recommended approval of same. Following discussion, the motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A# 14-09.)

8. **OTHER**

- A. **Road Paving Survey Status.** In response to a question from Commissioner Wyatt, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, reported that some of the road surveys are still being worked on but that John Taylor, County Attorney, has at least four of them in order to perform the title searches and prepare legal documents.

- B. **AWOS**. In response to a question from Commissioner Wyatt, Greg Wood, County Manager, said that the application process has been started, but before it can be finished, there has to be a specific location with wind clearance, which we don't yet have. Commissioner Wyatt indicated that he understood a notation could be made on the Airport website that the wind speed was not valid, which would allow the process to continue. Mr. Wood said that he will touch base with Phil Eberly, airport consultant with WK Dickson, about same this week.
- C. **Koch/JCG**. In response to a question from Commissioner Wyatt, Greg Wood, County Manager, said that he had not yet visited Koch to see if they had kept any of their promises due to the fact the plant manager had been terminated, and he will have to make contact with another person at the plant.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Wyatt, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk