

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

August 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Joey Loudermilk, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. 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.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**. Chairman Lange asked Andy Kober, volunteer firefighter and news reporter, to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he complied.
3. **MINUTES**. The motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Credit Cards for Water Works & Community Development**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that he had contacted TSYS with questions regarding the termination clause that is in one agreement but not the other and regarding the personal liability clause, but that he has not heard back from TSYS. Following discussion, Chairman Lange tabled action to the September 1 meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Budget Amendment #2 FY 14/15**. Paul Glick, Finance Officer, appeared before the Board and responded to questions regarding the budget amendments. Following discussion, the motion to approve the amendments was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously. (June Financial Statement scheduled for September 1 meeting.)
 - B. **Insolvent List for 2015**. Chairman Lange said that the insolvent list consisted of one item, a mobile home in poor condition whose owner is deceased, with an account balance of \$313.79. The motion to approve the insolvent list was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Chewning. Discussion included that action should include that steps be taken to have the mobile home removed under the Unsafe Buildings Ordinance passed by the Board in December 2014. Following discussion, Commissioner Chewning, tabled action to September 1 pending information as to whether the owner of the mobile home also owns the land on which the mobile home is located.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Radio System: Pine Mountain Tower**. Greg Wood, County Manager, explained that several antennas and equipment on the Pine Mountain tower are no longer used for the new radio system and need to be removed; that there are safety modifications needed to make the tower safe to climb; that a crane will be needed to remove the antennas and equipment; and that the estimated cost is \$5,500, which not only includes the removal of the unnecessary items, and safety modification but also the crane rental and the addition of the new antenna. He also noted that the funding would come from Fund Balance, but that proceeds from sale of the 800 MHZ radio equipment, for which he will come back to the Board to surplus during a future meeting, will be used to replace the funds. The motion to approve the removal of equipment, make safety modifications, and to use a crane to remove the antennas and equipment, at a cost of \$5,500 was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Bid Results: Scoreboard for Pate Park**. Greg Wood, County Manager, said that two bids were received in response to a request for bid for a scoreboard for Pate Park; that neither of the bids met specifications; and that it is being requested that the bids be rejected and the project rebid. Following discussion, the motion to reject the bids and to go back out on bid was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Request for Executive Session**. Greg Wood, County Manager, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate disposition or acquisition.
7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**
 - A. **DOT Agreement: Inmate Work Detail**. John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the annual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for a work detail, with a maximum of 10 inmates, for which DOT provides the necessary equipment, tools and vehicle and pays the County \$39,500. Following discussion, the motion to approve this agreement was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #15-24.)
 - B. **New Horizon Agreements: Mental Health Center and Harris-Talbot Service Center**. John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the Mental Health annual agreement for which New Horizons pays the County \$500 a month in lieu of rent. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that the identical

agreement for the Harris-Talbot Service Center was received that morning and asked that it be included in any motion. Following discussion, the motion to approve both agreements was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #15-25 and C&A #15-26.)

- C. **Request for Executive Session.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said he would like to add litigation as a topic for discussion in Executive Session.
8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purchase of discussing real estate disposition/acquisition and litigation was made at 7:25 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.
9. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
10. **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