

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

August 16, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Joey Loudermilk, Jim Woods. Staff Present: 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.** At the request of Chairman Lange, Commissioner Woods led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of the August 2, 2016, the Work Session minutes of May 14, 2013 through May 31, 2016, and the Planning Session minutes of July 1, 2015 through July 8, 2016, was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Langston asked that the August 2 Regular Session minutes reflect in item 4A that the matter was tabled until the financial information was obtained. The motion to approve the August 2 minutes with that correction and the other minutes, as presented, passed unanimously with the exception of the Work Session minutes of May 14, 2013 through October 21, 2014 from which Commissioner Chewning abstained because she was not in office and attendance during those meetings.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Airport Apron Expansion.** Chairman Lange said that this project was discussed during the August 2 meeting and tabled pending receipt of financial information on the Airport. He said that some of the financial information had been provided prior to the meeting, but that it was not yet finished. He said that the information should be forthcoming and no action will be taken at this time.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Safety Discounts for Property & Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that these are the usual documents for the County to receive a discount on its insurance, and he recommended approval of same. The motion to approve the two documents was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. In this regard, Chairman Lange said that Ross King, of ACCG, would be at the Commissioners' office on Friday to present a check for approximately \$58,000 as a result of ACCG changing its Workers Compensation plan.
 - B. **Request for Tax Refund.** Chairman Lange said that a request for tax refund in the amount of \$61.50 had been received from Jerry Champion due to his having paid the tax on his old vehicle before the due date and then purchasing a new vehicle; that a copy of the purchase agreement had been provided; and that both the Tax Commissioner and the Board of Tax Assessors have recommended approval. The motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Loudermilk, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Budget Amendment #3 to FY 15/16.** Chairman Lange asked Paul Glick, Finance Officer, to review the proposed budget amendments. Mr. Glick reviewed the amendment, which totaled \$216,613 and would come from Fund Balance. The motion to approve the amendments was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
 - D. **Rec Fest.** Commissioner Langston announced there would be a Rec Fest at the Community Center on Saturday, August 20, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; that the facilities at the Community Center would be free during the festival; and that communities would have information about their sports programs.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
 - A. **Bid Award: Mowers.** Nancy McMichael, County Clerk and Assistant County Manager, said that the County had received bids for two zero-turn riding mowers for the Recreation Department, as follows:

BIDDER	BID (for 2)	MAKE & MODEL	Meet Specs
Anthony's Lawn Mower, West Point, GA	\$ 11,800.00	Snapper Pro S 200 STB	yes
Dudley's Outdoors, LaGrange, GA	\$ 15,978.64	Hustler X One	yes
	\$ 17,481.00	Exmark LZE 801	no
Hamilton Equipment, Columbus, GA	\$ 15,298.00	SCAG STC 61V	yes
Home Hardware, Columbus, GA	\$ 17,490.00	Exmark LZS 801	no
Sunsouth, Columbus, GA	\$ 14,980.00	John Deere 2930 M	no
Town & Country, Columbus, GA	\$ 13,592.00	Gravely Proturn 160 991124	yes
	\$ 15,182.40	Gravely Proturn 160 991126	yes

Mrs. McMichael said that John Magazu, Recreation Director, has recommended the award be made to Anthony's Lawn Mower for the bid of \$11,800 for two mowers (or \$5,900 each). She also said that Jeff Culpepper, Water Works Director, asked that a third mower be purchased for Water Works. The motion to award the bid to Anthony's Lawn Mower for three (3) mowers at \$5,900 each was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Water Works will repay the County for its mower.)

B. **Projects Update.** In the absence of a County Manager, Nancy McMichael, County Clerk and Assistant County Manager, provided updates of various projects, which included:

- (1) Airport Hangar Flooring Issues. Once the floor repairs start, it should be completed within 10 days, but the work has not yet started although all other items on the punch list have been completed.
- (2) Restrooms in Pine Mountain. The work has been delayed due to the weather, but the laying of the block is scheduled to start this week, again weather permitting.
- (3) Old Courtroom. The old courtroom will be closed this week and next to make repairs found necessary by the recent mold inspection.
- (4) Washington Road. The road has been paved and striping and signage is underway; that final shoulder work and grassing should be within the next week or two.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Resolution: Elected Officials and Certain Volunteers Covered by Workers Compensation Fund.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that this resolution will take the place of a previous resolution adopted in 1990; that it covers elected officers, elected members of the governing authority, and volunteer law enforcement personnel that are POST certified; and that he recommended approval of same. Nancy McMichael, County Clerk, said that this resolution is the result of the recent Workers Compensation audit and suggested that a new resolution be adopted and approved. The motion to approve this resolution was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, and passed unanimously.

8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, potential litigation, and real estate was made at 7:30 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

10. **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION.** The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk