

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

February 21, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, 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.** At the request of Chairman Lange, Bill Champion, Airport Manager, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017, Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Financial Statements: October & November 2016.** Chairman Lange said that action was tabled during the February 7 meeting pending receipt of the statements for the Airport and Solid Waste, which were provided via email. The motion to approve the October & November 2016 financial statements was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Vehicle to Board of Education.** Chairman Lange said that the Board of Education has requested a 2010 Ford Crown Vic that has been parked at the County's Vehicle Shop and is no longer of use to the County. Following discussion, during which John Taylor, County Attorney, reviewed the legality of such a transfer, the motion to declare the 2010 Ford Crown Vic (VIN 8882) surplus and to transfer title to the Board of Education was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Proposal: Melody Lakes Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP).** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the Georgia DNR EPD has informed the County that because the Melody Lakes Dam is a Category I dam, we are being required, per state law, to develop an EAP and submit same by July 1, 2017. He said that he had contacted Carter & Sloope, consulting engineers who were involved with the recent inspection of the dam, about the EAP, and received a proposal for the EAP and the required inundation mapping at a cost of \$39,500, which does not include responding to comments or the testing and simulation of the EAP, which will be at an additional cost; and that if the Notice to Proceed is issued by February 27, Carter & Sloope will be able to submit the EAP by July 1. Discussion included that an inspection of the dam by EPD has been scheduled for March 2 but that the inspection and the EAP are not connected, as the EAP is required by law. Following discussion, the motion to approve the proposal but to not issue the Notice to Proceed until after the upcoming inspection by EPD, was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" as C&A #17-07.)
  - B. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, brought the Board up to date on various projects, as follows:
    - (1) **CFO.** Finance assistance by Severn Trent has started and the finance officer for same started this past Monday.
    - (2) **Ellerslie Park.** Project in progress; meeting scheduled for this week.
    - (3) **Pine Mountain Ballpark Concession/Restroom.** Project in progress; completion soon.
    - (4) **Library.** Estimated cost has risen from \$4.8 million to \$5.1 million; guaranteed maximum price is scheduled to be on the March 7 agenda for

action; groundbreaking ceremony tentatively scheduled for March 21 at 4:00 PM. Regarding the increase in cost, Commissioner Woods said that it may be necessary to cut back on some items in order to get the price back down to the original \$4.8 million.

- (5) County Website. Project in progress.
- (6) SPLOST Agreement. Three of the five municipalities have signed the distribution agreement; when the other two sign, the funds will be distributed.
- (7) Holland Drive, Kingsboro Road, and Diamond Circle/Road. Preparation of right of way deeds is underway.
- (8) High Speed Internet Connections. Project in progress; meeting held February 15; County Attorney is drafting the necessary agreements.
- (9) 911 Radio System Improvements. Project is underway with consultant on site; assessment of the CAD and 911 system to be presented to the Board during March 21 meeting.
- (10) Melody Lakes Dam. Discussed previously in meeting.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Ante Litem Notice: V. C.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that an ante litem notice had been received regarding V.C. against a deputy sheriff due to inappropriate actions by the deputy. He recommended that the Board deny the ante litem notice, after which he will notify the County's insurance carrier of same. Following discussion, the motion to deny the ante-litem notice was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Request for Executive Session**. John Taylor, County Attorney, requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and real estate acquisition or disposition.
8. **RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and real estate acquisition or disposition was made at 7:40 PM by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
  9. **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**. The motion to go back into Regular Session was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
  10. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Lange, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

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J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk