

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

July 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Jim Woods, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston.
Commissioner Absent: J. Harry Lange. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; John Taylor,
County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Vice-Chairman Woods called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** At the request of Vice-Chairman Woods, Carlene Frojker, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of June 20, 2017, was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Tax Refund Request: Robert Haralson.** Vice-Chairman Woods said this matter had been tabled from the May 16 meeting to allow the submission of documents relating to eligibility for refunds retroactively. Discussion included that documents submitted show 100% disability effective December 2015, but not for 2014; that based on the submitted documents, the Tax Assessor's office has already acted on the 2015 and 2016 refund requests as authorized by law; and that the Board should act on the 2014 refund request based on state law. The motion to deny the refund request for 2014 was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Agreement: Pond & Company Task Order #4 - Engineering Design Service for Perimeter Security/Wildlife Fencing.** Tim Fredlund, of Pond & Company, airport consultant, and Amanda Hill, of MaesAwyr, subcontractor, appeared before the Board to respond to questions regarding the agreement. Discussion, in response to questions, included that the DBE Plan is required by USDOT regulations and must be updated every three years and covers all Airport projects for that length of time; that for the entire perimeter to be fenced, an additional five to 11 acres are needed; that the Airport Committee has been discussing the need for the additional property for several months; that without the additional property, the fencing cannot be installed at that particular location because fencing cannot be installed on property not owned by the County; that the design will be for the entire project, for which the installation will be done in phases and could take two to three years to complete. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Task Order was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and passed with three in favor (Chewning, Andrews, Woods) and one opposed (Langston). (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #17-22.)
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Bid Award: Hardage Road.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were received for the paving of Hardage Road, a distance of .61 miles. Bids received are as follows:

Company	Southeastern Site Development Newnan, GA	Robinson Paving Columbus, GA
Road/Base Bid	\$ 759,065.01	\$ 716,091.35
Water Line Alternate	\$ 112,773.09	\$ 114,816.00
TOTAL	\$ 871,838.10	\$ 830,907.35

Mr. Dowling said that Harris County Water Works can do the water line work for approximately \$60,000 in materials according to Jeff Culpepper, Water Works Director; that this project has been budgeted in the 17/18 budget; that the recommendation is to award the bid to Robinson Paving for \$716,091.35 and to authorize Water Works to perform the water installation for approximately \$60,000; and that the funding for the paving will come from SPLOST 2009 and for the water line installation from SPLOST 2014. Following discussion, the motion to award the bid to Robinson Paving for \$716,091.35, to authorize Water Works to perform the water line installation for approximately \$60,000, and to approve the agreement

with Robinson Paving was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #17-23.)

- B. **Bid Award: Resurfacing & Improvements to Six Roads.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that bids were received for the resurfacing and improvements to six roads (Lickskillet Road, Hunter Road, Terry Lane/Krogland Road, Vorhees Road, Madison Way and Mt. Airy Road). Bids received are as follows:

Company	C. W. Matthews Marietta, GA	Piedmont Paving Newnan, GA	Robinson Paving Columbus, GA
Bid Amount	\$ 1,475,230.57	\$ 1,529,485.30	\$ 1,256,886.05

Mr. Dowling said that Lickskillet Road was submitted to GDOT as 6.9 miles, but was bid out at 3.8 miles due to cost concerns, and funding will be from 2016 LMIG funds (\$530,926.03) plus the County’s 10% match (\$53,092.60) for a total of \$584,018.63; that Hunter Road, Terry Lane/Krogland Road, and Vorhees Road were submitted to GDOT as 5.2 miles and were bid out for same, and funding will be from 2017 LMIG funds (\$693,183.33) plus the County’s 10% match (\$69,318.33) for a total of \$762,501.66; and that funding for Madison Way and Mt. Airy Road (\$107,214.88) will come from 2009 SPLOST. He continued by saying that the County’s match for the LMIG roads will come from 2009 SPLOST; that because the bid amount for Lickskillet Road was lower than the LMIG and match amount, the length for resurfacing will be increased by the 3.1 miles using the same unit cost as bid, which increases the bid by \$396,299; that the 2016 and 2017 LMIG programs were combined to meet the grant and match totals of \$1,346,520.29 and the adjusted bid amount (for the LMIG portion) is \$1,545,970.17; and that with the bid amount for Madison Way and Mt. Airy Road of \$107,214.88, the adjusted bid from Robinson Paving will be \$1,653,185.05. Following discussion, the motion to award the bid to Robinson Paving in the amount of \$1,653,185.05 and to approve the contract for same was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #17-24.)

- C. **Public Hearing and Resolution to Abandon a Portion of Old C Street.** Vice-Chairman Woods called the Public Hearing to order and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the abandonment of a portion of old C Street. Margaret Sanders, attorney for Teramore Development, appeared before the Board and said that she is representing the firm representing the Dollar General in order to construct a store on the subject property and they are in favor of the abandonment. Vice-Chairman Woods asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion. The motion to abandon a portion of old C Street and to approve the Resolution for same was made by Commissioner Chewning and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. John Taylor, County Attorney, suggested that a 10' utility easement be reserved along all road frontage of the subject property. Following discussion, Commissioner Chewning amended her motion to include that a 10' utility easement be reserved along all road frontages of the property being purchased by Dollar General. Commissioner Andrews amended her second, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

- A. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, brought the Board up to date on various projects, as follows:
- (1) Library. Project is on time and on budget; insulation board is going up on the skeleton frame this week.
 - (2) Website. The new website is up and is being kept current on a daily basis.
 - (3) LMIG 2016 & 2017. Bid was awarded this evening; project to be completed by October 30.
 - (4) Kings Gap CDBG. Project to be closed out soon; paperwork has been submitted.
 - (5) Hardage Road. Bid was awarded this evening; project to be completed by end of year.

- (6) 911 Radio System Improvements. Request for Proposals were received June 23; top three companies presenting live demonstrations on Friday, July 7; recommendation for award is scheduled for July 18.
- (7) Melody Lakes EAP. Report was completed and submitted on time to EPD. In response to question from Commissioner Woods, Mr. Dowling said that the results of the inspection performed by EPD on Melody Lake Dam is not expected any time soon.
- (8) SPLOST. Slight decrease from April but higher than same time last year.
- (9) LOST. Slight decrease from April but higher than same time last year.
- (10) TSPLOST. Slight decrease from April and lower than same time last year.
- (11) Single Family Home Building Permits. Eighteen permits were issued during the month of June, for a total of 166 for the fiscal year and higher than last fiscal year (at 161).

B. **Job Descriptions and Grade Classifications: IT Manager and Shift Supervisor 911**. Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that the positions of Information Technology (IT) Manager and Shift Supervisor 911 were included in the recently approved budget; and that approval of the job descriptions and grade classifications is needed. Following discussion, the motion to approve both job descriptions with the IT in a grade 25 and the Shift Supervisor in grade 11, and to amend the classification/grade list for same was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

A. **Ante Litem Notice: Jessica Geter**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that in the drop box at the Commissioners' Office on June 22, 2017, was a letter that can be considered as an ante litem notice. He explained the details of the letter and said that he had talked with Assistant District Attorney Andrew Bell and Walker Chandler, attorney for Ms. Geter, about the letter. 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. **Agreement with Macon-Bibb County: Loan of 911 Telephone Server**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the agreement is for the loan of a 911 telephone server, which was borrowed from Macon-Bibb County, at no charge to Harris County when its server in the 911 Center went down. He explained various parts of the document, to include that it expires November 20, said that it had been executed by Chairman Lange on June 22, and that ratification of same is needed from the Board. The motion to approve and ratify the agreement was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

Jim Woods, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk