

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION**

September 19, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Jim Woods, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston. 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.** Chairman Lange led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Session, the September 5, 2017 Work Session, and the August 31, 2017 Called Work Session was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **GDOT: Support for a Roundabout at SR 219 @ SR 315/Goat Rock Road.** Chairman Lange said that this had been tabled from the September 5 meeting. Commissioner Langston said that she has heard from many citizens regarding the intersection and that they are interested in slowing down the traffic at this location. She then made to motion to approve the document to support the roundabout at this location. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chewning and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #17-29.)
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Proclamation: American Business Women's Day.** Chairman Lange welcomed members of the Harris County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association and read the document proclaiming September 22, 2017, as American Business Women's Day. The motion to approve the document was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
 - B. **Appointments/Reappointments.** Chairman Lange said three of the four appointments or reappointments scheduled for action are being removed from the agenda at this time. He said that only one reappointment would be made as follows:

Public Improvements Authority. The term of Martha Chewning expired June 30, 2017, and she has consented to be reappointed. The motion to reappoint Commissioner Chewning for the term ending June 30, 2020, was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed with four in favor (Langston, Woods, Andrews, Lange), no opposition, and one abstention (Chewning).
 - C. **Resolution of Recognition: Thomas Vowell and Jennifer Quick.** Chairman Lange read the resolution recognizing the efforts of citizens Thomas Vowell and Jennifer Quick in the organizing of collecting and delivering necessary items to areas in the State of Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Following the reading, the motion to approve was made by Commissioner Langston, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. In response to a request from Chairman Lange, Mr. Vowell told how the planning, collecting, and delivery of donated items occurred.
 - D. **Water Works: Surplus Declaration of Case 580 Backhoe and Purchase of New Backhoe & Budget Amendment #6 FY 17/18.** In the absence of Jeff Culpepper, Water Works Director, Randy Dowling, County Manager, explained that Mr. Culpepper has requested that a 2012 Case 580 Backhoe be declared surplus and disposed of via GovDeals or other legal disposal methods. Mr. Dowling said that the Vehicle Maintenance Director will handle the GovDeals transaction. Mr. Dowling continued by saying that Mr. Culpepper would like to purchase a new Case 580SN Backhoe for the State Contract amount of \$82,503, which will require a budget amendment, and that Mr. Culpepper has indicated he has funds to cover the cost. The motion to declare the 2012 Case 580 Backhoe surplus, to dispose of same via

GovDeals or other legal method, and to purchase a new Case 598SN Backhoe for \$82,503, which will require FY 17/18 Budget Amendment #6, was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.

6. **COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Daesol Materials Stream Relocation Project, Proposal from Goodwyn, Mills Cawood, Inc., & Budget Amendment #5 FY 17/18.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that in March 2016, the Board approved a project agreement with Daesol Materials Georgia, which included the relocation of 500 +/- feet of a stream so that Daesol can construct an additional facility; that the County's Public Works Department was originally going to do the stream relocation, but due to the large scope of the project, the need for heavy equipment that the County does not have, and the time frame, the project engineer Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood, Inc. (GMC) has proposed preparing plans, bidding documents, construction layout and staking, and construction administration for \$19,900 plus a contingency of \$2,000. Mr. Dowling also said that the overall project will require the purchase of mitigation credits, estimated to be \$75,000 +/-, from an approved mitigation bank, payment of \$200,000 to Daesol, the actual construction costs of the project, estimated to be \$250,000, and an EDGE grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for \$150,000, all of which are contained in SPLOST 2014 Economic Development but will require a budget amendment. Following discussion, the motion to approve the GMC proposal for \$21,900 and Budget Amendment #5 FY 17/18 for the mitigation credits (\$75,000 +/-), payment to Daesol (\$200,000), and actual construction costs (\$250,000 +/-), was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Proposal Document can be found in "Contracts & Agreements" file as C&A #17-30.)

B. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, brought the Board up to date on various projects, as follows:

- (1) Accounting Software Upgrade. Proposals have been received and are in the process of being evaluated, presentations are scheduled for the last week of September, and results should be before the Board on October 17.
- (2) Prison CCTV Security System Update. Project was awarded to Rosser International on September 5, design work has begun, and system should be installed by late December 2017.
- (3) Radio System. Discussion is taking place with Diverse Power and things are going smoothly.
- (4) 911 Telephone & CAD System. Both projects have been awarded, the telephone system is being installed, and the CAD shortly thereafter.
- (5) Fire Trucks from SPLOST 2014. A delay until January or February 2018 is expected in the manufacturing of some of the fire trucks as a result of the recent Hurricane.
- (6) LMIG 16 & 17. Projects for resurfacing and paving are underway and should be completed soon.
- (7) Hardage Road. Water lines are being installed this week with paving expected shortly thereafter.
- (8) Solid Waste Transportation & Disposal. Proposals were received and are currently undergoing evaluations with expectations for the Board to award during the October 3 meeting.
- (9) Library. Sheetrock is going up, painting should start next week, and the project continues to be on time and under budget.
- (10) SPLOST Continuation. Initial meeting with the municipalities took place during the preceding Work Session, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 16, at 5:00 PM.
- (11) Fee Schedules Update. All fees were discussed during the September 5 Work Session, except for those of Community Development, the discussion for which

is scheduled to occur during a Work Session on October 3 at 5:00 PM, after which a review all fees is scheduled, with approval slated for October 17.

7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Agreement w/Southern Health Partners for Jail Inmate Medical Care, Amendment #1.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that in July 2016 the Board approved an amendment to the original 2011 agreement, but due to the number of corrections and revisions, a new document was ultimately approved in 2016, and that this amendment #1 is to the 2016 agreement; that the base amount is \$114,220.32 or \$9,518.36 per months for 110 Jail inmates, with an additional \$1.34 per diem for each inmate over 110, and that services will be available 24/7. Discussion included that because it has been a while since this service was bid out, such should be done for next year. Following discussion, the motion to approve this amendment was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” file as C&A #17-31.)
- B. **Agreements w/Charter Spectrum for Internet and Telephone Service at the Community Center.** John Taylor, County Attorney, said that the Board originally discussed the agreement in July of this year without action being taken until negotiations took place; that there is an agreement for the internet and an agreement for the telephone. Mihir Soni, account executive with Spectrum Business, appeared before the Board and said that the internet speed for the Community Center will be 1,000 times faster than the current internet and that the internet service will be 100 megabytes. In response to questions, Mr. Soni said that “non-hospitality” means that the Community Center is not a hotel or other place that provides such accommodations; that the service does not include cable; that at some point if the Center will not need their current phone system, it can then be hosted in the cloud; that the Center’s fiber will not be available to other customers in the area; and that he will be the point of contact for any issues that may come up regarding the services both during and after installation. Mr. Taylor reminded the Board that these agreements were only for the Community Center and not the new Library, although its board will act on similar documents at the appropriate time. The motion to approve the agreements was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Chewning, and passed unanimously. (Documents can be found in “Contracts & Agreements” files as C&A #17-32 (fiber/internet) and #17-33 (telephone).)

8. **OTHER**

- A. **Response to Hurricane Irma.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that he wanted to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the volunteer fire departments, the various County departments and employees involved in the preparation for and response to damage from Hurricane Irma; that he also wanted to thank the Whistling Pig, Fox’s Pizza, and Andy Kober for providing food to the volunteers and employees; and that through texts, Code Red alerts, and the County’s website, employees and citizens were made aware of and kept notified of issues related to the storm. The Board echoed Mr. Dowling’s comments.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Chewning, seconded by Commissioner Woods, and passed unanimously.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk