

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2016
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Poole called the regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners to order. He noted for the record that Commissioner Dobbs was absent. Mike Daniel offered the invocation and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole stated that the commissioners had been sent the minutes of the two July meetings to review. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the July 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the July 20, 2016 work session minutes as written. Chairman Poole seconded and the motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Smith abstaining since he was not in attendance at those 2 meetings.

Chairman Poole stated that an executive session needed to be added to the agenda. He asked the board if they had any changes to the agenda. There were no others. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman's report

Chairman Poole reported that he and Mr. Brown had met with Metropolitan communications at the boot camp to iron out some radio issues that needed to be addressed. He stated that the project is moving along well and we expect to be able to move into the new facility around the first week of September.

Public Participation on Non Agenda items

Scott Roberts – IT Contract.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was at the June 23, 2016 Special Called Work Session where Mr. Brown reviewed the Telecommunications Proposals that had been received. He asked if Mr. Brown had revealed to the board that Cabot Howell, his son, was Vice President at Digital Agent, the company that was awarded the contract. Commissioner Bennett immediately stated that, he certainly had not. She stated that the board had been manipulated from the beginning and she was "irate and disappointed". She went on to state that they were in charge of putting the phone system in and it had never worked properly. She said, "Ask Terry Edwards or other county employees." Chairman Poole corrected her and stated that they were not here to finish putting in the phone system. There was further discussion about the RFP and how it was handled. Commissioner Bennett said the board was not following policies they voted on in 2014. Chairman Poole stated that the RFP was handled correctly. Commissioner Bennett then asked the county attorney if she could take back her second of the vote that awarded the contract. Ms. Cain responded that "she did not know the answer to that right off the top of her head".

Department Head Reports

- Mike Daniel, Recreation Department reported that they had just finished the first season of baseball and softball at the new fields. He said that it was a wonderful season and everyone really enjoyed the new facility. He also reported that concessions did excellent. Football and cheerleading registration numbers are up from last year and the department is looking forward to the upcoming season. Mr. Daniel reported that the two pavilions are completed and the picnic tables and grills are installed. The playground equipment is being assembled and should be ready soon.

Chairman Poole urged everyone to make use of the picnic areas and walking trail.

- Hubert Sparks, Chief Appraiser, Tax Assessors Office. Mr. Sparks reported that the Sales Ratio Study had been received from the Department of Revenue. Acceptable ratios are 36-44, with 40 being perfect. Haralson County is currently at 40.63. Mr. Sparks credited his staff and the county governing authority for this accomplishment.

Item #1 – Fried Pie Festival

Donnie Boswell told everyone about the Fried Pie Festival scheduled for September 17, 2016. He said this is a county wide festival that will be held on the square in Buchanan. It will include 75 vendors, a beauty contest, fried pie contest, and a car and bike show.

Chairman Poole pledged to donate \$100 as a personal donation and challenged the rest of the board and elected officials to make a personal donation also.

Item #2 – Tax Anticipation Note – vote

Chairman Poole stated that the county is asking for a line of \$1 million. Community and Southern bank is offering the loan at 1.5% interest and a one-time \$500 loan fee. Interest is only accrued on the actual amount drawn and the note must be paid in full by December 31, 2016. He stated that last year, the county only had to draw \$720,000. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the Tax Anticipation Note. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 – Millage Rate

Chairman Poole stated that the county would like to set the proposed millage rate at 12.42, which is staying at the same rate as last year. The full rollback rate would be 12.32; therefore the county must hold the three public hearings. Commissioner Smith motioned to advertise the millage rate at 12.42. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #4 – Humana Vitality Participation

Chairman Poole referred this item to County Clerk, Alison Palmer. Mrs. Palmer reported that at the May work session, the board had instructed her to find out how Polk County's wellness program was set up. Mrs. Palmer reported that she had spoken to Matt Denton, the Polk County Administrator. Mr. Denton stated that employees who are on the county insurance must reach a particular goal with the wellness program or they are assessed a fee for their insurance. The fee is:

\$25 for employee only

\$30 for employee/spouse or employee/children

\$35 for employee/family

This is a fee per pay period for the year. They are paid biweekly like Haralson County. Mrs. Palmer explained that if Haralson County did this, we would need our employees and their covered spouses and dependents (over 18) to reach the Humana Vitality Silver status by March 1, 2017 in order for the county to receive a discount on the health insurance premiums. There was some confusion on this item, so it was tabled until the August work session for further discussion.

Item #5 – Executive Session

Commissioner Robinson motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to come back into the regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Poole stated that the executive session was for the county attorney to report on potential litigation.

Public Participation on agenda items

None

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk