

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 4, 2016
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Allen Poole. The Invocation was offered by Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole stated that the minutes of the September meetings had been sent to the commissioners to review. He asked if there were and changes, deletions, or additions. There were none.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

September 1, 2016 Special Called Meeting

September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

September 21, 2016 Work Session

Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Poole reported for the record that Commissioner Smith was absent due to a doctor's appointment, but was doing well.

Recreation department has just finished the first season of baseball and participation has been good and the new facility is getting great reviews.

Rockmart Road has just been refinished from Hwy 120 to the Polk County line. This was completed with the LMIG funds from the state.

The Sheriff's Department and Jail has moved into the new jail facility this past week.

Special Presentation of the CAFR by Rick Hartley, CPA

Mr. Hartley reported that the staff has pursued the Comprehensive Audited Financial Report for the first time. The CAFR goes beyond the normal requirements of the annual financial statements. They promote transparency and several areas are added to the financial report. The Introductory section, The Financial Section and The Statistical section. This statistical section added about 20 new schedules of information for the past 10 years including finances, operations, constituents and local economy portions. The CAFR included the Auditors "clean" opinion for FY 2015, which is the highest you can get. There was only one finding in the Compliance and Internal Control Reports section. This finding is virtually impossible to alleviate in a government with a small finance department without hiring additional personnel. The number of findings has decreased steadily over the past few years. "The staff prepared a very professional and concise document that has been reviewed by several individuals before submission to the Government Finance Officers Association for their review. The CAFR has the essential components and meets the requirements to be awarded the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* from GFOA for the year ended June 30, 2015." Also, they received the certification the first time they pursued it which is unusual. Only 33 of 159 counties have received this certification. Mr. Hartley finished by thanking Chairman Poole, County Clerk Alison Palmer and the staff of the Commissioner's Office for their hard work on this project.

Fit Bit Drawing

Alison Palmer explained that the names of all employees and adult dependents that are on the Humana Health insurance and has reached the "Silver" status by September 30, 2016 have

been put into the drawing. The BOC had approved the purchase of 20 fit bits. Commissioner Bennett drew the names of the winners.

Public Participation on Agenda Items

None

Item #1 – Haralson County Solid Waste Authority IGA

Chairman Poole stated that this IGA had been discussed at the work session and is putting into writing the agreement for the county to do some work for the HCSWA for which they would be billed and reimburse the county. Commissioner Dobbs motioned to approve the IGA. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #2 – Haralson County Water Authority IGA

Chairman Poole stated that this IGA had been discussed at the work session and is putting into writing the agreement for the county to do some work for the HCWA for which they would be billed and reimburse the county. Commissioner Dobbs motioned to approve the IGA. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 – Haralson County Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy Updates

Chairman Poole stated that these are updates to the policy that are required by the state in order to participate in the transit 5311 program. He stated that this was also discussed at the work session. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the Transit Drug and Alcohol policy updates. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation on Non Agenda Items

None

Commissioner Robinson announced that the Haralson County Veterans Association had nominated three men for the Georgia Military Hall of Fame. They are:

- Ray McKibben, served in Vietnam, received the Medal of Honor
- Paul Cheatwood, was in the Battle of Hue, received the Navy Cross
- Wayne Waddell, served in North Vietnam, received the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Silver Star², Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

The requirements are very strict and Commissioner Robinson said he was honored to announce that all three were accepted. Their families will be invited to the ceremony.

Commissioner Bennett reminded everyone that Debbie Paul had died in a car accident this morning and asked that everyone keep the family in their prayers.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Dobbs seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk