

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 12, 2016

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Allen Poole. Commissioner Jamie Bennett offered the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sammy Robinson. Chairman Poole noted for the record that Commissioner Kenneth Smith was absent due to health issues.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole stated that the commissioners had been sent a copy of the minutes for five June meetings to review. They are:

- June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting
- June 15, 2016 Work Session
- June 15, 2016 Special Called Meeting
- June 23, 2016 Special Called Work Session
- June 30, 2016 Special Called Meeting

Chairman Poole asked if there were any changes to be made to any of the minutes. There were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve all of the June minutes as written. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Poole stated that he would like to amend the agenda by deleting Item # 4 Carroll EMC Grant Recipients and adding an executive session.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Poole and Commissioner Bennett both asked everyone to keep Commissioner Smith in their prayers. He has been transferred to the Rehab unit at Higgins Hospital and is slowly improving.

Chairman Poole stated that he would like to speak from the heart. He said he is concerned with the direction of our country, all the horrendous acts of violence. He stated that it didn't matter if you were black, white, or a different nationality; we are all entitled to our rights equally. He asked that everyone stop and take a minute to think about the direction our country has taken. We don't have the same house, street, or church, but all are due the freedoms that men and women died to protect. Don't resort to violence. Pray for the healing of our land and country.

He stated that he had listened to the service for the five Police Officers and this had weighed on his heart.

Public Participation on Agenda Items

None

Item #1 – West Georgia Regional Library Excellence Award to Mary Jarrell

Roni Tewksbury, director of the West Georgia Regional Library System, thanked the Board for their support of the libraries in Haralson County. Teresa Jones and Jana Gentry were also in attendance to help present the award. This is the Excellence for Support of Library Award. This is for going well above the call of duty. She said Mary Jarrell has been a part of the Library in the old Courthouse from the beginning. She has served on local, regional, and county boards and is at every meeting and fundraiser.

Mrs. Jarrell stated that it is an honor to receive this award and she appreciates it. She went on to say the staff, Jana and Chris, give excellent service. She said there are many dedicated Friends of the Library and volunteers. She also thanked the county and city officials for their support. "Thank you All!"

Item #2 – Rezoning Request – Randell Richardson. Hwy 27

Chairman Poole stated that a Public Hearing had been held regarding this request prior to this meeting. Chairman Poole also reported that the Planning and Zoning Board had unanimously recommended approval of the request. He asked the board if there were any questions. There were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the rezoning request by Mr. Richardson. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 – Transit Authorizing Resolution

Chairman Poole asked County Clerk, Alison Palmer, to explain this item. Mrs. Palmer reported that the county had been approved for the Federal Transit funds for the Transit 5311 program. They asked that approval of an Authorizing Resolution be completed in order to avoid any interruptions in service. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the 5311 funding of the Transit program. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 – Executive Session

Commissioner Dobbs motioned to go into Executive Session. Chairman Poole seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Poole reported that the executive session was to update the Commissioners on potential litigation. He stated that no action was taken.

Public Participation on Non Agenda Items

None

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk