

## **HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 7, 2016**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Allen Poole called the regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners to order. Cathy Thompson offered the Invocation and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole noted for the record that Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Dobbs were absent.

Chairman Poole stated that the commissioners had been given the minutes of last month's meetings to review. He asked if there were any changes to be made. There were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting and the May 18, 2016 Work Session as written. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Poole stated that he would like to amend the agenda and add two items. The first item is the Conditional Use Zoning request by Bremen Farms and the second is the percentage of dependent health care coverage that the county pays. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

#### **Public Participation on Agenda Items**

None

#### **Chairman's Report**

Commissioner Bennett asked that everyone keep Commissioner Smith and his wife Aletha in their prayers. Commissioner Smith is still hospitalized.

#### **Department Head Reports**

None

#### **Item #1 – Brayden Dryden Proclamation**

Chairman Poole read and presented Brayden with a proclamation for being the winner of the Keep Haralson Beautiful Earth Day Poster Contest. There were over 400 entries in the contest and Brayden's poster received the most likes. Jim Winchester, from Keep Haralson Beautiful, was also on hand for the presentation.

#### **Item #2 – Employee Health Insurance Renewal – Vote**

The board reviewed the different options for the health insurance for the county employees at the May work session. Marcy Heath reported that Cigna, Apollo, and Blue Cross Blue Shield had declined to quote. Aetna and United came back with quotes higher than the Humana renewal.

She quickly reviewed the proposal that seemed to be the best option for the county and the employees. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve Humana option #3. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

### **Item #3 – Employee Handbook Update**

Alison Palmer, County Clerk, reported that the update had been worked on for several months and the proposed update had been given to the commissioners to review. Alison stated that some of the changes were to outdated policies, others were required by the insurance companies to help keep claims down. Chairman Poole asked if there was any discussion from the board on the proposed handbook. There was none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the handbook update effective July 1, 2016. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

### **Item #4 – 2017 Proposed Budget**

Chairman Poole presented the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. He asked the board to review the budget and be ready to discuss it at the work session. He also reported that they would need to decide to raise the millage rate by 1 mill or to make cuts to this proposal.

### **Item #5 – JAG Grant Announcement**

Alison Palmer reported that the Superior Court had applied for a Justice Assistance Grant to be used for mental health issues in Haralson County. The grant application will be available for review at the Commissioner's Office for the next 30 days.

### **Item # 6 Conditional Use Zoning Request – Bremen Farms, LLC.**

Wayne Godfrey, of Bremen Farms LLC, has requested Conditional Use zoning for land on Morgan Road in Bremen. Tax Map 88, parcel 1. Land Lot 69-84-85. Chairman Poole reported that there had been a public hearing on this request just prior to this meeting. Chairman Poole motioned to approve the zoning request. Commissioner Bennett seconded. No action was taken due to a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Robinson opposed. No majority vote either in favor or against. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Item #7 – Percentage of Dependent Insurance Coverage Paid by County – Vote**

This item had been discussed at a couple of different meetings. It had been discussed that the county would phase out paying any portion of the dependent coverage. Commissioner Robinson motioned to reduce the percentage the county pays by 10% per year beginning July 1, 2016. Chairman Poole seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

### **Public Participation on Non Agenda Items**

None

Chairman Poole motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer  
County Clerk