

## **MARCH 14, 2006-7:00 PM**

Chairman Garrison called meeting to order with Commissioner Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix in attendance.

Staff & news: Michelle Sims, Mitch Kitchens, Leann Akin, Barrow County News, June Schuenemann, Tommy Parten, Mark Whiddon, Terry Darragh, Keith Lee, Michael Fischer, Raiford Peacock, Norma Jean Brown, Arielle Kass, Gwinnett Daily Post.

Stood for invocation by Chairman Garrison & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006 & MARCH 3-4 RETREAT MINUTES**

Commissioner Berry made motion to approve, Commissioner Dyer seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

### **2. MITCH KITCHENS**

- (A) BUDGET AMENDMENT-A Firefighters Grant Program award was received in the amount of \$290,380 with the federal portion of \$232,304 & the county's portion \$58,076. Bids went out & the board approved the purchase of the equipment, however, not being a budgeted item the request is for a budget amendment from fire department reserves for the county's portion to cover the grant.

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to amend budget in the amount of \$587,076 to cover portion of grant funds, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

- (B) LOCATION OF MED UNIT IN CITY OF WINDER-The County has been in talks with the City of Winder on locating a med unit inside the city limits & has offered an apartment in the Old Duck Head building. The location will require some minor renovations & this is being worked on with the city. So instead of purchasing a new med unit & adding 6 additional personnel an alternate solution is being proposed.

There was approval in the last SPLOST to rebuild a Holsenbeck fire station & currently we're in the process of locating & acquiring land. There is an immediate need to remove the personnel from the current location due to air quality & septic tank issues. We would temporarily locate the Holsenbeck personnel in the city until the new Holsenbeck station is built & the fire truck would only be located here on a temporary basis.

Holsenbeck units will still answer calls in the area as well as calls within the city limits as they do now & as always the closest available unit will

always answer calls to protect our citizens. Once the new Holsenbeck station has been rebuilt we can then add the additional med unit & personnel to place another crew in this state & leave the unit located in the City of Winder & at this time the fire truck would be moved back into the Holsenbeck station. DISCUSSION: response time.

Commissioner Bill Brown made motion to approve request, Commissioner Hendrix seconded.

DISTRICT -YES

DISTRICT 2-YES

DISTRICT 3-NO

DISTRICT 4-YES

DISTRICT 5-YES

DISTRICT 6-YES

3. MICHAEL FISCHER-LEISURE SERVICES SPLOST FUNDS-This is to fund the construction of Phase I of the Mulberry River Walking Trail. This is one of three phases to be constructed to provide for passive natural trails connecting the northern edge of the County from the Town of Braselton to the future Mulberry Soccer Park. The request is for \$100,000 of Leisure Services SPLOST funds to be used.

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to approve this expenditure, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

4. TOMMY PARTEN-RFB2006-18-BUILD UP FOR FIVE (5) PATROL CARS

Two bids received: Interceptor-\$13,873.20      PARKS ENTERPRISES-\$15,035.75

Commissioner Lampp made motion to accept low bid from Interceptor for \$13,873.20, Commissioner Wehunt seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

5. KEITH LEE & MICHAEL FISCHER-RFQP2006-8-CM AT RISK SERVICES FOR NEW COURTHOUSE & LAW ENFORCEMENT & DETENTION FACILITY

Bids went out for CM at risk services for the construction of the new Barrow County Courthouse, Law Enforcement & Detention Facility. Of 13 companies that the RFQP was sent to only Turner Construction responded. Michael Miller of Heery stated they felt they didn't have adequate level of CM experience with both courthouses & law enforcement facilities so they decided not to invest the time in the proposal; Bobby Fickett of Peter Brown Construction stated their workload was such that they could not undertake this project & Mike Rhinehart of the Potts Company stated they had intended to submit a proposal but got caught up in negotiating for another large courthouse project. Turner Construction, who will bid out the smaller projects, will work with the architect Rosser International to see that the county gets the best facilities that \$46.6 million can buy. The completion date is expected to be January 2008. The preliminary target is an 115,000 sq. ft. detention facility & 78,000 sq. foot courthouse.

Commissioner Dyer made motion to enter into agreement with Turner Construction, Commissioner Lampp seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

**6. RAIFORD PEACOCK**

**(A) RFB2006-14-PAVILIONS & DUGOUT COVERS**-Two bids received & will be funded through SPLOST:

Georgia Atlantic Contractors-\$159,994.00      Bliss Products & Services-\$204,095.53

Commissioner Berry made motion to approve bid from Georgia Atlantic Contractors for \$159,994.00, Commissioner Bill Brown seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

**(B) RFB2006-16-LANDSCAPING OF LEISURE SERVICES**-Six bids received & will be funded through SPLOST.

Sandy Springs Lawnscares	\$39,402.87	Wallace Landscaping Group	\$46,218.00
Landscape Logics	\$51,273.00	Athletic Construction	\$59,450.00
Classic Home Improvements	\$59,796.00	Georgia Atlantic Contractors	\$65,995.00

Commissioner Lampp made motion to approve bid from Sandy Springs Lawnscares for \$39,402.87, Commissioner Hendrix seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

**(C) BUDGET AMENDMENT**-With the county purchasing the Pine Shore Pool Property, Leisure Services will need a budget amendment to staff & operate the pool for the 2006 summer session. Net affect to budget will be \$18,893.00.

Commissioner Hendrix made motion to amend budget for \$18,893.00, Commissioner Wehunt seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

**7. LEISURE SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Dyer made motion to appoint Linda Blechinger, Commissioner Bill Brown seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

**8. TERRY DARRAGH-TANNERS BRIDGE UPGRADE**

HSF Engineering was asked to evaluate options on upgrading the county's existing Tanners Bridge Land Application sewer facility & to consider the county's wastewater master plan & expected growth as part of the upgrade.

Three options are: (a) Expand the existing LAS plant to a 5MGD LAS system over a twenty-year period at a projected cost of \$63,000,000 or \$12.60 per gallon; (2) Begin design and construction of a 2.5 MGD qualifluent NPDES stream discharge facility at a projected cost of \$10,000,000 & during the next 20 years construct a second 2.5 MGD facility at a projected cost of \$20,000,000 or (3) combine Options a & b & over the next 18 months design & construct a temporary expansion to the existing LAS facility form 0.5 MGD to 1.0 MGD & decommission the LAS system when the new 2.5 MGD NPDES facility begins service. Projected cost for the expansion of the current LAS facility to 1MGD is \$4,300,00 for an overall cost of \$8.60 per gallon.

HSF Engineering states that expanding the existing LAS system to meet development needs prior to completing the NPDES stream discharge facility is unnecessary & would probably result in the wasting \$43,000,00 that would never be used & recommends the county to abandon the expansion on the existing land application facility, but to construct a new treatment plant that will discharge to the river to meet the growing sewer demands & to begin the permitting & design of the new treatment facility as soon as possible. The task order to perform the permitting & design work all the way through construction by HSF Engineering would be at a cost of a do not exceed price of \$600,000 with monthly billing for work to date. DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Dyer made motion to accept recommendation & approve task order to begin the permitting & design phase of the Tanners Bridge plant upgrade, Commissioner Berry seconded. Motion carried with Lampp, Bill Brown, Wehunt, Berry, Dyer & Hendrix all voting yes.

With no further business, motion made & seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

### **BARROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Douglas H. Garrison	Chairman
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Jerry D. Lampp	District 1
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William J. "Bill" Brown	District 2
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James Roger Wehunt	District 3
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Isaiah Berry	District 4
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David Dyer

District 5

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Ben Hendrix

District 6

ATTEST:

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Michelle R. Sims

Clerk