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**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY**

The Henry County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, in the Henry County Administration Building, Community Room, at 140 Henry Parkway, McDonough, GA. Notice of this meeting was posted in the entrance foyer of the County Administration Building. Henry TV has streamed this online at the county website, as well as streamed Charter/Spectrum Channel 180 and Facebook Live. Those present were:

Carlotta Harrell, Chair
Johnny Wilson, District I Commissioner
Greg Cannon, District III Commissioner
Vivian Thomas, District IV Commissioner
Bruce Holmes, District V Commissioner

Not present: Dee Clemmons, District II Commissioner

Also attending: Cheri Hobson-Matthews, County Manager, Patrick Jaugstetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Braun, County Clerk and Nathifa Cunningham, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

Pastor TaMarlon Carter, Grace Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carlotta Harrell, Chair recited the Pledge.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrell called the meeting to order and modified the agenda by shifting Executive Session and associated agenda items towards the end (*after the Consent Agenda*).

RECOGNITION OF HENRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Harold Cooper, Human Resources Director, acknowledged the following Henry County employees who are retiring:

- Vicki Myers - Henry County Tax Commissioner's Office - 8 years
- Terry Collins – Henry County Development Authority – 19 years

PROCLAMATION

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY

June 19, 2021

WHEREAS, *The health and safety of all residents of Henry County is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our families and communities; and*

WHEREAS, *Sickle Cell Disease is the most common blood disorder in the United States,*

affecting approximately 100,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, *This disease is most common among people whose ancestors come from Africa, Mediterranean countries, the Arabian Peninsula, India, and Spanish-speaking regions of South America, Central America, and parts of the Caribbean; and*

WHEREAS, *Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that delivers oxygen to cells throughout the body and according to the American Society of Hematology, approximately 3 million Americans carry the Sickle Cell Trait; and*

WHEREAS, *Sickle Cell Awareness Day will help raise public awareness of individuals and families affected by this disease; and*

WHEREAS, *It is critical that those affected by Sickle Cell Disease have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of this disease continues; and*

WHEREAS, *Henry County remains dedicated to the provision of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with Sickle Cell Disease through its support of the Georgia Department of Public Health's Newborn Screening Program and the MTS Sickle Cell Foundation.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *by the Henry County Board of Commissioners that June 19, 2021 is recognized as Sickle Cell Awareness Day in Henry County and urge all Henry County residents to spread awareness of this disease, provide support for those affected by this illness and educate others on this worldwide health concern.*

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

June 2021

WHEREAS, *In 1995, National Homeownership Week began as a strategy of President William Clinton's administration to increase homeownership across the nation and in 2002, President George W. Bush expanded the observance to the entire month of June; and*

WHEREAS, *National Homeownership Month is observed to acknowledge the many benefits of secure and affordable homeownership and to celebrate the benefits homeownership offers families, households, neighborhoods, and communities across America; and*

WHEREAS, *Americans generally agree that owning a home is one of the best ways for building wealth. This idea is supported by the current rising home prices as wealth is increased through home equity; and*

WHEREAS, *Our country is navigating through a pandemic making homeownership more important than ever. Our homes are central to our health, our independence and the well-being of our families; and*

WHEREAS, *In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) millions of Americans have transformed their homes into safe havens, virtual workplaces, classrooms, and most importantly, places to nurture hopes and dreams for the future; and*

WHEREAS, *For many Americans, homeownership is at risk – homeowners whose jobs have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 have found themselves needing to go onto a forbearance plan. It has discouraged prospective home sellers from listing while interested buyers who had hoped to enter the*

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housing market have been shut out due to tightened credit restrictions, low housing inventory and home prices outpacing wage increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Henry County Board of Commissioners that June 2021 is recognized as National Homeownership Month and encourages all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in Henry County, Georgia to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law.

This 2nd Day of June 2021

DISTRICT IV APPOINTMENT

Resolution to appoint *Brenda Winston* to the Recreation Board to fill an unexpired term: 6/2/2021-12/31/22.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve appointment; Commissioner Holmes seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Bruce Holmes, District I Commissioner requested to remove the Interchange SPLOST IV Project item due to fact that the resolution was updated to the regular agenda for presentation. Chair Harrell declined the request and proceeded to the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Harrell called for the County Manager to read the Consent Agenda items into the record, as follows:

Consent Agenda for Tuesday, June 2, 2021:

Police Department

- A. Henry County Police Department requests the approval to apply for funding under the Bureau of Justice Assistance Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership for body armor for the sworn personnel (Presenter: Major Casey McGlamery, HCPD)(Exhibit 1)
- B. Resolution requesting the approval of a lease agreement between Henry County Police Department and SITE Centers Corporations (formerly DDR Corp) for the Ellenwood/Fairview Precinct (Shoppes of Ellenwood) (Presenter: Major Casey McGlamery, HCPD)(Exhibit 2)

Facilities Maintenance

- A. Resolution approving the emergency roofing retrofit to Garland/DBS in the amount of \$245,750 at 100 Henry Parkway - Henry County Sheriff's Training Center. (Presenter: Hutch Purvis, Cluster Lead/Assets Management)(Exhibit 3)
- B. Resolution awarding a Bid 21-76 for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs for various county buildings on a renewable Annual Contract to Ga HVAC Experts in the amount of \$120,425

(Presenter: Hutch Purvis, Cluster Lead/Assets Management) (Exhibit 4)

- C. Resolution awarding a Bid 21-42 on-call electrical services for various county buildings on a renewable Annual Contract to Brown Electrical Services, LLC, Atlanta, Ga (Presenter: Hutch Purvis, Cluster Lead/Assets Management) (Exhibit 5)

Fleet Services

- A. Resolution declaring attached list of 85 County Assets (attachment A) as Surplus and authorizing sale on GovDeals.com (Presenter: Jody Swords, Fleet Services Director)(Exhibit 6)

Airport

- B. Resolution awarding Bid #21-84 to Construct Taxiway Electrical Rehabilitation to Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$360,863.00; Taxiway Rejuvenation and Re-Marking to JJ Cunningham, LLC in the amount of \$191,006.25; approve Croy Task Order #12 for Construction Inspection and Administration in the amount of \$81,012.00; approve the associated GDOT contract for Reimbursement in the amount of \$477,847.44 and Local Match in the amount of \$155,033.81 using Capital Improvement Plan funds (Presenter: Lynn Planchon)(Exhibit 7)

Leisure Services

- A. Resolution awarding RFQ Cooperative Purchasing Contract NPPGOV to Life Floor vendor for the purchase of safety flooring materials to cover existing outdoor splash pad in Village Park in the amount of \$46,855 and awarding RFQ to Inside Edge for the purchase of installation of safety surfaces in the amount of \$41,024.82 using funds from the Capital Improvement Plan (Presenter: Jonathon Penn, Cluster Lead - Leisure & Public Services) (Exhibit 8)

Splost

- A. A Resolution awarding RFP #21-55 to Southern A&E, LLC in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Architectural Design Services for a New Recreation Center located at N. Mt. Carmel Park in District 2 using SPLOST V funds (Presenter: Lynn Planchon, Project Manager)(Exhibit 9)

Department of Transportation

- A. A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Chair to sign the Georgia Department of Transportation 2021 State Funded Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Safety Action Plan Application in the amount of ~~\$409,418~~ \$209,418 (Presenter: David Simmons, CE III DOT)(Exhibit 10)

Stormwater

- A. Resolution of the Henry County Board of Commissioners approving the bid award to Zaveri Enterprises, Inc. for the construction of Iris Lake at King Mill Road storm drainage replacement in the amount of \$59,000 (Presenter: Alex Mohajer, DOT Director)(Exhibit 11)
- B. Resolution of the Henry County Board of Commissioners to perfect the record of resolution 21-161. Resolution 21-161 was approved by the BOC on May 18th, 2021. An error was found in the

bid tabulation affecting one of the two bids awarded in resolution 21-161. Bid award # 21-75 to Summit Construction & Development was approved in the amount of \$64,484 and the correct amount is \$67,484 (Presenter: Alex Mohajer, DOT Director)(Exhibit 12)

Finance

- A. A resolution to request Board of Commissioners' approval to accept the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP2) allocation for Henry County in the amount of \$5,586,629 (Presenter: David Smith, Financial Services Director)(Exhibit 13)
- B. A resolution to request Board of Commissioners' approval to accept the U.S. Department of the Treasury's American Rescue Plan's Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARP-FRF) allocation for Henry County in the amount of \$45,560,724 (Presenter: David Smith, Financial Services Director)(Exhibit 14)

County Manager

- A. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners authorizing approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the I-75 and Bethlehem Road Interchange SPLOST IV Project (Presenter: Cheri Hobson-Matthews, County Manager)(Exhibit 15)

Zoning Advisory Board

- A. Resolution approving increase in compensation for the Zoning Advisory Board (Presenter: Toussaint Kirk, Planning & Economic Development/Cluster Lead)(Exhibit 16)

Board of Commissioners

- C. Resolution approving Boys & Girls Club Agreement (Presenters: Patrick Jaugstetter, County Attorney and Cheri Hobson-Matthews, County Manager)(Exhibit 17)

Johnny Wilson, District I Commissioner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; **Greg Cannon, District III Commissioner** seconded the motion.

Commissioner Thomas, District IV Commissioner, asked Ms. Hobson-Matthews, County Manager, to describe the GDOT project as she did not recall. **Ms. Hobson-Matthews** responded that this was the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the transfer of the \$5 million to the Georgia Department of Transportation that came before the Board of Commissioners a few months ago. During the meeting the BOC asked several questions to ensure the project was in the ARC Work Program, the state's program, and specifically allocated for construction. All of those items were addressed, and the MOU represents that.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1-0 (with Commissioner Holmes voting in opposition).

REGULAR AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes for April 6, 2021 (*Regular Board Meeting*) and April 15, 2021 (*Called BOC Meeting re TSPLOST*); **Commissioner Cannon** seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0-0).

COUNTY MANAGER

Ms. Hobson-Matthews stated that Henry County was celebrating its 200th anniversary and the event kicked-off on May 15th, 2021, the actual birthday. She shared a short video from the Day of Service with the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and public to not only commence this anniversary but to make aware of other planned events in the coming months in regard to the anniversary. Following the video, Ms. Hobson-Matthews thanked the Chair, commissioners, Communications team, and everyone for their participation.

Ms. Hobson-Matthews presented a calendar of events to the BOC to make the public aware of what is happening in the community and give the BOC the opportunity to participate.

Calendar of Events

1. June 3—Farmers Market at the Jason T. Harper Event Center at Heritage Park from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. located at 95 Lake Dow Rd. in McDonough (Every Thursday until end of Summer)
2. June 5—HCFD Accepting applications online at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/henryga until September 5
3. June 7— Bear Creek, Locust Grove and Hidden Valley Senior Centers Reopen
 - a. Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday Friday 9am-11am & 1pm-3pm
 - b. Drive thru lunches will continue 11:30-1pm (no meals served at centers)
 - c. Only those who have pre-registered for classes, activities or events will be permitted into the centers (space will be limited)
 - d. Wearing a mask is required AT ALL TIMES
 - e. Temperature checks prior to entering
4. June 16—Council for Quality Growth Presentation
5. June 16—Mickie D Cochran Park Groundbreaking at 2 p.m. located at 301 Banks Rd. in Stockbridge
6. June 25—Clean Up Green Up Initiative at the old Fire Station No. 7 located at 5970 East Lake Parkway in McDonough 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Update

David Smith stated that the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network is managing the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program). The program was designed to assist Henry County residents in need of financial assistance for rent and utilities. Assistance is available to both landlord and tenants and includes assistance in paying for utilities such as gas, water, sewer, electricity, and internet. Also available is security deposits to pay for those individuals who have lost income due to COVID-19. To qualify,

applicants need to show the inability to pay the full or a portion of their past due rent and utilities. The inability to pay a security deposit as a result of loss of income, hospitalization from COVID-19 or a diagnosis of a disease also qualifies the individual. The individual must qualify for unemployment benefits and provide proof as a result of COVID-19. As of today, 962 individuals connected through the program application portal (provided by Neighborly Software). Of those, 530 successfully submitted applications and 432 applications are incomplete. Assistance in the application process is provided at special events where individuals can speak with Enrollment Specialists. Of the total individuals who submitted applications, 20 have been paid. Approximately \$187,141 of funds is expended at an estimated \$9,357 per payment. Scheduling of in-person events are currently in process with possible locations at Heritage and Hidden valley Senior Centers. Individuals can visit henryrap.org to complete the application and henryrap.eventbrite.com to sign up for events.

Ms. Hobson-Matthews made the Board of Commissioners aware of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. This is a federal allocation in which Henry County received approximately \$47 million, but no determination has been made on the use of funds. Together with the Finance team there are several approaches on how those funds will be expended. Ms. Hobson-Matthews believes it's important for the community to be involved in how those funds are used. Some requests have been received such as from The Henry County Water Authority regarding infrastructure projects to be funded. Other funding needs include Public Safety, Broadband and a list of other items. The purpose of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds is to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost public sector revenue, and support immediate economic stabilization for household and businesses. The county has until 2026 to expend the funds giving ample time to develop a plan of action towards funding priority areas. The BOC is encouraged to generate ideas of how to expend funds and submit those requests.

Chair Harrell commented that the citizens of Henry County should have some input how they would like to see those funds spent. She asked if a survey could be created and posted on the website, and QR code placed at different facilities in the county, mainly with Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Hobson-Matthews responded that a QR code could be created and SurveyMonkey could be utilized to develop a survey. Additionally, various other resources will be identified to reach people. What can be done immediately is posting signs with QR code at each park while a survey is being developed.

Chair Harrell asked Patrick Jaugstetter, County Attorney, for some information regarding the opening on the Board of Elections and the process to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Jaugstetter responded that the Henry County Board of Elections and Registration consist of five (5) board members of which two (2) are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party and two (2) are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party. The fifth board member referred to as the Member-at-Large, is appointed under the law creating the Board of Elections by a committee formed by the Board of Commissioners for the purpose in making that appointment. The Member-at-Large since 2009 has been Mr. Arch Brown who announced during the May 5th meeting of the Board of Elections that he no longer wishes to remain in position and his term will end very soon. The term of office is two (2) years for a member of the Board of Elections or until their successor is appointed. Mr. Brown will continue his term until his replacement is appointed. This board is faced with the prospect of replacing him. There are generally two ways this has been done in the county. The Board of Commissioners has appointed itself as the committee and made the appointment directly to the Member-at-Large, and other times the Board of Commissioners has appointed a committee in which each board member has appointment one person and that committee made the appointment to be ratified by the Board of Commissioners.

The BOC is asked to consider these options but does not have to take any action today. A memo outlining this information will be sent to BOC and will include ways this has been done in the past.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- A. Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. (Regular BOC Meeting moved from June 15, 2021 due to Special Election)
- B. Wednesday, July 7, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. (Regular BOC Meeting moved from July 6th, due to holiday)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve convening to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; **Commissioner Cannon** seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. **Meeting convened @ 9:35a.m.**

RECONVENE

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session; **Commissioner Cannon** seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (*Commissioner Holmes absent from vote*). **Meeting reconvened @ 10:47 a.m.**

AFFIDAVIT & RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Affidavit & Resolution pertaining to Executive Session; **Commissioner Thomas** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Holmes absent from vote).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Henry County Board of Commissioners at this time **Chair Harrell** adjourned the meeting. ***Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.***

Carlotta Harrell, Chair

Stephanie Braun, County Clerk