

**HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order. Recreation Director Mike Daniel offered the Invocation, and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Tarpley, Elsberry, Daniel, and Farmer were present along with County Attorney Avery Jackson.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes**

*Special Called Work Session January 22, 2024*

*Special Called Meeting January 23, 2024*

Commissioner Daniel motioned to approve the minutes of the January meetings as written. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Farmer motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elsberry seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Public Participation on Agenda Items**

None

**Item #1 – Future Farmers of America (FFA) Proclamation**

Commissioner Daniel read and presented the Proclamation to the Haralson County Future Farmers of America students.

**Item #2 – Public Hearing – A Request to rezone Tax Map 0019-0087 located on US Hwy 78. Present zoning is A-1, proposed zoning is C-GB. Requested by Patrick Walters**

Patrick Walters stated that he would like to build a 60' X 100' building to combine his other 3 buildings into one for his fabrication business. Commissioner Elsberry asked if the neighbors had any concerns. Mr. Walters stated that he had spoken with them and eased any concerns they had. Commissioner Elsberry also asked about the hours and truck traffic. Mr. Walters said typical Monday through Friday with no truck traffic. There was no one else to speak in favor or against this request. This item will be on the March 5, 2024, agenda for a vote.

**Item #3 – Public Hearing – A Request to rezone Tax Map 0017-0012V45, 46, & 47.**

**Present zoning is A-1, proposed zoning is Conditional Use – Paintball field.**

Brandon Harris stated that he would like to build 5-6 paintball courses along with a pole barn and will bring in equipment as needed such as paintballs, compressors, and paintball guns. The fields will have netting in between them. They will have 2 referees per field. He stated that 80 letters were mailed out to surrounding property owners. A couple of residents came forward with concerns such as noise and customers crossing the street onto their property and being shot during hunting season. He was able to ease their concerns. Only 15-20 of the 80 acres will be used in a controlled environment and will not impede neighboring properties. Commissioner Elsberry asked about clear cutting the land. Mr. Harris said the previous owner had clear cut and all he would be doing is clearing a little more for the parking lot and pole barn.

Commissioner Farmer asked if he would be using shipping containers. Mr. Harris said no, he would be using the natural wooded setting for the courses.

Commissioner Tarpley asked about concessions, hours, and number of attendees. Mr. Harris said no concessions, just drinks and water. To begin with, the hours will be Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He plans to cater to private events first and hopefully will grow to walk-ins.

Chairman Ridley asked what else he had planned with the conditional use permit. Mr. Harris stated this was his first time doing anything like this, but nothing else is planned at

this time. Attorney Jackson stated he would need to read up on the Conditional Use before starting any other activities. This item will be on the March 5, 2024, agenda for a vote.

**Item #4 – Courtroom Audio/Visual Upgrade – Judge Mark Murphy – Vote**

Superior Court Judge Mark Murphy explained that this is an ARPA Grant Purchase to upgrade the Audio-Visual Systems in the court rooms. We have been allotted \$311,000 and it is use it or lose it. The county put out an RFP and received numerous proposals. Haralson County IT and Polk County IT reviewed their individual proposals, and both counties feel like S&L Integrated offers the best option. BIS Digital is a separate project worth \$34,000 for digital back up for court reporters. Cabot Howell gave an estimate of \$15,000 for infrastructure of cables, wires, etc., which can be funded through the Law Library Fund. There is a shortfall of \$7800 for the 5-year warranty with S&L Integrated. Commissioner Tarpley asked if the county would lose this equipment when we move to a new facility. Judge Murphy stated that this could be moved to the new facility. There is no cost to the county except for the \$7800 for the extended warranty.

Commissioner Farmer motioned to approve S&L Integrated for the Audio-Visual Upgrade and BIS for the digital backup system. Commissioner Daniel seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Item #5 – Bid Opening – Request for Proposals for Master Plan for Land Development of the 1631+- acres purchased by the county between I-20 and Hwy 78**

Proposals were received from the following companies and will be reviewed by a committee, which includes Chairman Ridley. This item will be on the March 5, 2024 agenda for a vote.

Eberly & Associates, Inc.  
Barge Design Solutions  
W & A Engineering  
Hussey Gay Bell  
Goodwyn Mills & Cawood  
Thomas & Hutton

**Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

None

Commissioner Daniel motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer, CCC,CPM

