MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 23, 2010

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Bobby R. Snellgrove, Commissioner Frances M. Cook, Commissioner Philip L. Forrester, Barkley Kirkland, Acting County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Mark Pool, County Engineer and Gary Sherrir, County Attorney

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum was present, and welcomed everyone. Commissioner-Elect Doug Sinquefield gave the invocation. Commissioner Snellgrove led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported the commission was continuing to work on the budget. He stated he had met with the Personnel Board earlier, and as always they were going to work with the commission. The chairman reported he hoped to schedule the final meeting sometime next week to put the budget together.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Accounts Receivable Policy.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to adopt the Accounts Receivable Policy. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported they had talked about this quite a bit on Thursday, and this would be a little change in the current procedure. He stated it would give information on what the county could expect and the changes that were discussed on Thursday were made. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Policy Manual)

2. Request from EMA to approve Citizens Core grant in the amount of $17,000.00.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to grant EMA’s request to approve the Citizens Core grant in the amount of $17,000.00. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. The chairman reported on Thursday, it was pointed out that $2,000.00 of the grant would be used for training. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request from Sheriff to award bid for radio console for Communications Division.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Sheriff’s request to award the bid for the radio console for the Communications Division to Seminole Communications, Inc. in the amount of $33,085.00. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. The chairman reported the bid came in a little over budget and the Sheriff had agreed to make the difference up through the Pistol Permit Fund or the Drug Seizure Fund. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

4. Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals.

Commissioner Forrester made a motion to approve the items to be sold on Gov Deals. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

5. Request to award bid for bituminous coated roadway drainage pipe.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to award the bid for bituminous coated roadway drainage pipe to Contech Construction Products, Inc., low bidder meeting specs, in the amount of $228,662.38. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported that amount is based on an estimated quantity and may not end up being that amount. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached bid sheet in Minute Book)
Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer

Barkley Kirkland, Acting County Engineer, reported work on S. Brannon Stand Road and Jordan Avenue was complete, and the signs would be coming down in the next couple of weeks. He stated the final layer of asphalt on Fortner Street would probably begin August 25th or 26th. Mr. Kirkland reported the county crews would have probably a month’s worth of work after the completion of the paving.

County Attorney

The chairman reported Mr. Sherrer was in court. There was no report.

Commissioner Snellgrove asked Mr. Kirkland how many roads were closed due to bridge work? He asked if they were all open? Mr. Kirkland stated yes, due to bridge work. He pointed out they were keeping one or two roads closed at the time with the underwater work they were doing. Commissioner Snellgrove asked if they were notifying the public? Mr. Kirkland stated yes. He reported he knew it was on the website. Commissioner Snellgrove asked which ones were closed? Mr. Kirkland stated he thought Lucy Grade was the only one closed. Commissioner Snellgrove asked about Enterprise Church Road? Mr. Kirkland stated he thought it was open, but if it wasn’t, it should be opening soon.

Adjourn.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.