

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 8, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert and County Attorney Pres Register.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the March 8th, 2021, Houston County Commission Regular Session and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance. He also welcomed everyone that was watching the meeting via ZOOM.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Siquefield and Commissioner Harvey led in the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Siquefield. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver began by mentioning that last Thursday Governor Ivey spoke and extended the "Safer At Home Order" until April 9<sup>th</sup>. He added that the Commission will be working on how that will make an impact and reopening the meetings unless something changes. This will be discussed at the next administrative meeting and they will revisit the meeting regulations several months ago.

Commissioner Siquefield reported that Ashford will be holding a Spring Fling/Music Festival on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from noon until. This will include entertainment and vendors and a large crowd is expected.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to reappoint Commissioner Doug Siquefield and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe to the Wiregrass Resource Conservation and Development Council

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the reappointments and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve annual Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License Fees for Houston County

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to approve the annual license fees and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve Resolution authorizing assistance with industrial development project in partnership with the Industrial Development Board of the City of Dothan – Matt Parker, President, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded. Chairman Culver commented that this was discussed thoroughly on Thursday with Matt Parker being present and he gave as much information as he could at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve Resolution authorizing transfer and assignment of pit agreement and permit – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing transfer and assignment of pit agreement and permit. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Mr. Covert reported that he included in the commission packets a form that is labeled “for informational purposes only”. He wants to bring to their attention that the Road & Bridge Dept. had estimated that they would collect \$250,000 in reimbursement money from Hurricane Michael, but they in fact received over \$658,000. Mr. Covert added that he brings this to their attention because it is money from a prior period that the money was pushed back into a prior period and it is in-fund balance as the cash was received this year.

County Engineer - Closed

County Engineer – 7 closed roads to include Third Ave., Cecil Varnum, Coot Adams, Pleasant Grove, Middleton, Gilmore and Peterman . Beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the intersection of Campbellton and Taylor Road will be closed to begin construction of a round-about. This will be closed about six months. Chairman Culver stated this is called “progress”.

County Attorney – No Report

Meeting adjourned