

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
August 9th, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinquefield, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Asst. County Engineer Tyler Reeder, Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert and County Attorney Pres Register.

Chairman Culver called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the August 9, 2021, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ernie Gray, Pastor at Cloverdale United Methodist Church and Commissioner Sinquefield led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver began by reporting that since the last meeting there have been some changes in the county COVID position as now we are requiring all employees to wear their masks and they are asking the public to mask in all county buildings. This is contrary to what was said last Thursday, but after last Thursday information was received that employees had been effected and some public information that led us to generally believe that it is the right thing to do to protect both the public that use our facilities and our employees. This step was taken to ask the public to mask as they enter public buildings and we are not sure how long this will be in effect. Chairman Culver added that there is no political agenda or conspiracies, they are simply looking out for the health of the citizens and employees and they feel it is the right thing to do. He stated that he received an email this morning, as he gets on daily from the Health Dept. on the number of cases that have been admitted to the local hospitals, and from Saturday until Sunday the number was up by ten again. The medical community continue to battle this disease and he ask everyone to sanitize, mask up and do the things that were asked a year ago when this began. Chairman Culver asked that if you are comfortable doing so, to please get vaccinated and hopefully this won't last too long but there is no way of knowing and we will continue to do the safer things as long as it is in the safety of the employees and the citizens.

Commissioner Sinquefield recognized and congratulated the Ashford 8U baseball team that won the state 8 and under and went on to the World Series and they came in 3rd Place there.

He added that those boys played a lot of games and won a lot of games and they were tired and give out. He wanted to congratulate them and the coaches and everyone that had a part in their winnings. Applause was given.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to award bid for uniforms at the Sheriff's Dept. to the lowest bidder meeting specs – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to approve the request to award the bid for uniforms for the Sheriff's Dept. and Commissioner Harvey seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to enter into a construction agreement for an Industrial Access Project with ALDOT – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT and Commissioner Sinuefield seconded. Chairman Culver stated that this has to do with the Sam Houston Industrial Park Project that has been discussed a couple of times in meetings. The money has been approved in the amount of \$979,000 and they are not sure that all of that will be used but they hope to get started on that in the next couple of months and hope to make some announcements about details as soon as the company and Matt (Parker) tells them they can do so. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Walden Drive from Kinsey Road to Broad Street (MPO) – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Suggs Road from Headland Avenue to the Henry County line (MPO) – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made the motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. Chairman Culver stated that the request prior to this one and this one and the next are all MPO projects and this is part of the process it takes to get projects done. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Jordan Avenue from Ruth Circle to Enon Road (MPO) – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Herring seconded. With no questions or comments, the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – Closed Roads Pleasant Grove and Randall Wade.

County Attorney – No Report

Meeting adjourned.