

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Regular Session

June 27, 2011

PRESENT: Jackie Battles, Acting Chairman, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinquefield, Commissioner Phillip L. Forrester, Mark Pool, Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Chairman Mark Culver, Gary Sherrer, Attorney

Acting Chairman Jackie Battles called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone. Rev. Lyle Peluso, Pastor of The Vineyard, gave the invocation. Commissioner Battles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Acting Chairman Battles reported all county offices would be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. He wished everyone a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

Awards and Presentations

1. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation – “Prom Promise” – Susan Trawick, Executive Director, Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership, Beth Ford, and Commissioner Doug Sinquefield

Acting Chairman Battles asked Mrs. Ford to come forward. Commissioner Sinquefield stated the commission wanted to take the time to let Beth Ford and Susan Trawick know how much they appreciate their efforts in substance abuse awareness and especially with the “Prom Promise” event. He reported he attended the event at Ashford High School and he stated it was an eye opener for him to see how they put together all they did to make the students aware of how important it is that the young people be conscious of what they today especially in the high schools. Commissioner Sinquefield reported the Substance Abuse Partnership works diligently and they are committed to keeping our young people safe and making sure they are aware of their responsibilities when they get behind the steering wheel of a car. He stated it has certainly been a tremendous asset for the county in keeping awareness important in our community. He thanked Mrs. Ford and asked her to extend thanks to Mrs. Trawick.

Mrs. Ford thanked the Commission for allowing them to come and present the certificates. She reported “Prom Promise” is an event that is done annually to try to show the adolescents that not only drinking and using drugs and driving can have serious consequences, but sometimes getting in the vehicle with those people who are drinking and using drugs can have consequences as well. She reported they wanted to thank the people who help to put on the event. Mrs. Ford pointed out many of them are volunteers and they have to take time away from their regular paying jobs to assist with the event. At that time, Mrs. Ford passed out Certificates of Appreciation to the following: Ashford Fire and Rescue, Ashford Police, Rehobeth Fire and Rescue, Cottonwood Fire and Rescue, Cottonwood Police, Houston County Coroner’s office, Scott Wilson, Resource Officer for Houston County Schools, and Southeast Towing. Mrs. Ford also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Doug Sinquefield for his attendance at Ashford High School. She reported he talked with the students and his message was very well received. Commissioner Sinquefield thanked Mrs. Ford and stated it was an honor. Mrs. Ford thanked the volunteers for showing these kids how much they care and love them, and she stated without them the event would not be possible. Commissioner Sinquefield thanked Mrs. Ford for all their organization does.

Consent Agenda

1. Appointment to the Houston County Industrial Development Board – James Pouncy.
2. Request to award bid for traffic counters (80% funded by MPO).
3. Request to extend asphalt contract RB-0456 for another year.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the consent agenda to appoint Mr. James Pouncy to the Houston County Industrial Development Board, award bid for traffic counters to Jamar Technologies, Inc., low bidder meeting specs, in the amount of \$26,254.20, with 80% funding by MPO, and to extend asphalt contract RB0456 with Lewis Incorporated for another year at the current price. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Battles called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request from EMA for Commission to enter into an agreement on Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of narrowband radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request from EMA to enter into an agreement on a Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of narrowband radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$14,696.25. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Battles called for the question; and it carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve condemnation of right-of-way for intersection improvements at Fortner Street and Brannon Stand Road.

Commissioner Forrester made a motion to approve the request for the condemnation of right-of-way for intersection improvements at Fortner Street and Brannon Stand Road. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion; and it carried.

#### Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was none

County Engineer –

Mr. Pool reported the weather has been good as far as their work has been concerned. He reported the Fourth of July is on Monday and there would be no garbage pickup on Monday. He stated the garbage pickup would be a day behind next week.

County Attorney – there was no report due to his absence.

Adjourn.

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