

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2011

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Gary Sherrer, Attorney, Mark Pool, Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Commissioner Phillip Forrester

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum was present and welcomed everyone to the 10:00 A.M. meeting. Rev. Sean Nix, Associate Pastor, Harvest Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Doug Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported there would be no Administrative Meeting on August 18th due to members of the Commission being out of town attending the Association of County Commissions of Alabama's Annual Meeting. The chairman reported the commission would meet on Monday, August 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

Consent Agenda

1. Appointments to the Houston County Health Care Authority
2. Request to award bids for Elevator Maintenance, HVAC Preventative Maintenance, and Pest Control for County Buildings.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the following appointments to the Houston County Health Care Authority: William Glover, Bruce Wozow, DVM, Chester Sowell, Walter C. Young, MD, and to award the bid for elevator maintenance on county buildings to KONE, low bidder, meeting specs, for a total price of \$1,738.00, to award the bid for HVAC Preventative Maintenance on all county buildings to the low bidder meeting specs, Comfort Systems, for a negotiated price of \$75,836.00, and to award the bid for Pest Control Service for county buildings to Knox Pest Control, low bidder meeting specs, for a total of \$524.00 per month. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheets in Minute Book)

Regular Agenda

1. Request to approve statutory incentives under Brownfield Tax Abatement Act – Matt Parker, President, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Culver reported Mr. Matt Parker, President, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, had planned to attend and was unable to be present because he was called out of town. Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request for statutory incentives under the Brownfield Tax Abatement Act. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. The chairman reported this is the state authorized program that turns tainted sites into productive businesses. He pointed out Houston County was the first county to use the Brownfield Tax Abatement for a project at the corner of the Ross Clark Circle and West Main Street, where a gas station had previously been located. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to approve Coast2Coast RX Marketing Agreement.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Coast2Coast RX Marketing Agreement. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this program will amend the agreement to put a September timeframe on it. He stated a press conference would be held when the cards are ready for distribution if this request is approved. Chairman Culver called for the question; and

the vote was: YEAS: Commissioners Battles and Harvey. NAYS: Commissioner Sinquefield. The chairman reported the motion passed 2-1.

3. Request to set public hearing on August 15th at 2:00 P.M. for voting precinct changes.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to set a public hearing on August 15th, at 2:00 P.M. for voting precinct changes. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was discussed on Thursday. He pointed out there were two precincts they were proposing to close. He reported on one the county has no choice and the other one is from efficiency. Chairman Culver reported there was movement of some lines in Dothan dealing with the Farm Center, Wiregrass Park, Andrew Belle Community Center and Walton Park. The chairman asked the media to help the county notify the public of the hearing. Chairman Culver reported at the public hearing, there would be maps showing the changes and also the distance someone would have to drive and any other impact the changes might have. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request from EMA to approve Disaster Recovery Plan – Clark Matthews, EMA Director.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to grant the request from EMA for approval of the Disaster Recovery Plan. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was an approval with the authority to make some minor changes as information comes back from the respondents. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from EMA to repair or replace the console for the Weather Base Station and the appropriate budget amendment – Clark Matthews, EMA Director.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve EMA's request to repair or replace the console for the Weather Base Station and the appropriate budget amendment. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the Southern Company was at the meeting on Thursday and discussed all of the new sirens they are putting up. He stated the control device is necessary in order for the county's to operate properly. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

6. Request to approve condemnation of off right-of-way ditch on Guy Branch Road.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the condemnation of the off right-of-way ditch on Guy Branch Road. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Mr. Pool stated they were trying to make the water go downhill. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer

Mr. Pool reported they had completed the Ashford Industrial Access Grant Project, and he stated there is not a county anywhere that has built that kind of road. He stated they had completed Ardilla Intersection, and they were actively working on Cherry Rock and Rowland Road for the road swap with the city. Mr. Pool reported in September, they planned to resurface Woodham Road, and all of the road swap with the city would be complete and the maintenance would be turned over to the city. He stated they had gotten behind on the grass cutting because during the drought nothing was growing, and the herbicide does not work when the grass is barely alive. He stated they were fighting it. Mr. Pool reported they had also completed County Road #81. He pointed out the state had let Highway 95, and the project would be ongoing in 30-45 days. Chairman Culver reported Highway 95 runs down the eastern side of the county in front of the Farley Nuclear Plant and it is in terrible shape.

County Attorney – there was no report

Commissioner Battles commended the road and bridge department on the work at the Ardilla Intersection. He stated the project looked nice. Chairman Culver stated the county had a couple of

other intersections they are working on with the city, and if they can find some funding they hope to get started on those.

Commissioner Sinquefield thanked Mr. Pool and the road and bridge department for a job well done on the Ashford Industrial Access Road. He stated it looks great, and the people are satisfied with the project.

Commissioner Battles asked if the maintenance on Saunders Road would be done by the city or the county? Mr. Pool stated it would be done by the county.

Adjourn

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