

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 28, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Melinda S. McClendon, Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, Acting County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone. Rev. Rudy Heintzelman, Executive Pastor, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Jackie Battles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver congratulated Ms. Jean Elizabeth Miles who recently won the Alabama Distinguished Young Woman competition. He reported she would be representing the state at the National Competition in Mobile in the near future. The chairman pointed out Ms. Miles is a former Miss Houston County and he stated the commission was so proud of her.

Commissioner Siquefield reported the Houston County pageants would be coming up on February 23rd. It was pointed out forms were available on line and those interested could google Houston County Pageants to enter.

Chairman Culver reported he had an item to be added to the agenda if there was unanimous consent to appoint Cliff Mendheim to fill vacancies on the Improvement District of Houston County and the Cooperative District of Houston County. There being no objections, he stated it would be added to the agenda.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to approve SpectraCare Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used by Juvenile Court Services to purchase drug screens.

Commissioner McClendon made a motion to approve the request to approve a SpectraCare Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used by Juvenile Court Services to purchase drug screens.

Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from EMA to approve FY2011 ICL (Interoperable Communications) Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$8,000 to purchase additional equipment for the R-2 Communications Vehicle – Clark Matthews – EMA Director.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to grant EMA's request to approve a FY2011 ICL (Interoperable Communications) Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$8,000 to purchase additional equipment for the R-2 Communications Vehicle. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adjust temporary compensation for the Assistant Engineer due to additional duties by \$900.00 per month beginning February 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013.

Commissioner McClendon made a motion to approve the request for temporary compensation for the Assistant Engineer by \$900.00 per month beginning February 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013 for additional duties. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to extend the existing contract with Southern Management Janitorial services for an additional year.

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to approve the request to extend the existing contract with Southern Management Janitorial Services for an additional year. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to award the bid for the purchase of 2-2013 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Department to Solomon Motor Company.

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to award the bid for the purchase of 2-2013 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Department to Solomon Motor Company in the amount of \$55,684.20. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the vehicles were in budget. He called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

6. Request from Sheriff to sell drug seized vehicles with the proceeds to be used to purchase needed equipment.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request from the Sheriff to sell drug seized vehicles with the proceeds to be used to purchase needed equipment. Commissioner McClendon seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached list in Minute Book)

7. Request to appoint Cliff Mendheim to fill the vacancies on The Cooperative District of Houston County and The Improvement District of Houston County.

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to appoint Cliff Mendheim to fill the vacancies on the Cooperative District of Houston County and The Improvement District of Houston County. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

Acting County Engineer – there was no report

County Attorney – there was no report

Chairman Culver reported the county was awaiting word on ATRIP projects, and he stated he felt confident there will be significant work going on in the county. He stated the county has submitted \$23 or \$24 million worth of plans for the ATRIP projects.

Mr. Kirkland reported Drew Road and Cowarts Road is still closed.

Adjourn

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