

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Melinda S. McClendon, Barkley Kirkland, Acting County Engineer

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Tommy Davis, Assistant Pastor, Rhema Rock Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported the EMA Director nor the Acting County Engineer were in attendance because the commission felt it was more important for them to be handling their specific jobs and the problems associated with all the rain and flooding problems. He stated between 4 and 6 inches of rain had fallen overnight and earlier in the day, and at least that much more was expected over the next couple of days. He stated Houston County was under a flash flood warning until 3:30 P.M. The chairman pointed out that Houston County is blessed in that the roads have been worked so that they can handle an excessive amount of water; but this is an unusual circumstance. He then read a list of roads that were closed, and he encouraged people to stay off the roads. Chairman Culver reported the closings he was aware of: the city and county schools and Vaughn-Blumberg were closing at 11:30 A.M., and the Dothan Rotary Club meeting was cancelled. He also reported that the Magnet School Hearing scheduled for 6:00 P.M. had been cancelled due to the weather. The chairman encouraged citizens to call the County Road and Bridge Department or the City of Dothan to report water over their road or if their yard was flooding, and to leave 911 open for emergencies only.

Chairman Culver thanked Ms. Ashley Edlund of WTVY, for attending and representing all of the media.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – “Through with Chew Week – The Great American Spitout” – Ms. Michelle Garrett and Mrs. Judy Guiler representing the Wiregrass Tobacco Free Coalition

Chairman Culver asked Ms. Michelle Garrett and Mrs. Judy Guiler representing the Wiregrass Tobacco Free Coalition, to come forward. Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring February 17 – 23 as “Through with Chew Week” and February 21st as “The Great American Spitout.” Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Garrett. Ms. Garrett thanked the commission for the Proclamation. She stated this Proclamation has a very catchy title but it represents

a very serious problem in Houston County and Alabama. Ms. Garrett stated everyone needs to work together to try and make the youth and adults aware of the dangers of chew (spit) tobacco. Mrs. Guiler then spoke of her family's personal experience with tobacco. She stated when she was 18 she lost her father to cancer and for years they did not know what type; but it was due to his smoking. Mrs. Guiler then handed out green ribbons to people who have lost family members to illnesses caused by tobacco. She stated it is imperative to let people know the dangers of tobacco. Chairman Culver thanked them for coming and for the great job they do.

2. Proclamation – “Healthy Marriage Week” – Ms. Muriel Goosby, M.P.A., Project Coordinator, Strong Families, Alfred Saliba Center for Families

Chairman Culver asked Ms. Muriel Goosby, Project Coordinator for Strong Families, at the Alfred Saliba Center for Families, and other guests to come forward. He recognized Mrs. Linda O'Connell, Executive Director of the Alfred Saliba Center for Families, and he stated he and the commissioners appreciated all she and her staff do for families in our community. Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring February 11-14 as “Healthy Marriage Week.” Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Goosby. Ms. Goosby introduced Rev. Tommy Davis, Marriage and Relationship Skills Educator and Ms. Laura Whigham, Parent Enrichment Facilitator. She thanked the commission for the Proclamation. Chairman Culver stated he noticed that “Healthy Marriage Week” ends on Valentine's Day, which he felt was very appropriate. She stated their organization is unique in that they serve the family as a whole, and in working with the mothers and fathers they feel the children prosper. Rev. Davis stated Alabama has a very high divorce rate as well as Houston County, and they are trying to get the word out that it has to stop. He pointed out when children are raised in a home where there is a healthy marriage everyone prospers from the children, the schools, the community, and the state. Ms. Whigham stated she works with the fathers and fathers are important. Chairman Culver thanked them for bringing this to the attention of the commission as well as the community.

Regular Agenda

1. Request from the Revenue Commissioner to set the Millage Rate.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Revenue Commissioner's request to set the millage rate at 23 mills. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is customary and is required to be done annually. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

2. Request to discontinue payroll deduction for employees who failed to obtain a wellness screening in 2011-12 effective March 1, 2013, and approve the corresponding budget amendment.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to discontinue the payroll deduction for employees who failed to obtain a wellness screening in 2011-12 effective March 1, 2013, and approve the corresponding budget amendment. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was discussed in depth at the Administrative meeting. He commended the employees who participated in

the wellness screening this year. Chairman Culver stated everyone got the message, and he pointed out there are 20 something who are still required to get their health screening before the deadline. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment)

3. Request for a 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License, for Antiques Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mollywood Imports, 5595 South Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36301

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request for a 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License, for Antiques Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mollywood Imports, 5595 South Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36301. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked if there was anyone in attendance who was in opposition to the request? There being no opposition, he called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for a 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License, for Antiques Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mollywood Imports, 5595 South Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36301

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5. Request for a 160 Special Retail – More than 30 Days – License for American Golf Club of Dothan, LLC d/b/a Dothan National Golf Club, 7410 S. U.S. Highway 231, Dothan, AL 36301

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6. Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the items to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached list in Minute Book)

7. Request to award bids for 20 ft. knuckleboom trash loader and reflectorized thermoplastic pavement marking material to the low bidders meeting specs.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to award the bid for the 20 ft. knuckleboom trash loader to Coffman International, the only bidder, in the amount of \$132,009.00, and to award the bid for reflectorized thermoplastic pavement marking materials to Crown Technology, LLC, low bidder meeting specs in each category, for a total bid price of \$114,438.00.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

Acting County Engineer – there was no report

County Attorney – there was no report

Adjourn

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