

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 27, 2014

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Melinda S. McClendon, Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, and W. 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. Stacy Stafford, Pastor, Southside Baptist 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 reported that the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spotlight on Business would be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Dothan Civic Center from 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. He reported the event gives people a chance to explore new business opportunities, and mingle with individuals who might be looking for certain services. The chairman encouraged those interested to attend the trade show.

The chairman reported the county is participating in the United Way Food Bank's Souper Bowl. He stated this is the last week for employees to bring in their cans of soup to be placed in the barrel in the Probate Office entrance closest to Newton Street.

Chairman Culver called on Steve Carlisle, EMA Director, for an update on the weather event. Mr. Carlisle reported there is a Winter Weather Watch for our area from 6:00 P.M. Tuesday until noon Wednesday. He stated freezing rain, approximately ¼" to ½" of snow with sleet and icy road conditions were expected. He also warned of power outages. Mr. Carlisle reported there would be a Webinar at the EMA EOC at 1:30 P.M., and immediately after, all essential personnel would meet to address the issues. Chairman Culver encouraged everyone to attend the Webinar.

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request to appoint Mike Smith to the Houston County Water Authority to fill an unexpired term.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to appoint Mike Smith to the Houston County Water Authority to fill an unexpired term. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of the ACCA Liability Self Insurance Fund Participation Agreement.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of the ACCA Liability Self Insurance Fund Participation Agreement. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this would be for a period of three years, and by adopting the Resolution, the commission would receive a rebate of \$80,000. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to enter into a lease finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of one 2014 Caterpillar Front End Loader.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion approve the request to enter into a lease finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of one 2014 Caterpillar Front End Loader. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. It was pointed out the interest rate would be 1.14%. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to enter into a lease finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of four Kenworth Dump Trucks.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request to enter into a lease finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of four Kenworth Dump Trucks. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this agreement also had a 1.14% interest rate. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from the Town of Kinsey for assistance with site work on the Senior Citizens Center parking lot.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Town of Kinsey's request for assistance with site work on the Senior Citizens Center parking lot. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported Mayor Reneau was present to answer any questions. The Chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to renew and extend contract with County Engineer.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to renew and extend the contract with Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to approve Chattahoochee Park Maintenance, Operation, and Security Agreement.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the Chattahoochee Park Maintenance, Operation, and Security Agreement. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Request from Sheriff to approve a budget amendment on U. S. Task Force Grant Reimbursement.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request for a budget amendment on a U. S. Task Force Grant reimbursement. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Budget Amendment in Minute Book)

#### Staff Reports:

##### Chief Administrative Officer –

Mr. Dempsey gave an update on the project at the Administrative Building. He reported he had been contacted by the contractor wanting to move the project completion date to the second week of May instead of the first week of May as they had first projected. Mr. Dempsey reported he had a meeting scheduled to discuss moving the completion date back to April 30<sup>th</sup> or no later than the first week of May.

##### County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland thanked the Commission for renewing and extending his contract.

He reported they were going to take a proactive approach with the predicted weather conditions and planned to begin putting salt on the bridges in Houston County Tuesday around noon. Mr. Kirkland pointed out the county had a vendor with plenty of salt in stock in case they ran out. He reported there would be crews out taking care of any downed trees. It was reported that all agencies had been notified.

Mr. Kirkland reported that they had completed the work at the downtown Library with the exception of the demolition portion. Chairman Culver stated he should have announced that the Grand Opening Celebrations would be Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He reported the downtown Library would be at 10:00 A.M., and the Westgate location would be held at 1:00 P.M.

##### County Attorney – there was no report

Commissioner Sinquefield thanked Mr. Steve Carlisle for hosting the "Table Top Hostile" event that was held last week at the Farm Center. He stated Southern Company and Farley did a great job on their presentation, and he felt a wealth of knowledge was gained.

#### Adjourn

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

