

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. He reported Commissioner Harvey was called out of town on business. Rev. Jonathan Rogers, Pastor, Westgate Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Brandon Shoupe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported this is a big day in the community and our nation in an effort to save Fort Rucker from receiving cuts due to sequestration. He stated a meeting would be held at 6:00 P.M. at Fort Rucker and he encouraged everyone to attend if possible to show support. The chairman pointed out buses would be leaving the Dothan Civic Center around 4:00 P.M., and if a person wanted to ride they needed to call the Mayor's office to register, and they must have their driver's license for ID. Chairman Culver pointed out if a person is taking their personal vehicle they would need their vehicle registration information and driver's license to get through the gate. He also suggested that private vehicles might want to use the Ozark gate rather than the Daleville gate because he felt like the Daleville one would be backed up.

The chairman reported the Houston County Pageants were held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and he extended congratulations to the six queens. He stated he and Commissioner Siquefield were able to attend the event, and he thought everyone would be impressed with them as they are very poised and not shy. Chairman Culver reported that they would be coming to a meeting at a later date.

Commissioner Battles stated he would like to remind everyone not to throw away their old electronic equipment such as computers and fax machines on the roadways or in ditches. He stated that the Road and Bridge Department would pick them up. Chairman Culver reported that the county does not pick up the electronics because of what they contain, but they can call the Wiregrass Rehab Center and they recycle those. He asked Mr. Kirkland for comments. Mr. Kirkland reported the Rehab Center had received 3 or 4 dumpsters from the county for the purpose of collecting the electronics. The engineer stated the county picks up white goods such as washers, dryers, old furniture, etc. at no charge. He reported they do charge for limbs and trash. Mr. Kirkland reported they need to call the office to schedule these pickups.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to re-appoint Mrs. Edna McLoyd to the Dothan-Houston County Library System.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Edna McLoyd to the Dothan-Houston County Library System. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to make appointments to the Houston County Water Authority.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Danny McNeil and Mr. Stan West to the Houston County Water Authority. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported Mr. McNeil serves as the Chairman of the Authority. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve and advertise legislation calling for a referendum on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Sunday in Houston County.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve and advertise legislation calling for a referendum on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Sunday in Houston County. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was discussed at length in Thursday's meeting. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve a local constitutional amendment to exercise equity jurisdiction in the Probate Court.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve a local constitutional amendment to exercise equity jurisdiction in the Probate Court. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver pointed out constitutional amendments do not have to be advertised. The chairman reported that Legislative Reference Service would be sending what they have so everyone has the same legislation. He stated the commission is approving the draft submitted to the Legislative Reference Service and as may be amended. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve and advertise legislation establishing a document service fee in Houston County.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve and advertise legislation establishing a document service fee in Houston County. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the Legislative Reference Service would be sending what they have on this also, and the commission is approving the draft submitted to Legislative Reference Service and as may be amended. It was pointed out the monies would be going into the Sheriff's fund and would be used in the vehicle rotation and for upgrading technology. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve \$119,988.87 expenditure from the Capital Replacement fund to replace 2 boilers at the Jail.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to grant the request to approve a \$119,988.87 expenditure from the Capital Replacement fund to replace 2 boilers at the Jail. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. A question was asked if that would be the total cost? Commissioner Battles reported that he had talked with Mr. Curtis on Thursday and he felt good about the purchase. It was pointed out the purchase will be made through TCPN, the Alabama Department of Examiners approved purchasing cooperative. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

7. Request to reject bid on bituminous coated roadway drainage pipe and rebid.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to reject the bid on bituminous coated roadway drainage pipe and rebid. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Request to award bid on 20 ft. knuckleboom trash loader with dump body.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to award the bid on a 20 ft. knuckleboom trash loader with dump body to Coffman International, only bidder, in the amount of \$129,200.00. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver pointed out this item is not in the budget, but they have substituted from some items that are in the budget. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

9. Request to approve item to be sold on GovDeals.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the sale of a 2008 Mack Garbage Truck on GovDeals. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported that Memphis Church Road between East Saunders and McCord Road was closed for two weeks in order to lay pipe for the resurfacing project. Chairman Culver asked the traveling public to please make plans to find an alternate route.

County Attorney – there was no report

Adjourn

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

