

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 8, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Preston Register, Acting County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Gary Sherrer, County Attorney

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone. He reported there were special guests present and this was the commission's favorite meeting of the year. The chairman pointed out he would be introducing the special guests later in the meeting.

Rev. Henry Morris, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian 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 Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported they had a press briefing last week regarding the Alabama State Games XXXIII being held in the Wiregrass. He pointed out the Opening Ceremonies would be held on June 12th at 7:00 P.M., at the National Peanut Festival, and he invited everyone to come out and be a part. The chairman reported the Wiregrass is honored to host the event comprised of 19 different games. He showed a framed program that was presented to the four hosts, the City of Dothan, the City of Ozark, the Dale County Commission, and the Houston County Commission, and he stated it would be displayed in the commission office.

Chairman Culver reported he had received a letter from Landmark Park thanking the county and Mr. Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, for participation in "Touch a Truck," that was held earlier in the spring. Chairman Culver reported this event has turned out to be very popular and well attended. Mr. Kirkland reported the county had a motorgrader in the event and there were probably around 500 kids who viewed it and touched it.

The chairman thanked Mr. Greg Phillips for the excellent article in the Dothan Eagle regarding Bow Fishing, which will be held June 15th-28th at Chattahoochee Park. Mr. Kirkland reported that the State had done an inventory and recommended bow fishing at night to get rid of the predators. He stated 20 permits at \$10.00 would be issued and they could call the park and obtain the information. Mr. Kirkland pointed out the fishing would be according to the Fish and Game regulations and it would be monitored by a Game Warden.

Awards and Presentations

1. Recognition of Houston County Queens – Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, Houston County Pageants.

Chairman Culver asked Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, Houston County Pageants, and the queens to come forward. He reported since Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lisa Peter had taken over the county has had two winners in the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant and one Little Miss winner. He stated they have done an outstanding job, and he thanked them for all of their hard work. Mrs. Hall also pointed out they have won awards for their floats in the National Peanut Festival. Chairman Culver then introduced the following queens and presented them with a county pin: Ms. Kolbi Hall, Future Little Miss Houston County, who attends Northside Methodist Academy; Ms. Taylor Jones, Young Jr. Miss Houston County, who attends school at Rehobeth; Ms. Holley Driggers, Jr. Miss Houston County, who attends Providence Christian School; Ms. Avery Griffith, Teen Miss Houston County, who attends Northview High School. The chairman then introduced Ms. Rosemary Andrews, Little Ms. Houston County, who attends Houston Academy, and Ms. Gabriella Schwarz, Miss Houston County, who will be entering Troy University in the fall. Each of the girls stated it was an honor to represent Houston County and they had enjoyed going to the various events and they were looking forward to riding in the National Peanut Festival Parade and attending the Ms. and Little Ms. National Peanut pageants and showing their support for their sister queens. Chairman Culver thanked each of the queens for coming and he thanked their families and friends.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP).

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) down at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is a requirement of ADEM and is done annually. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to award a lease/purchase finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of two new Kenworth Spray Trucks.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to award a lease/purchase finance agreement with Hancock Bank for the purchase of two new Kenworth Spray Trucks. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called on Mr. Bill Dempsey for comments. Mr. Dempsey stated quotes were sent out to 5 vendors and Hancock Bank came back with the lowest interest rate with the total principal amount being \$150,054 for the two trucks and the total principal and interest being \$153,385.75. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Dempsey reported a meeting would be held on June 16th to discuss the first phase of the budget.

County Engineer

Mr. Kirkland reported they were still picking up limbs.

County Attorney

Acting County Attorney, Preston Register, had no report.

Chairman Culver reported he had received some calls about picking up limbs in Webb. Mr. Kirkland stated they are picking up in Webb. Mr. Kirkland was asked the status on the following roads: Memphis Church Road, Trawick Road, Webb to Kinsey Road? Mr. Kirkland reported they are not completed and they have to have asphalt and shoulder work done. Commissioner Sinquefield asked Mr. Kirkland if they had maxed out the areas where they are taking the storm debris, and what will be done with it. Mr. Kirkland stated they have not maxed out any of the areas, and they could burn the debris at no cost. Commissioner Sinquefield asked about a crusher? Mr. Kirkland stated they could pay someone to crush it.

Adjourn.

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