

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Wes Kelley, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Sinquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Comments from the Chairman and Commission

Commissioner Harvey introduced Rev. Christopher L. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor, of Him Only Ministries.

Chairman Culver reported there would be a Special Election for City Commissioner, District 6, on February 9th. He stated persons living in that district could vote at Wiregrass Commons Mall and Vaughn-Blumberg Center.

The chairman reported the Presidential Primary would be held on March 1st. He pointed out the last day to register to vote for the Primary would be Friday, February 12th. Mr. Culver stated Mrs. Molly Meadows, Chairperson, Board of Registrars, would be in the lobby of the Administrative Building from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., to register anyone who may have not done so.

Chairman Culver congratulated the individuals who assisted with the Mardi Gras parade or who were in it. He reported it was a resounding success and they raised money for a couple of charities. The chairman stated everyone had a good time.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – “Career and Technical Education Month” – Steve Turkoski, Project Manager, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Steve Turkoski, and Mr. Matt Parker, President of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, to come forward. Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming February 1st-29th, as “Career and Technical Education Month” in Dothan and Houston County. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. The chairman read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Turkoski. Chairman Culver thanked Mr. Turkoski and Mr. Parker for bringing this to the commission’s attention highlighting preparing the students in our community and state to go work. Mr. Turkoski thanked Mr. Culver and the Commission. He reported Career and Technical Education is for everyone; not just the students who are not planning to go to

college. He reported it is about the skill sets today. Mr. Turkoski pointed out February 24th and 25th, the Region 10 Work Force will host approximately 4,000 8th grade students at the National Peanut Festival highlighting career and technical education. Chairman Culver called on Mr. Parker and he thanked the commission for highlighting this important area of education. He reported he sees the need for future students on a day to day basis. Mr. Parker pointed out there is a shortfall in the workforce that needs to be met. He reported they have a great working relationship with the County and City School systems in an effort to help bridge the gap in the workforce.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to re-appoint Ms. Velma Tribue to the Personnel Board – Personnel.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Velma Tribue to the Personnel Board. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to re-approve preliminary plat for Miller's Crossing Subdivision – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to re-approve the preliminary plat for the 1st Addition to Miller's Crossing Subdivision. Commissioner Battles 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

County Engineer Barkley Kirkland reported they have several roads closed, and he asked that the citizens please be patient.

County Attorney – there was no report

Adjourn

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