

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

MARCH 28, 2016

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 S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Stephanie Cox, Pastor, Greystone United Methodist 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 Shoupe seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported they had a great Spirit of Service Kickoff and Dedication of the Peggi Crawford James Park on March 24th, and he pointed out it was well attended.

Commissioner Shoupe reported the Special Olympics is scheduled at 10:00 A.M., April 6th, at the Dothan High School Track.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to appoint Dr. Donna West to the SARCOA Board.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to appoint Dr. Donna West to the SARCOA Board. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to adopt Tax Abatement Resolution on ad valorem, sales and use taxes.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the Tax Abatement Resolution on ad valorem, sales and use taxes. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver stated as previously reported on Thursday, this piece of legislation is sponsored by ACCA in an effort to get the counties and municipalities back to where they were with the abatement process. He stated for years and years there have not been any problems, but with the Attorney General's opinion, it was felt that it was needed to be done. The chairman reported those who work with economic development are on board with this legislation also, and he stated he appreciated the media helping to get the awareness out on this bill. Commissioner Siquefield reported the bill will be back on the agenda next week when the Legislature reconvenes from Spring Break. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to adopt Resolution authorizing the Alabama Secretary of State to serve as Houston County's agent to mail certain voter notices and pay postage for the same.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Alabama Secretary of State to serve as Houston County's agent to mail certain voter notices and pay postage for the same. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is done every 4 years, and is a savings to the county. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported there are 15 roads and they are working to get them open as fast as they can. He stated they did not work Friday or Saturday due to the rain, but they will be working those days when it is pretty.

County Attorney –

Preston Register, Acting Attorney, stated there was no report.

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Kirkland if all of this weather over the weekend caused any major damage? Mr. Kirkland reported there was no major damage, and only had one tree down. He stated the county needed some dry weather so they could work. Chairman Culver asked Steve Carlisle, EMA Director, to insure we get some dry weather.

Adjourn

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