

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

APRIL 11, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, Nancy Bristow, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Bill Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Mr. Myer Holloway, Assistant County Engineer, 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 the next Commission meeting would be on Tuesday, April 26th due to the county offices being closed for a State holiday. He pointed out the Administrative meeting would be held on Thursday, April 21st.

The chairman reported the 8th Annual Media vs. Elected Officials Softball Game would be held on Saturday, May 7th, at 10:30 A.M., at the historic Wiregrass Park. He stated the location has been changed this year and also the time. Chairman Culver stated the Town of Cottonwood's Down Home Festival is scheduled that day and the time change will allow those who plan to ride in the Parade to do so. He also pointed out they are limiting the number of home runs this year in order to make it more competitive. The chairman reported the main thing is that they will be raising cans of food and money for the Food Bank, and have a good time while doing so.

Chairman Culver reported that Mr. Max Snell, an icon in the Bay Springs/Wicksburg Community, had passed away. He expressed sympathy to his family, and requested they be kept in our prayers.

The chairman stated that he and Commissioner Shoupe represented the Commission well in their red high heels with their participation in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event on Saturday in downtown Dothan. Mr. Culver reported Mr. Matt Parker participated also and he ran in his heels. The chairman reported it was sponsored by Leadership Dothan and went to benefit the House of Ruth.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – "Community College Month" – Dr. Linda Young, President, Wallace Community College

Chairman Culver reported it is always an honor and a pleasure to have Dr. Linda Young, President, Wallace Community College, and he asked her to come forward. Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating April as "Community College Month." Commissioner Shoupe

seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. He thanked her for everything she and Wallace College do, and stated they are very appreciative of their relationship with her. He reported even though she is in Dale County, their motto is they are all in this together. The chairman stated he knew Mr. Matt Parker would tell her they could not get along in economic development without her and everything she has done. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Dr. Young. Chairman Culver stated the Proclamation says it pretty well as it talks about everything they do. He reported he could tell firsthand as a parent of a young man who is in the dual enrollment program. He stated they do a great job with that and they certainly are very responsive to our community; particularly in the area of economic development. He pointed out when something is needed, they are there, and if they do not have it, they will make it. Chairman Culver reported it gives our community a tremendous advantage when Mr. Parker is doing his job, and it is appreciated.

Dr. Young stated they appreciate the Proclamation so much. She reported they are joining over 1100 community colleges in the nation and over 12 million students in recognizing "Community College Month." Dr. Young reported as everyone knows they have campuses in Dothan and Eufaula, and they offer academic transfer, allied health and nursing programs, career technical programs, adult education, and workforce development. She pointed out everyday, they help students obtain a better life through education. Dr. Young reported they take pride in their philosophy of taking students from wherever they are, no matter the starting point, and helping them go as far as their dreams, their motivation, and their capabilities can take them. She stated they encourage and urge them to earn a degree, a credential either to transfer to a university or to enter the workforce directly because as was said, it is so important the role they play in economic development. She reported everyone knows that having a skilled workforce is one of the strongest incentives for recruiting industry and retaining industry. Dr. Young reported they embrace that mission, and she stated they appreciated the recognition of the value and importance of community colleges, but especially Wallace Community College. Chairman Culver thanked her for bringing this to the commission's attention.

2. Proclamation – "Houston County Gives Day" – Ms. Sharon Whitaker, Event Marketing Coordinator

Chairman Culver asked if Ms. Whitaker was going to accept the Proclamation? It was pointed out Mrs. Susan Trawick, Executive Director, Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership, would be accepting it. He asked Mrs. Trawick and everyone wearing their t-shirts to come forward. Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating April 22nd, as "Houston County Gives Day." Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. The chairman thanked everyone for attending. He stated at some point he would like for a person representing each organization to identify themselves in order to get an idea of the breadth of "Houston County Gives Day", and to show how much it has grown, and how it reaches out to some many organizations. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Trawick.

Mrs. Trawick thanked Chairman Culver for the Proclamation, and she stated it was an honor to stand behind the podium representing 25 of the area's non-profits. Mrs. Trawick pointed out the economic impact of these agencies is in the millions of dollars. She invited everyone to come out to Eagle Eye Outfitters on April 22nd. She reported the Andersons have worked tirelessly supporting this event, and

she thanked them. Mrs. Trawick reported 4 years ago, the State of Alabama decided to do something similar to what our community is doing, and it was called Alabama Gives. She reported they did not get it all together as it should have been. Mrs. Trawick reported Houston County felt like this was a time that was needed to celebrate the agencies located here, and they have continued the mission. She stated today there are 25 non-profit agencies that will be at Eagle Eye Outfitters on the 22nd to share their hearts. Mrs. Trawick pointed out they changed their t-shirts this year to red, and they are sharing their stories, and as a result, they share their hearts, which is what they feel they give to Houston County. She reported the breadth of what they do is huge, when they hear all of the agencies represented the public will see how much they have to offer. She reported Whitaker Marketing has also been with them for the last 4 years, and they give all of their time and efforts at no cost to the agencies to do all of their marketing. Mrs. Trawick stated they do a fabulous job. She encouraged everyone to come out on the 22nd, and she stated they would have goody bags for the first 100 people who attend. She reported there will be information on all 25 of the agencies as well as lots of goodies from the community and maybe a cookie or two. Mrs. Trawick reported the Ice Cream Man and the Farm Fresh Food Truck would also be there. She thanked the commission for their constant support of all the agencies. At that time, each representative introduced their agency. She reported the Ribbon Cutting and Press Conference would be at 5:00 P.M. on the 22nd. Mr. David Duke stated it is remarkable to see what all of the agencies are doing is, and they are sharing their stories on facebook at houstongivesday.org. Chairman Culver stated a lot of the agency representatives and the commission may not be familiar with all of the organizations. He reported this gives everyone a good opportunity to get out and become familiar with some great organizations doing unbelievably good work in our community. He stated the neat thing is not only to become a volunteer, but an opportunity to help support these organizations with your time and funding. He thanked everyone for attending.

3. Proclamation – “Spirit of Service Day” – Mr. Rob Gilbreath, Member, Spirit of Service Core Committee

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Rob Gilbreath, member, Spirit of Service Core Committee, and Ms. Amy Schulz, member, Spirit of Service Core Committee, and last year’s Spirit of Service Chairperson, to come forward. Chairman Culver reported this is the 27th year of Spirit of Service. He reported a couple of years ago, they put together Houston County Gives Day and Spirit of Service on the same weekend because the two things make sense. He stated what more service than those organizations who were here previously, and what better service than the many things that have been done over the years through Spirit of Service Day. The chairman pointed out Mr. Robert Crowder, former Commission Chairman, came across this project when he was in Maryland 27 years ago, and brought it back here. He stated it started out quite small; just an idea, and somewhere along the line it was placed under the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, spearheaded by Ms. Linda Kelley. Chairman Culver reported Ms. Kelley has done an excellent job and so many great projects have been done that have touched so many lives. He stated it is an opportunity to take one day out of the year and do something to help beautify your community, to help those who cannot help themselves, or just to get out around your business and clean your landscaping, or in your neighborhood to help make it a better place. He thanked them for being here. He called for a motion, and Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the

Proclamation designating April 23rd as "Spirit of Service Day." Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Gilbreath.

Ms. Schulz reported Spirit of Service is a great event each year that shows the community how much it means to every person. She stated coming out to the schools and working with them and working with the non-profit agencies really shows the State what a great community we live in because they are willing to come together to give up their Saturday just to make a little project something special for the community. Ms. Schulz asked people on behalf of the Spirit of Service Core Committee who wanted to come out and volunteer to call the Chamber and find out what projects are available on the 23rd. She reported if there are non-profits, a school or if anyone knows of something that needs to be done, to call Ms. Kelley, at the Dothan Area Chamber and they will get it signed up and get volunteers for the project.

Mr. Gilbreath reported he transferred to Dothan 3 years ago and got involved with this committee. He stated it had touched him personally and it has been a blessing to him and his family. He stated he had two sons who are both involved in the community as well, and he stated he thought it was important to teach young ones to be involved, and he stated they are learning good things. Mr. Gilbreath reported Dothan has become home, and they really enjoy it and this committee has helped to do that.

Chairman Culver thanked Ms. Schulz and Mr. Gilbreath.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to approve local constitutional amendment to implement gas tax as presented.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the local constitutional amendment to implement gas tax as presented. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported there was discussion in Thursday's administrative meeting, and he stated he wanted to bring everyone up to speed on both the state situation and what the commission is voting on. He reported as the commission was meeting on Thursday, the portion of the state bill that the commission continues to support and hope passes, the portion dealing with the accountability and how the money would be spent as a safeguard to make sure it is spent in that manner was on the House floor. He stated those who know how the process works know that until all the budgets are passed you have to adopt a budget isolation resolution before you can approve a bill. He reported that the budget isolation resolution passed 99-1, and he stated they felt good about that. The chairman reported they did not complete debate on the bill and they will take it back up on April 12th in the House. He pointed out this is the bill that has already passed the Senate. Chairman Culver reported again it deals with how the money would be spent if it was generated this session. He stated the accountability of it, the reporting back to citizens, the status of projects, and what projects that will be done. He pointed out in essence, the accountability to the citizens would be paying whatever revenue was generated. The chairman reported once this bill is passed, then it would be up to them to try to come up with the amount of the user fee, and he stated the talk now is 6 cents to fund the bill they are now passing. He stated it is still in process and the commission continues to support and hope the bill will pass and move forward.

Chairman Culver stated as mentioned Thursday, they talked about the issues in Houston County and the commission's need to address them and their desire to let the citizens of the county decide if in fact they want to address them with a fuel excise tax. He pointed out the constitutional amendment would do that. The chairman reported what was on the agenda on Thursday was a 5 cent increase, and since Thursday, the commission has lowered it to 4 cents. He pointed out they have made a couple of changes. Chairman Culver reported if the state bill passes, the constitutional amendment will not go anywhere and it will not be passed. He reported the commission and some other people had concerns that if the state bill passes before this constitutional amendment passes then it will not be on the agenda. He pointed out the question came up what happens if the state comes back next year, and he stated that is a valid concern. Chairman Culver reported the commission is not looking to put more than the county's citizens need as far as taxation. He stated if taxation is created funding is created at the state level, the commission does not want to do it at the local level, and they have inserted language that if the State of Alabama passes a state wide excess fee on motor fuels with proceeds distributed to counties and cities in the state within the next 4 years after implementation, then 3 cents of this will go away. He reported part of this goes to cities, and part of this is replacing an existing tax, the Walden Gas Tax. The chairman stated they talked about rather than continuing that tax, the commission will do away with it and roll it into this bill so that all of the collections will be the same rather than having confusion to the distributors making it easy for them and for the commission. He stated should the state pass a tax within 4 years of the date of this going on, then it will be reduced by 3 cents. The chairman reported as previously stated, it repeals the Walden Gas Tax. He stated the commission feels that they are good positive changes. He reported what the commission is voting on is not to implement any tax or anything; simply voting to ask the county's legislative delegation to pass the constitutional amendment to put it on the ballot in November. He pointed out public meetings will be held between now and then for people to have input and ask questions. Chairman Culver reported the commission will put out all of the information that they have, and they will do their very best to make sure the citizens know where this money will go and how it will be spent. He stated as previously reported, the commission has been talking about this problem for approximately 2 years and the fact that they had to do something and the time is here.

Chairman Culver asked for comments from the commission.

Commissioner Shoupe reported a lot of times when someone talks about a tax your reaction is to say no, and he stated that was his first instinct in this case as well. He pointed out he represents a lot of people who bought houses and property on roads that are paved with the implicit understanding that those roads would be taken care of and they would continue to be resurfaced. He reported with the county's lack of funding for resurfacing that may not be the case. Commissioner Shoupe reported instead of telling the people that their roads are going to become more dilapidated and may eventually turn back into a dirt road and tell them they have to deal with it, he did not think that was the right thing to do. The commissioner stated he certainly did not think it is right to pass a 4 cent tax and tell the taxpayers that they just have to deal with it. He reported the commission was going to let the county taxpayers decide what to do and he felt it was the right thing to do. He pointed out whichever direction the citizens go, then the commission will be in accordance.

Commissioner Sinquefield reported he did know that the Alabama Society of Civil Engineers have done a study and in doing so they have determined that over 50% of the state and county roads are deteriorating to the point where they are rated as poor, fair, and very poor conditions. He stated it affects the whole infrastructure of our counties and our state, and when they look at the potential for economic growth and development that we are trying to generate more revenue for our counties, our infrastructure can be kept up to a point where it makes a difference on these companies that are coming in. He reported it especially makes a difference when we see what our EMA is doing, police, law enforcement, all the people out on the roads, and it comes back to the children, families, schools, school buses, protecting our citizens of the county and trying to make a difference in creating better and safer roads for our counties. He reported Houston County could be one of the leaders in starting this. Commissioner Sinquefield stated he appreciated everyone who is cooperating and working with this program.

Chairman Culver asked if anyone else would like to address the commission?

Mr. James Sims, citizen of the Wicksburg community, stated after discussions with neighbors and friends attending the meetings at the fire department where this had been discussed that he has a lot of concerns. He reported the county may need additional revenue, and may need it by burdening the citizens with additional tax. He pointed out his concern is what has the county done with the money we have had since 1991? He pointed out the last tax increase was in 1989, 1990, or 1991, and asked how did the county get where it is right now with 50% of our roads and bridges being sub-standard to where a tax is going to have be levied to take care of them? He asked if the county was able to resurface 400-500 miles during a three year period after a 1/3 of a one penny tax was implemented for roads and bridges, then why do we need 4 cents now to do the same thing and put it on the citizens? He stated something is wrong, it doesn't add up. Mr. Sims reported he is not opposed to putting the tax on a ballot. He stated he felt that was the only way for it be right is to let the people vote. Mr. Sims reported transparency is so important. He asked how the county got to its current state? He asked was it neglect, bad use of funds, were salaries and retirement funds paid, did they buy vehicles and real estate and let contracts that were not bid? He requested the commission tell the citizens where the money went and how we got in the situation we are in, and how the citizens are going to have to pick up the brunt of it to get the roads fixed. Mr. Sims stated nobody wants to ride on a dirt road, but if there is a sub-standard road in the county, he would go for additional funding to publicize why we are in the situation we are in. He stated he felt every citizen of the county should know. He reported one of the biggest things that troubled him at one of the meetings was the discussion about the 1 cent tax that was implemented for roads and bridge repair and because of politics, the majority, 70%, of it went to the Education Fund. He stated the county ended up with one-third of one penny and they did all of the great road paving and the things that needed to be done, so why we do we need 4 cents now? Mr. Sims stated he knew inflation and cost of paving per mile and all that was discussed. He reported it was brought up that the amount of gas tax that an individual has paid since 1992 has been decreasing. He pointed out the amount per gallon remains constant and there are more gallons being sold now, and the fact that there were less vehicles back then compared to vehicles that get better gas mileage now. Mr. Sims reported there are more vehicles on the road and more gallons of gas are being sold with more

revenue is coming in. He asked where is the management of the county's money? Mr. Sims reported there are so many unanswered questions that need to be addressed and the citizens need to know what they are voting on and how we have gotten to the current state. He further stated the citizens need to know and this money will not go into another secret account, the Education Fund or whatever. He reported we hear our Education System is in terrible shape, and he asked where that money is being spent? Mr. Sims stated we see in the news all the time where money is being spent on lawsuits, etc. and he felt that should not be the case. Mr. Sims reported it is put it back on the citizens and they expect the citizens to stick their heads in the sand and pay it. Mr. Sims reported he was on a fixed income and he felt the commission also needed to be on a fixed income. He thanked the commission. Chairman Culver thanked Mr. Sims.

Mr. Jerry Carl Dillard, Houston County resident of South Park, reported he was the son of a retired engineer. He stated he did not feel the county's road and bridge department used common sense when they resurface the road. He stated their work requires constant maintenance, and they do not maintain the cross drains. He reported he was opposed to the tax, and he felt almost everyone in Houston County was also. Mr. Dillard stated the citizens of the county had enough common sense to know that the elected officials and the people under them are not accountable to the people. Chairman Culver thanked Mr. Dillard.

Chairman Culver reported there were a couple of things that Mr. Sims brought up that he wanted to mention. He stated the one-third of one cent was a sales tax. He reported a sales tax in Houston County generates about \$17 million and one cent of gas tax generates about \$700,000.00. The chairman reported it is not the same 4 cents and 1 cent; they are not talking about the same tax revenue because it is a totally different tax. The chairman reported between now and November there will be public meetings to explain all of this. The chairman stated Mr. Sims was absolutely right that the commission has to be transparent and talk about all of this and where the money is going. He stated it does not need to go for painting the courthouse; it has to go on the roads, and the commission has to show and prove that it goes on roads and they intend to do that. The chairman reported the tax has grown and Mr. Shoupe has the figures. He stated that 21% of revenue has grown over 20 years and the cost of maintaining the road has grown 223%. Chairman Culver reported those numbers do not stay together at all. He stated when the sales tax was done in 1989, it cost \$30,000 per mile of resurfacing, and today it costs \$135,000 plus to do a mile of resurfacing. Chairman Culver reported it is extremely difficult. Mr. Culver stated lastly he felt this commission and prior commissions are to be commended for using the funds they have in as good a manner as they have. He stated Road and Bridge is down some 20 employees than they were at one time. He reported the total workforce is down 10% since 2008. Chairman Culver reported as he mentioned on Thursday, the county has not had a general revenue increase, which is a good thing, since 1989. He stated the citizens of the county need to know when a tax is passed, members of the commission have to pay it too. Chairman Culver reported he needed his money and he did not like the idea of a tax increase, but as elected officials they have to take care of the county's assets that are owned by the citizens. He pointed out roads and bridges are one of the most valuable assets, and this will average about \$2.00 per month to citizens. He reported he liked to point out there has not been an increase in the general tax revenue since 1989, when Commissioner

Shoupe was 8 years old. The chairman reported collectively, he felt the commission has done a pretty good job of tightening their belts, being conservative, being responsible, and using the funds the citizens have sent them over the years to run the county in what he thought to be in a very efficient manner. He stated there will be opportunities to have these discussions over the next few months if this bill passes, and then they will let the citizens have their say. He reported if the citizens want to continue the roads they have been used to, they will have that opportunity, and if not, it will be up to the citizens.

Commissioner Battles stated he wanted to reiterate the fact if this bill passes, the citizens would be looking at \$2.00 per month to be able to drive on freshly paved roads with the shoulders manicured. He stated sometimes when there is a lot of rain it does runoff but citizens will spend more than the \$2.00 having repairs made from driving on bad roads. Commissioner Battles stated it is not about putting money in the commission's pocket. He stated this is a job they are elected to do to maintain the county's assets. Commissioner Battles reported as previously stated, the commission has put this off and put it off and nobody wants an increase of any kind. He stated he realized there are a lot of citizens on fixed incomes, but if a person does not drive much, the less they will pay. Commissioner Battles requested citizens to sit and think about what they will be getting for such a little price.

Commissioner Sinquefield stated for every dollar invested in roads and bridges, we get a return of \$5.20. He stated he thought the tax implemented in 1989-90, was 5 cents at the time, it was state wide and generated around \$160 million. He reported a lot of roads were resurfaced and repaved. Commissioner Sinquefield reported he could imagine the conditions of the roads now had that not been implemented. He stated that money was used for many roads and bridges.

Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve Tax Abatement Resolution for Ashford Economic Development Project – Mr. David Parsons, Chairman, Houston County Industrial Development Authority.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement Resolution for the Ashford Economic Development Project. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is a good news Resolution because any time an opportunity like this can be created for the citizens it is important. He stated this certainly does that for the Town of Ashford and all of Houston County. Chairman Culver reported he would be remiss if he did not mention the City of Dothan and others that are participating. Chairman Culver asked if there were any questions for Mr. Matt Parker or Mr. Parsons? Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to approve Resolution for support and incentives for Ashford Economic Development Project – Mr. David Parsons, Chairman, Houston County Industrial Development Authority.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Resolution for support and incentives for the Ashford Development Project. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Commissioner Sinquefield

stated Grow Ashford. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

4. Request to accept West Main Street property donation from the Jackson Family.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to accept property donations from Ed Jackson and Jackson Brothers, LLC. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this in the 200 block of West Main Street. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve budget amendment for the purchase of two overhead cranes for the County Shop at a cost of \$49,995.00 – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the purchase of two overhead cranes for the County Shop at a cost of \$49,995.00. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver requested that Mr. Kirkland explain this for Commissioner Harvey's benefit since he was out on Thursday. Mr. Kirkland reported they had sold garbage trucks that brought \$24,000 more than they thought they were going to bring, and they will take that \$24,000 and apply it to the cranes and they will take part of the FEMA money that will be coming in and apply it towards the purchase. Mr. Kirkland reported they had a crane go out in November or December and they were going to try to make it through this year. He pointed out a month ago the second crane went out, and they are down to one that is working. He stated these cranes are 1960 models, and it was going to cost \$18,000 to repair one of them. Mr. Kirkland reported the new cranes would make the shop safer, and more efficient. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request from the Houston County Water Authority for two loads of dirt at the well site on Hodgesville Road – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Houston county Water Authority's request for two loads of dirt at the well site on Hodgesville Road. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to adopt Resolution to resurface Blackman Road from W. Saunders Road to Campbellton Highway – Road and Bridge. (Approximately 1.598 miles)

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution to resurface Blackman Road from W. Saunders Road to Campbellton Highway, approximately 1.598 miles. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

8. Request to award bid on Hot Plant Mix to low bidder meeting specs – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to award the bid on Hot Plant Mix to APAC-Southeast, Inc., the low bidder meeting specs, for a total bid in the amount of \$1,947.55. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Commissioner Shoupe reported he had noticed on some of these items the prices were lower from the other bidder. He asked if it would not be beneficial to break them up into

individual bids or is it much more efficient to do it all in one? Mr. Kirkland reported they bid on the whole contract; it is not set up that way. Commissioner Shoupe asked if it could be or would be too difficult administratively? Chairman Culver stated he thought the issue they had once before was some of those items the county uses so little of and if it were done separately and not tied to everything else, the pricing would vary up. Mr. Kirkland reported they used to have only a Hot Plant Mix Asphalt, but now it has been broken down into all of the different quantities trying to get the price. He pointed out the more you do the cheaper the price. Mr. Kirkland stated he did not see how they could. Chairman Culver reported this came about when the price of asphalt went so high. He stated they went and met with them and they talked about the quantity they had to haul, so it was separated out. Mr. Kirkland pointed out they do not have a set quantity. He stated if they decided to do the \$38 million of paving over the next 3 years, there would probably be more bidders. Mr. Kirkland reported when they put it out they may pave a road and they may not; they don't know. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheets in Minute Book)

9. Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the items to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer

Acting Administrator, Ms. Nancy Bristow, stated there was no report.

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported there were 12 roads closed, and two crews are replacing pipes. He stated they worked over the weekend and they would work this weekend if the weather is pretty. Mr. Kirkland reported they also opened the front part of Omussee Park last week which includes the campground and the pavilion. He reported the back part is still closed and will be closed for a while.

County Attorney –

Mr. Sherrer stated he had no report.

Commissioner Battles asked Mr. Kirkland what had to be done to the boat landing so everyone could use it? Mr. Kirkland reported they had met with FEMA, NRCS, and the Corps of Engineers. He stated they have given them a price; it is a qualified site from the last disaster, but they are trying to figure out who is responsible for paying for it. Mr. Kirkland reported it is in those 3 agencies hands; there is nothing that the county can do. Mr. Kirkland stated it will require them getting out in it and dig it out. He stated it is a pretty big job. Commissioner Battles stated to be able to get out in it, the county has to have permission from the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Kirkland stated that was correct. Chairman Culver reported there is another potential pot of money the county may pursue also. Mr. Kirkland reported the Corps of Engineer is saying they are not going to do any dredging, the NRCS is saying they do not have

any money to do any dredging, and FEMA says the Corps of Engineers is supposed to do it. Mr. Kirkland stated they do not know yet. Chairman Culver reported these 3 agencies are all federal. Mr. Kirkland reported the county's FEMA representative is trying to get it pushed through. He stated it is in their hands . Commissioner Battles stated it was a beautiful park not to be used.

Adjourn

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