

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JUNE 13, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Pres Register, Acting County Engineer, Britney Clayton, Acting County Engineer, and W. J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Kody Kirchoff, Pastor, The Harbor Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Doug Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the vote was: YEAS: Commissioners Siquefield, Battles, and Harvey. NAYS: None Commissioner Shoupe abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Chairman Culver declared the motion passed.

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commission

Chairman Culver congratulated everyone from the volunteers to the participants who were a part of the Alabama State Games, held over the weekend. He reported the Opening Ceremonies were held Friday at the National Peanut Festival, and there seemed to be more athletes this year, and they were all ages. He thanked Lance Griffin of the Dothan Eagle for the excellent coverage the newspaper had given. Chairman Culver reported the committee would be meeting to determine ways to make next year's event even better. He stated he looked forward to helping host the Alabama State Games one more year.

The chairman reported on Saturday, July 2nd, the gates would open at 3:00 P.M., for a Fourth of July Celebration. He pointed out there would be vendors, games, food, and a fireworks show beginning at 9:00 P.M. Chairman Culver encouraged everyone who might be in town to come out and enjoy the celebration.

He reported June's Foster Fest would be held Friday, June 17th, downtown.

Chairman Culver reported when a bond issue is done, Standard & Poor's and Moody's do a credit rating on the county's financial condition. He stated they had received comments from Moody's stating the county is in good shape from a credit perspective, and had received an AA rating. He pointed out in the upcoming budget hearings, the public was going to hear the county has no money, and is in a cash crunch.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County for the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award – Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County for the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this grant is shared by the city and county, and the city administers it. He pointed out the county's portion of the grant is \$5,163.00, and the Sheriff is going to use it for in vehicle cameras. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Liquor License Request – 010 Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 – Wade's 109 Bar, LLC d/b/a / Wade's 109 Bar – 4542 South Highway #109 – Slocomb, AL 36375 – Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request for 010 Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 License for Wade's 109 Bar, LLC d/b/a Wade's 109 Bar – 4542 South Highway 109 – Slocomb, AL 36375. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked if there was anyone who objected. Hearing none, he called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to award bid for County Buildings Janitorial Services to the low bidder meeting specs – County Buildings.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to award the bid for County Buildings Janitorial Services to Southern Management ABM, low bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

4. Request to approve budget amendments for Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve budget amendments for Road and Bridge. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported these budget amendments involved an insurance settlement, moving funds for economic development, and FEMA money received. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

5. Request to approve Resolution and Agreement to resurface County Road #55 from Ashford City Limits to Noble Road. Approximately 6.102 miles – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement to resurface County Road #55 from Ashford City limits to Noble Road – approximately 6.102 miles. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Commissioner Sinquefield pointed out the county's portion for the 20% match is \$229,000, and funds have been set aside for the repairs on the cross drains. He reported this allows for more miles to be resurfaced. Chairman Culver reported the public will be advised when work begins on this project. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

6. Request to award bid for motorgrader blades to low bidder meeting specs – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to award the bid for motograder blades to Thompson Tractor Company, low bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver

called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

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

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

Staff Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

Bill Dempsey reported there would be a budget hearing on Thursday, June 23rd at 1:00 P.M. regarding manpower and special requests.

County Engineer

Mrs. Britney Clayton, Acting County Engineer, reported crews would begin work this week on replacing the 17 cross drains on County Road #55. She stated it will take 6 – 8 weeks to complete before the resurfacing can begin. She also reported they are down to 4 roads that are closed. Chairman Culver reported notices will be sent to the media in an effort to get word out to the public regarding work to be done on County Road #55. He stated the county has a Facebook Page, and people can also check there for information.

County Attorney

Acting County Attorney, Pres Register, had no report.

Commissioner Sinquefield asked if all of the cross drain work would be done at one time? Mrs. Clayton reported it would be done by sections. Chairman Culver re-iterated his request for everyone to please be pro-active and pay attention to the media outlets and social media to get the latest information on County Road #55. The chairman also requested when traveling in that area, to please abide by the notifications.

Adjourn

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