

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
JULY 25, 2016

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone. Rev. Jonathan Rogers, Pastor, Westgate Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Jackie Battles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported at Thursday's meeting, he stated the commissioners would be attending their annual conference in August. He pointed out there would be no Administrative meeting on August 18th, but they would have the commission meeting on August 22nd.

The chairman called on Josh Dean, SunSouth Equipment, who stated in an effort for them to become more involved in public relations in the community, they are working with The Wounded Warriors, and honoring veterans. He reported they would be hosting a breakfast on July 28th, and a disabled veteran would be talking to them from a personal perspective no how and what the war does to men and women and what veterans deal with upon returning home from war.

Chairman Culver reported on August 27th, Harley Davidson of Dothan, and some other people, are hosting a Poker Run to show appreciation and support for Sean Brodmerkel, a deputy who was injured in a motorcycle accident. The chairman pointed out Trent Blair is putting the event together. He stated there will be raffles, they will be selling t-shirts, and other things. Chairman Culver stated this is a small way to come out and support one of the county's own. He pointed out more information would be coming out on the Poker Run.

Commissioner Siquefield thanked the Ashford Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Broadway Café for feeding the members of the law enforcement on July 22nd. He stated this was a way to thank them for what they do.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution, Exhibit marker, and Statutory Warranty Deed for property previously approved for transfer from Houston County to the Houston County Industrial Development Authority on May 23, 2016.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to adopt the Resolution, Exhibit marker, and Statutory Warranty Deed for property previously approved for transfer from Houston County to the Houston County Industrial Development Authority on May 23, 2016. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported Attorney Register and Matt Parker were both present to answer any questions. He pointed out this is to insure that all the legal requirements are met on everything that was approved for the transfer of the property to the Houston County Industrial Development Authority. He reported the Houston County Industrial Development Authority will handle the sale of the property to Wayne Farms, and then the proceeds will come back to the county. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to approve the emergency repair of elevator at the Houston County Courthouse and emergency repair of a 7.5 ton HVAC unit at the Houston County Health Department for a total of \$39,743.28 from the Capital Replacement Fund – Sean Curtis, Houston County Buildings.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the emergency repair of elevator at the Houston County Courthouse and the emergency repair of a 7.5 ton HVAC unit at the Houston County Health Department for a total of \$39,743.28. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt Resolution for Transportation Planning Process Agreement – Reginald Franklin, Transportation Planner, MPO.

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Reginald Franklin, Transportation Planner, MPO, to come forward. Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Transportation Planning Process Agreement. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Franklin to explain the Agreement. Mr. Franklin reported this is updating what is currently in place with the new legislation approved by the Federal Government. He pointed out it is a 5 year agreement. Mr. Franklin reported all members of the MPO are required to approve it. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

4. Request to approve repairs in the amount of \$1,420.00 to replace damaged RV electrical box and yard hydrant at Chattahoochee Park.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the repairs in the amount of \$1,420.00 to replace damaged RV electrical box and yard hydrant at Chattahoochee Park. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Kirkland if he had talked to the person who was responsible for the damage? Mr. Kirkland stated he had talked to him and they were exploring all avenues to get the money to pay for the damages. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported Cobb Road blew out during Thursday night's storm. He stated the pipe was replaced 2 years ago and it was upgraded 2 sizes. Mr. Kirkland pointed out they would re-visit it. The Engineer reported Windmill Road was closed for FEMA repairs. He stated they were working on County Road #55, and Blackman Road is closed.

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Dempsey when he would have the budget figures ready to go over with the Commission? Mr. Dempsey stated he hoped they would be able to meet sometime during the 2nd week of August.

Adjourn.

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