

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2017

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Chairman Culver stated he was glad to see everyone and that they were safe from all the severe weather over the weekend. Rev. Chad Hixson, Pastor, Rehobeth Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The chairman reported Rev. Hixson had graciously hosted the Governor at his church 3 weeks ago when the tornado struck in Rehobeth and 4 lives were lost. Commissioner Jackie Battles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as amended on Item #5 of the Regular Agenda to state: Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver commended EMA Director, Chris Judah, and his staff along with all the volunteers who worked tirelessly this past weekend with the three severe weather events. The chairman reported everyone worked well together, and he stated they did a great job informing the public, and he felt the more you can get the information out the better. Chairman Culver reported we were very fortunate in Houston County, and he stated prayers go out to the people in Georgia.

The chairman reported he had received a letter from the Alabama Historical Commission informing him that the Water Works Standpipe located behind the Administration Building at the intersection of East Powell and North St. Andrews has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Culver reported he was going to remove Item #1 on the Regular Agenda – Request to adopt Resolution in support of ATRIP-2 Bond Issue. He stated a joint meeting with Henry and Dale County Commissions would be held on February 2nd, at 6:00 P.M., at Headland High School, in order to allow anyone who might have questions regarding the ATRIP-2 Program to have them answered. He stated the Resolution would then come back to the Commission at its first meeting in February. Chairman Culver reported the 5 counties in our region would receive around \$75 million for road resurfacing. He thanked Probate Judge Money for hosting the meeting in Headland.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution in support of ATRIP-2 Bond Issue.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to remove the request to adopt the Resolution in support of the ATRIP-2 Bond Issue. Commissioner Shoupe seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from EMA to approve 6LEL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 – Chris Judah, Director, EMA.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to grant EMA's request to approve a 6LEL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported these grants are normal and customary. He pointed out Houston County serves as a flow through with it going to the City of Dothan. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request from EMA to approve 5ICL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00 – Chris Judah, Director, EMA.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to grant EMA's request to approve a 5ICL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. Request from EMA to approve 5LEL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$13,166.80 – Chris Judah, Director, EMA.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to grant EMA's request to approve a 5LEL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$13,166.80. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

5. Request from EMA to approve 5ATL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$18,428.14 – Chris Judah, Director, EAM.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to grant EMA's request to approve a 5ATL Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$18,428.14. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve budget amendment for Road and Bridge Department for the purchase of a new pick-up truck – Bill Dempsey – CAO.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Road and Bridge Department for the purchase of a new pick-up truck. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was budgeted last year and it came in this year. He stated this is an administrative move. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

7. Request to award bid for the replacement of the Administration Building's roof to the low bidder meeting specs – Sean Curtis, Maintenance Manager.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to award the bid for the replacement of the Administration Building's roof to Marty Robbins Roofing, low bidder meeting specs, in the amount of \$137,500.00. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

8. Request to authorize repairs to the fire protection tank at the Industrial Park – Sean Curtis, Maintenance Manager.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to authorize Coast to Coast, the sole bidder, in the amount of \$130,000.00, to repair the fire protection tank at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

9. Request to approve emergency repairs to the Jail Chiller #3 in the amount of \$39,314.00 from the Capital Replacement Fund – Sean Curtis, Maintenance Manager.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the emergency repairs to the Jail Chiller #3 in the amount of \$39,314.00 from the Capital Replacement Fund. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Commissioner Battles asked about the number of chillers. Mr. Curtis stated there were 3. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

10. Request to change security guard provider at Houston County Community Corrections – Tony Weber, Director, Houston County Community Corrections.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to change the security guard provider at the Houston County Community Corrections to DSI Security Services, next lowest bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

11. Request from Sheriff to approve budget amendment for the replacement of a vehicle – Captain Bill Rafferty – Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to grant the Sheriff's request to approve the budget amendment for the replacement of a vehicle. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

12. Request to adopt Resolution to resurface County Road #33 South from Highway #84 East to Lucy Grade Road, approximately 3.704 miles.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution to resurface County Road #33 South from Highway #84 East to Lucy Grade Road, approximately 3.704 miles. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Commissioner Siquefield asked Engineer Kirkland how many cross drains would be involved on the project? Mr. Kirkland stated he did not know yet because this is just the preliminary paperwork to get started. It was pointed out federal funds would be used on the project. The chairman called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer

Mr. Kirkland reported some trees were down from the severe weather over the weekend, but no major roads were damaged. He pointed out the following 5 roads were closed: Hodgesville, Edsel Deese, St. Mary, McCoy, and Blackman. He stated Hodgesville Road would be closed a couple of weeks.

County Attorney – there was no report

Commissioner Sinquefield asked if there would be pick-up of the storm debris from this weekend? Mr. Kirkland reported the free pick-up is still in the path of the storm 3 weeks ago. He reported there were crews working all over the county with downed trees, and he did not know how that would work.

Adjourn

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