

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MARCH 13, 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 W. J. Dempsey, CAO

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Ray McKenzie, Pastor, Cloverdale Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Commissioner Shoupe reported the person to make the presentation regarding the Wicksburg Volunteer Fire Department 's program was unable to make it due to a family member having surgery today. He stated the item would need to be rescheduled.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – “Kick Butts Day” – Mrs. Judy Guiler, Tobacco Prevention Manager, Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership – Harli Pettis and Morgan Brazier, Youth Council members and students at Rehobeth High School

Chairman Culver asked Mrs. Judy Guiler and her two guests, Ms. Harli Pettis and Ms. Morgan Brazier, Youth Council members, and students at Rehobeth High School, to come forward. Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring March 15th, as “Kick Butts Day” in Houston County. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Guiler. She thanked the chairman and commission for their support, and she stated this would be the 11th year they have participated in “Kick Butts Day.” She pointed out there would be an event on March 14th at their office located at 3124 West Main Street from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Guiler reported the Youth Council members would be holding a Press Conference at that time also. She called on Ms. Harli Pettis who reported that “Kick Butts Day” is a day set aside for the youth across America to stand up against big businesses in opposition to tobacco use. She and Ms. Brazier talked about the effects of tobacco products. Chairman Culver thanked the Substance Abuse Partnership for the great job they do every day in our community.

2. Proclamation – “National Agriculture Week” – Mr. William Holman, Executive Director, and Mrs. Laura Stakelum, Public Relations Director, Landmark Park

Chairman Culver asked Mrs. Laura Stakelum, Public Relations Director, Landmark Park, to come forward. He reported Mr. Holman was not present. Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring March 19th-25th, as "National Agriculture Week." Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Stakelum. She thanked the chairman and commission for the Proclamation. She stated Mr. Holman was unable to attend due to working with school children at the park. Mrs. Stakelum reported they were dedicated to keeping agriculture alive, and March 18th, from 10:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M, would be their Annual Spring Farm Day. She invited everyone to attend. Mrs. Stakelum pointed out they were celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year. Chairman Culver thanked Mr. Holman and Mrs. Stakelum and the other staff members for all they do.

Regular Agenda

1. Request from the Wiregrass Foundation for site work for the Dothan Regional Public Safety Training Center project.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request from the Wiregrass Foundation for site work for the Dothan Regional Public Safety Training Center project. Chairman Culver reported this was presented on Thursday. He stated Dr. Barbara Alford, Mr. Chris Judah, EMA Director, and Captain Bill Rafferty, Sheriff's Department, were all present if anyone had questions. There being none, the chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from Houston County Industrial Development Authority to assist with site work for expansion and addition of jobs at Next Level Apparel – Mr. David Parsons, Chairman, Houston County Industrial Development Authority.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request from the Houston County Industrial Development Authority to assist with site work for expansion and addition of jobs at Next Level Apparel. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was explained and discussed on Thursday. He thanked the media for the great job they did covering it. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt Resolution honoring First Responders at the Alabama State Games.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring First Resonders at the Alabama State Games. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is a big undertaking and they have been working hard to try to identify all of them in our area. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

4. Request to approve budget amendment for \$39,588 for the purchase of radios – Bill Dempsey, CAO.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the budget amendment for \$39,588 for the purchase of radios. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is a flow through

and will not affect the bottom line. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

5. Request to adopt Resolution authorizing notice of public hearing, public hearing, and meeting to address amendments of the county's subdivision regulations – Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the notice of the public hearing and meeting to address amendments of the county's subdivision regulations. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called on County Attorney Register who stated the public hearing would be held prior to the commission meeting on March 27th. He reported there was no requirement to publish the notice in the news paper, but should be posted in the locations that the county normally places their notices. Chairman Culver 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 –

County Engineer Kirkland reported there were 4 roads closed for cross drain repairs: Eddins, Roy Williams, Skipper, and Wicksburg Road. Commissioner Shoupe asked about the completion date on Wicksburg Road? Mr. Kirkland reported depending on the weather, it should be completed in a week.

Adjourn

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded; and it carried unanimously.