

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MAY 22, 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, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark S. 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 Harvey made a motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

#### Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, is Memorial Day, and county, state, and federal offices will be closed. He stated he hoped while people were at the beach and the lake that they would take time to reflect on those who gave their all so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. The chairman reported that Sunset Funeral Home would be having their annual Memorial Day ceremony, and he urged people to attend.

The chairman pointed out the Alabama State Games are just around the corner and they are honoring the First Responders this year at the Opening Ceremonies. He stated the ceremony would last approximately 1 ½ hours, and will be televised on Alabama Public TV. Chairman Culver urged everyone to go and enjoy the event.

The chairman reported this year's first Foster Fest held this past Friday night was a success. He stated it will be held the third Friday of the month through October. He urged everyone to participate in the event.

Commissioner Siquefield reported the City of Ashford's Farmer's Market would be open Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, at the Depot. He urged everyone to come out and support the local farmers.

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is done annually, and sent to ADEM. He stated Jerry Richards handles this for the county down at the park. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to approve contract with municipalities for tower usage.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to grant the request to approve the contract with municipalities for tower usage. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the contracts are with the Towns of Cottonwood and Columbia, and will be used for the communications center. He stated the commission appreciated the cooperation from these two municipalities. He pointed out they are working on some other contracts. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request from the Jail to award bids for Conductive Electrical Weapons (CEW's) – Commander Keith Reed.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to award the bid for 25 Conductive Electrical Weapons (CEW's) to Gulf States Distributors, the only bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

4. Request to award bid for Hot Plant Mix to low bidder meeting specs – Road and Bridge Department.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to award the bid for Hot Plant Mix to Mid South Paving, low bidder meeting specs, for a total bid. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Engineer Kirkland reported the following roads were closed: Blackman, Eddins, St. Mary, Gene Terry, and Adkinson Roads. He stated all roads but Adkinson were closed for cross drain replacements. Mr. Kirkland stated they were going to have to get the state involved to come and look at Adkinson Road.

County Attorney – there was no report

Commissioner Battles asked Mr. Kirkland if the portion of Blackman Road near the National Peanut Festival had been resurfaced? Mr. Kirkland stated it would be done when the entire road is done.

Commissioner Shoupe reported the last time Adkinson Road was closed there was a problem with people going around the barricades, and he asked the engineer to look into that. Mr. Shoupe pointed out the people who live on the road can go down to Judge Logue Road, and have access to their road.

Commissioner Sinquefield asked about Eddins Road? Engineer Kirkland reported that they were working on the final cross drain. He pointed out there were 11 that had to be replaced.

Adjourn.

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