

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JUNE 12, 2017

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Shoupe

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. The chairman reported Commissioner Shoupe was out of town on an economic development trip. Rev. Mark Kocsis, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Siquefield 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 the Alabama State Games were held over the weekend. He stated the Opening Ceremonies were held Friday night, and it was a great event. He thanked the Dothan Eagle for their excellent coverage. The chairman also thanked the representatives of the Alabama State Games for the outstanding job they did, and he thanked all of the young athletes who participated. He pointed out over the last 2 years, the event has been the number #1 tourist attraction for our area. Chairman Culver reported the First Responders were recognized at the opening ceremonies and it was very well done. He also thanked the other partners, City of Dothan, City of Ozark, and the Dale County Commission. The chairman reported Alabama State Games goes to Huntsville for the next 2-3 years, and he stated they look forward to bringing the event back to our area.

Chairman Culver reported Foster Fest will be Friday, June 16th. He encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to go out and enjoy the event.

Regular Agenda

1. Request from EMA to approve budget amendment to increase the EMA budget by \$6,000, and to increase the APCO budget by \$35,000 – Chris Judah, EMA Director.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment to increase the EMA budget by \$6,000, and to increase the APCO budget by \$35,000. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this item was discussed at length on Thursday, and Mr. Judah and Mr. Dempsey did a great job presenting the request. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

2. Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Troy University and the Houston County Commission for the Wicksburg Tower usage, and authorize the Chairman and Sheriff's representative to make minor changes.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Troy University and the Houston County Commission for the Wicksburg Tower usage, and to authorize the Chairman and the Sheriff's representative to make minor changes. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported he had received another copy of the agreement from Troy University that contained some minor changes since they met Thursday. He pointed out the latest agreement was in the commissioner's packets and the changes were in red. He stated they would work these out with Troy University. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt Resolution for Houston County Solid Waste Management Plan as required by ADEM – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Houston County Solid Waste Management Plan as required by ADEM. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported as required by law, there had been a Public Hearing on this prior to the Commission meeting. He stated all the requirements by ADEM had been met. (Please see in Resolution Book)

4. Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals: 1997 Dodge Van (Community Corrections Trash Collections), assorted office furniture (old desks), metal shelving, folders and binders, and assorted copiers and scanners – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the items to be sold on GovDeals as follows: 1997 Dodge Van (Community Corrections Trash Collections), assorted office furniture (old desks), metal shelving, folders and binders, and assorted copiers and scanners. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer

Mr. Kirkland reported the following roads were closed: Adkinson Road, St. Mary Road, Gene Terry Road, and Malvern Road.

County Attorney – there was no report.

Commissioner Battles complimented Mr. Kirkland on the great timing on the Malvern Road project. Mr. Kirkland stated they hoped to begin paving on Blackman Road in the next week or so. He was informed of the Fireworks Show at the National Peanut Festival on July 1st.

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Sean Curtis, County Buildings, how much longer the roofing project at the Admin Building would take? Mr. Curtis reported they had been hampered by the rainy weather, but it should be completed in two weeks.

Adjourn

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