

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, County Attorney Pres Register, Asst. County Engineer Brittney Clayton, and Chief Administrative Officer William J. Dempsey.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the February 26, 2018 Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were present.

Jim Tate, Pastor at Memphis Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe led in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Commissioner Doug Siquefield made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Culver announced that over the weekend new Houston County Queens were crowned and announced the winners as follows: Future Little Miss, Camille Thompson; Little Miss, Ellie Welejski; Young Jr. Miss, Bailee Bertsch; Jr. Miss, Taylor Jones; Teen Miss, Lydia Douglass; Miss Houston County, Avery Chatham Griffith.

Chairman Culver also announced that the first Foster Fest of the year will be held this Friday night and Jon Jam Benefit is Saturday. The combined events are being called "Collide" and should be two great events. He encouraged everyone to attend and support downtown Dothan.

Commissioner Battles reported that the Core of Engineers are working on the boat landings at Omussee Park, particularly Little Abby boat landing, and will begin working on Omussee boat landing this week. Due to previous floods, sand buildup has been a major problem and the landings have been impossible to use.

Commissioner Doug Siquefield announced that Ashford will be having a Spring Day Event on Saturday, March 9th.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Request to make Appointments to the Dothan-Houston County Library System; Gloria Jeffcoat and James Etheredge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to approve annual Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License fees for Houston County.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the fees and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Culver noted that this is a normal, customary and annual process for the Commission to approve the fees, but added that the commission does not have the authority to change the fees as the ABC Board sets the yearly amounts.

3. Request for an \$11,600 budget amendment for consultant to assist with grant writing and revenue sources – Chris Judah, EMA Director

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the amendment and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rickey Stokes reported in the absence of Director Judah. He stated that this position is a contract position and not an employee of the county. Therefore, no benefits will apply to this position meaning no further cost will be added to the County besides the \$11,600 that is being requested. Chief Administrative Officer William Dempsey asked if this contractor will be compensated weekly, per grant written, per grant received, or on a retained basis. Mr. Stokes replied that the contractor could be paid by-weekly or monthly, due to the fact that writing and receiving these grants is very time consuming and could take weeks and months to process the paperwork and receive the funding. Chairman Culver stated that whichever is easier for the accounting department would be the answer. Mr. Dempsey stated that a monthly invoice from the contractor would be the best option.

4. Request to enter into lease/purchase agreement with Five Star Credit Union for purchase of six motor graders – William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Request to enter into lease/purchase agreement with Five Star Credit Union for purchase of eight T-800 dump trucks – William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Request to purchase specialized mission equipment with Award Number 6LEL, \$10,000 pass through grant and accompanying budget amendment – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the request and it carried unanimously.

7. Request Budget Amendment for purchase of generator with FEMA match – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Battles seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request to approve bid for motor grader blades – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Request to sell filing cabinets and miscellaneous computer equipment on GovDeals – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Attorney – No Report

County Engineer – 3 Closed Roads: Adkinson, County Road 33 and Bridge on State Line Road.

Commissioner Shoupe asked what the timeline is for the repairs to Adkinson Road and Ms. Clayton stated that the recent rain has delayed work but their goal is to be finished as soon as possible and as weather permits. She added that it is hard to give an exact date not knowing the weather situation.

Commissioner Battles commended the Road and Bridge Dept. on the excellent job they did with the road blockade on State Line Road. Chairman Culver stressed that a road blockade is there for a reason and to please not try to go around it.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.