

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 12, 2018

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

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the March 12, 2018 Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were present.

Mark Benson, Pastor at Dothan First Assembly, gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Doug Siquefield reported on this past weekends' Spring Day in Ashford. He stated that it was a tremendous success and was very well attended and he thanked everyone that was involved in making this event happen.

Commissioner Siquefield also announced that as Chairman of the "Spirit of Service Day", for Houston County, the press conference to kick-off this event will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. This is an annual event and this marks the 29<sup>th</sup> year that it has taken place. The ACCA is co-sponsoring this year's state wide event and the main focus is PALS, People Against a Littered State. Mr. Siquefield urged everyone to participate in this event and clean up our county. Chairman Culver added that Spirit of Service Day began with an idea from former Commission Chairman Robert Crowder and the event has grown tremendously over the years which include many projects of beautification and assistance to the various agencies in our community. He encouraged everyone to get involved with this wonderful event.

Chairman Culver then stepped to the podium and asked Ed Pritchard to come forward to make his presentation. Mr. Pritchard awarded the 2017 Alabama State Trooper of the Year Award to Tom Norman and the 2017 Deputy of the Year Award to Jason Grantham. In the absence of Deputy Grantham, Sheriff Donald Valenza accepted on his behalf. Mr. Culver thanked Mr. Pritchard and the VFW for recognizing these local men that serve our citizens to make this community a safer place. Mr. Pritchard stated that this is a national project and he is honored to recognize these outstanding officers.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Request to award bid for publication of the 2018 Houston County Voter List as required by Alabama Code 17-4-1 – Patrick H. Davenport, Judge of Probate

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

2. Request to adopt Resolution in support of polling place changes approved on February 12, 2018 – Patrick H. Davenport, Judge of Probate

Commissioner Sinquefield made the motion to approve the request and Commissioner Battles seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Request to adopt Resolution in support of use of electronic poll books in Houston County Elections – Patrick H. Davenport, Judge of Probate

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

4. Request from Industrial Development Board of the City of Dothan to assist with grading and tax abatement for economic development project – Matt Parker, Administrator, IDB

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

5. Request from Dothan Downtown Redevelopment Authority to partner with the City of Dothan and private sector on Foster Fest enhancements – Jamie Bienvenu, DDRA Executive Director

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve \$25,000 at this time and reevaluate another appropriation at another time. Commissioner Battles seconded this motion. Commissioner Sinquefield commented that his concerns at this time are other needs in the county. With the participation at the Ashford event this past weekend, Commissioner Sinquefield feels that his focus is on the towns and communities in the rural areas and other needs of the departments in the county.

Chairman Culver called for the question and the vote was: YEAS: Commissioners Harvey, Battles, and Shoupe. NAYS: Commissioner Sinquefield. The motion passed.

6. Request to sell (10) NK780 2 way radios on GovDeals – Road and Bridge

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Attorney – No Report

County Engineer – 3 closed roads; County Rd. 33, Adkinson, and Edsel Deese

Chairman Culver thanked the County Engineer and the Road and Bridge Dept. for their hard work in completing the Fortner Street project this past Saturday in such a timely manner.

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