

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
July 9, 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, Chief Administrative Officer William J. Dempsey.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the July 9th, 2018 Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were present.

Commissioner Jackie Battles gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver mentioned that in spite of the heat and rain that Foster Fest, held this past Friday night, was a tremendous event. He commended everyone involved in the planning of the monthly event and encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the next Foster Fest which will be held on August 3rd. He also reminded everyone that on Tuesday, July 17th, there will be a run-off election and asked everyone to exercise their right to vote. They expect a very low turnout but he encouraged everyone to take just a few minutes of your day and vote for your choice of candidate.

Commissioner Siquefield reported that the 186th National Guard Engineer Company was welcomed home Saturday night at the Farm Center. The company had been deployed to Kuwait for almost one year and there was a large crowd there to welcome them home. He thanked the Sheriff's Department and all first responders for their help in all they did Saturday for the welcoming. He also stated that on Saturday, July 14th, the Town of Ashford will be holding a school supply drive at the Ashford Depot and also the weekly Farmer's Market will be going on. He encouraged everyone to come and participate.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to make appointment to fill vacancy on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Revolving Loan Fund Board – Alice Beckham

Commissioner Doug Siquefield made a motion to approve the appointment of Alice Beckham to the SEARPD Loan Fund Board and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Battles. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to approve the 2017 insolvents, error and taxes in litigation and uncollected insolvents and litigations for previous years for final settlement with the State of Alabama – Starla Moss, Revenue Commissioner

Commissioner Shoupe made the motion to approve the request from the Revenue Commissioner. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt resolution to transfer building located at 179 N. Foster Street to the Dothan Downtown Redevelopment Authority and to authorize Commission Chairman to execute documents

Commissioner Battles made the motion to adopt the resolution transferring the building and authorizing Commission Chairman to execute documents. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver announced that Former Mayor Pat Thomas was present to speak on behalf of the DDRA. Mr. Thomas approached the podium and thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to partner with the DDRA and make this possible.

After the call for the question, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment for inmate drug and medical supplies from \$85,000 to \$170,000 – Major B. Rafferty, Houston County Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from Sheriff's Department to approve Budget Amendment to add five (5) additional deputies effective 8/1/18 in the amount of \$42,340.40

Commissioner Battles made the motion to approve the budget amendment to add the additional deputies. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked the Sheriff if he would like to comment on this budget amendment. Sheriff Donald Valenza came forward to the podium and stated that they are looking forward to implementing this into the schools to give the parents some peace of mind for the safety of the children. This would place an armed deputy at each county school. He thanked the Commission and the Houston County School Superintendent for all their efforts in this endeavor.

After the call for the question, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Request to approve Budget Amendment decreasing the 2017-2018 appropriation to the Houston County School Board by \$41,667.00

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment decreasing the 2017-2018 appropriation. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – One Closed Road – Peach Farm Road

County Attorney – No Report

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