

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
August 27, 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 reported that the commissioners had just returned from their annual conference which was held last week. He stated that today's meeting would be operating under slightly different rules since there was not an administrative meeting held last Thursday.

Chairman Culver called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order, declared a quorum as all commissioners were present, and welcomed everyone to the August 27, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting.

Hunter Pugh, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver requested that an item be added to the agenda. A letter from the City of Dothan Department of Planning and Development had been received since the Agenda was completed. The City is requesting a Wayfinding Sign to be placed at the County parking lot located on the south side of W. Main St. With there being no objections, the request was added to the agenda as item number five.

Chairman Culver continued by commending Commissioner Doug Siquefield for being elected President of the ACCA Workman's Compensation Board of Directors for the year 2019. He pointed out that the county's insurance funds are becoming self-sustained as of the first of the year.

Commissioner Brandon Shoupe acknowledged that the Wicksburg FBLA is in attendance along with the Student Council of Wicksburg High School. He thanked the students for coming out today and observing the Commission Meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request for 010 Lounge Retail Liquor License – Class I License – Whiskey Throttle Saloon, 14805 U. S. Hwy. 84 West, Wicksburg, AL 36352 – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request for the Liquor License. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to reject Food Service Program Bid – JL0739 – Sheriff's Dept.

Major Rafferty with the Sheriff's Dept. approached the podium and explained that they had gone through the bid process and sent out the bids for the Preparation Meals for the Houston County Jail, which also serves the City of Dothan as well as Community Corrections. Three vendors responded to the pre-bid meeting and one of those backed out because they could not meet requirements, therefore leaving two vendors going forward with the bid process. An issue has occurred in being that a bid was sent in via Fed-Ex and the bid did not arrive on time since the county offices are closed on Fridays when it was delivered. They did have one vendor that submitted their bid on time. Major Rafferty stated that there were no specifics stated on the bid that the offices were closed on Friday's therefore the County could not receive bids on that day. The Sheriff's Dept. feels that it would be unfair to all vendors that went through the process and unfair to Houston County to not have an option of two bids and be able to go with the lowest bidder meeting specs. Chairman Culver clarified that none of the bids were opened or divulged to anyone and Major Rafferty responded that there was one bid opened at 9:00 a.m., which was the cutoff date and time. The other vendor bid was not received until after 9:00 a.m. Chairman Culver asked when the bids were due and Major Rafferty responded that they were due last Monday, August 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Siquefield asked if Fed-Ex had the package in time and Major Rafferty responded that Fed-Ex did have the package but could not deliver due to the offices of the Houston County Administrative Building being closed on the Friday in which they tried to deliver. The bid was delivered the following Monday after the closing time of the bid and the package is still unopened.

Chairman Culver asked County Attorney Pres Register to come forward for questions. Chairman Culver stated that the County offices have been closed on Fridays for ten years and he asked Mr. Dempsey if we have ever had a problem with Fed-Ex trying to deliver on Friday's before. Mr. Dempsey pointed out that the bid was not the problem, but requiring having the bid submitted prior to Friday. The bid should have been required to arrive by Thursday. Chairman Culver stated that legally the bid had until Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. to arrive. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Register if there was any allowance in the bid law to use the bid since there was an attempt made and the bid is still sealed. Mr. Register responded that he would need to do some research on this and review it but that it should not take long to do this.

Chairman Culver suggested that the request be granted pending the County Attorney's research if the bid is legally receivable or not. After some discussion, Commissioner Curtis Harvey made a motion to table the request to reject the Food Service Program Bid and Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. The motion to table the request carried unanimously.

3. Request to award bid for Aluminized Coated Roadway Drainage Pipe – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Doug Siquefield made a motion to approve the request to award the bid for Aluminized Coated Roadway Drainage Pipe and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to sell miscellaneous computer equipment on GovDeals – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Doug Siquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. Request to approve new location of Dothan Wayfinding Sign – City of Dothan

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

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – One closed road – S. Park near the county line

County Attorney – No Report

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