

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 14, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinuefield, 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 May 14th, 2018 Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were present.

Lyle Peluso, Pastor at Vineyard Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver began by reminding everyone that the next regular commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th, 2018 due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 28th. He continued by recognizing staff member Sean Curtis for recently completing the Building Operator Certification Level 1 Training Course and earned his certificate of completion. This certification included 74 hours of classroom training, 7 open book tests and 5 project assignments. Chairman Culver congratulated Mr. Curtis for this accomplishment.

Chairman Culver then asked Mr. William Dempsey to stand to be recognized for his recent award of The Administrator of the Year from the Association of County Administrators of Alabama. Chairman Culver commented that this award is very well deserved and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Houston County.

Commissioner Sinuefield commented on two local schools, Cottonwood and Wicksburg, which recently excelled in their Robotics Competition during a regional competition which included students from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi. Cottonwood High School took top honors in their division and Wicksburg placed first in theirs. Commissioner Sinuefield commended these students and their schools for their involvement and dedication to this competition.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Foster Care Month” – Leslie Kelly, Jessica Oppert, and Anna Nolen

Chairman Culver stepped down to the podium and Jessica Oppert and Anna Nolen joined him for the presentation of the “Foster Care Month” Proclamation. He then asked for a motion to approve the proclamation and it was made by Commissioner Jackie Battles and seconded by Commissioner Doug Sinquefield. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Culver read the proclamation which stated that in Houston County alone there are one hundred sixty children and youth in foster care that are being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family. These families open their homes and play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect. Chairman Culver then proclaimed May as “Foster Care Month” and presented the proclamation to Jessica Oppert. He thanked the representatives for coming to the commission annually to bring awareness to foster care and stated that foster parents serve a tremendous role in our community and they are not thanked enough for doing what they do unselfishly. He asked Ms. Oppert for comments and she began by thanking the commission for acknowledging “Foster Care Month” and stated that foster care parents are the “un-sung heroes” for doing what they do and that it often goes unnoticed. DHR is very grateful for these foster parents and all they do and the sacrifices that they make on a daily basis to nurture these children.

2. Proclamation – “Small Business Week” – Hayden Camp, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Culver asked Ms. Hayden Camp to come forward to accept the proclamation for “Small Business Week”. Commissioner Doug Sinquefield made a motion to approve the proclamation for “Small Business Week” and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Culver read the proclamation which stated that small business owners in Houston County actively perpetuate the open competitive marketplace which is vital to our free enterprise system. In addition, local business owners are recognized as leaders in the social and economic development of Houston County. Therefore, Chairman Culver proclaimed May 14th – 18th as “Small Business Week”. He thanked Ms. Camp for giving the commission the opportunity to recognize the small businesses and particularly some that have done very well in our community. Hayden Camp commented that since 1963 the U.S. Small Business Association has set aside one week out of the year to honor the accomplishments of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, innovators, and small business advocates. This week was set aside to celebrate the drive and ambition of our entrepreneurs and shine the spotlight on business and help the local consumer understand why supporting the small businesses is one of the best things they can do for their community. Ms. Camp also stated that 84% of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership is made up of small businesses. She continued by reporting of local events that would be taking place this week to recognize small businesses in our community.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to approve 7LET pass-through grant from Homeland Security for Dothan Police Dept. Bomb Team and approve accompanying budget amendment – Chris M. Judah, EMA Director

Commissioner Jackie Battles made a motion to approve the pass-through grant and accompanying budget amendment. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Request to award bid for Flexmat-Tied Concrete Block Material to lowest bidder meeting specs – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Doug Sinquefield made a motion to approve awarding the bid and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to award bid for Hot Asphaltic Plant Mix to lowest bidder meeting specs – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Curtis Harvey made a motion to approve awarding the bid and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – One closed road E. Cook Road

County Attorney – No Report

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