

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 24, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinquefield, 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 April 24, 2018 Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were present.

Ralph Sigler, Lead Pastor at Harvest Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Doug Sinquefield 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 commending everyone that was involved in "Houston County Gives Day" held last Friday at Eagle Eye Outfitters. This was the seventh year of the event and it continues to grow each year. "Houston County Gives Day" began with twelve agencies in its inception and last Friday thirty-seven agencies were represented. These are all non-profit organizations in our community that are available to provide services to those in need.

The weekend continued with the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spirit of Service Day" on Saturday. Chairman Culver and Commissioner Doug Sinquefield visited many communities in which there were various projects and activities going on. He thanked Commissioner Sinquefield for chairing this year's event and is looking forward to next year's 30<sup>th</sup> annual event.

Chairman Culver reminded everyone that the annual Elected Officials VS The Media Softball game will be held this Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Colby & Bottoms Field near Rip Hewes Stadium. The event is a fund raiser for the Wiregrass Area Food Bank and this is the 9<sup>th</sup> year the event has taken place. He stated that the Elected Officials were victorious last year and they intend to be this year. This is a fun event for a good cause. Chairman Culver encourages everyone to come out and bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Concluding the game, anyone is invited to dine at Red Elephant Restaurant as they will be donating 15% of all sales to the Food Bank.

Chairman Culver announced that a public forum will be held on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Houston County Library on N. Oates Street to meet the candidates for the Houston County Commission District 2 & 3 race.

Chairman Culver also announced that the second commission meeting to be held in May will be on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Shoupe thanked the EMA for their great job in keeping everyone informed this past weekend during the inclimate weather in our area on Sunday. The alerts and emails were very much appreciated.

#### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

##### 1. Recognition – Richard Odom, Sarah Odom & Darryl Austin

Chairman Culver asked Commissioner Siquefield to step to the podium. Commissioner Siquefield then asked Mr. Richard Odom and Mr. Darryl Austin to come forward, as Mrs. Sarah Odom could not attend. Commissioner Siquefield also asked EMA Director Chris Judah and Rickey Stokes to come forward as well. Commissioner Siquefield began by stating that Houston County has some of the most wonderful people that think of others before themselves. During a recent trailer fire in the Cowart's area, Mr. & Mrs. Odom and Mr. Austin were able to get the resident out of the burning trailer to safety. The trailer was a total lost due to the fire. If it had not of been for these citizens, there would have been a fatality that day in Houston County. Commissioner Siquefield concluded by thanking Mr. Odom and Mr. Austin for their bravery and unselfishness that day.

##### 2. Recognition – 2018 Houston County Queens

At this time Chairman Culver asked the 2018 Houston County Queens to come forward. He began by stating that each year the Commission has the opportunity to recognize the queens and each year they are so proud to do so. The following young ladies were recently crowned to represent Houston County: Future Little Miss – Camille Thompson, Little Miss – Ellie Welejski, Young Jr. Miss – Bailee Bertsch, Junior Miss – Taylor Jones, Teen Miss – Lydia Douglass, and Miss Houston County – Avery Griffith. Chairman Culver thanked Houston County Pageants, Inc., for the outstanding job they do. He stated the county has done very well with the queens in

the National Peanut Festival competition, and he felt Little Miss and Miss would do very well this year.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to award bid for telephone and internet service provider – Danny Cumbie, IT Director

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to award the bid for the telephone and internet service provider. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver stated that this is awarded to the low bidder meeting specs. Chairman Culver called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to award bid for security services at the Community Corrections Work Release Facility – Tony Weber, Director Community Corrections

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to award the bid for security services at the facility and Commissioner Harvey seconded. Chairman Culver commented that there was only one bidder that met the requirements, which is also the same service provider that is in place at the current time. Chairman Culver called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to authorize budget amendment for 2017/2018 Reappraisal Aerial Photography – Starla Moss, Revenue Commissioner

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. Chairman Culver stated that the City of Dothan and the State of Alabama share in the cost of the aerial photography and they have requested to move their share of the cost to this year's budget instead of next year, as previously approved. This is the purpose of the budget amendment. Chairman Culver called for the question and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment and expenditure of revenue from sale of 2006 Komatsu Excavator to purchase new CAT 336FL Excavator – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the budget amendment and expenditure and Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Request to sell 2005 Ford Explorer from Sheriff's Dept. on GovDeals – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to sell the 2005 Ford Explorer on GovDeals. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – Road Closures: E. Cook Road

County Attorney – No Report

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