

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
June 10th, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinquefield, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, County Attorney Pres Register, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, and Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the June 10th, 2019, Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as the majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

Absent: Commissioner Ricky Herring

Rev. Clark Cornelius, from Grace Anglican Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Doug Sinquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Sinquefield and seconded by Commissioner Harvey. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver reported that Foster Fest was well attended last Friday night and he announced that "Music by Moonlight" will be held on June 13th and June 27th at Landmark Park and "Screen on the Green" will be held on June 20th at the Wiregrass Art Museum and he urged everyone to support these local events.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition – 2019 Houston County Queens

Chairman Culver stepped to the podium and began by saying that this is always the commission's favorite meeting of the year because they get to recognize the future of Houston County, what it looks like and what good hands it's in. He asked the 2019 Houston County Queens to come forward and then he introduced each one and presented each of them a Houston County pin. After he introduced each young lady, they commented on what they had been doing since they received their title. The following were recently crowned to represent Houston County: Future Little Miss Houston County is Maebry Marler and she attends Northside Methodist Academy; Little Miss Houston County is Maggie Wells and she attends Rehobeth Elementary School; Young Jr. Miss Houston County is Jessi Catherine Danford and she attends Northside Methodist Academy; Jr. Miss Houston County is Brinley Harrell and she attends Houston Academy; Teen Miss Houston County is Natalie Carlson and she attends Rehobeth High School; Miss Houston County is Addison Reynolds and she attends Houston Academy. Chairman Culver ended

by saying how much he appreciates the girls representing Houston County so well and that they will be a part of the Houston County family forever. A round of applause was given to all the young ladies.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to approve budget amendment for generator at Road and Bridge to track along with the timing of grant funding – Peter Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Engineer Barkley Kirkland reported that this is a generator that was installed about five months ago and was previously approved. The funding is now being received from a grant which is why the budget amendment is necessary. Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Polyengineering related to the Wastewater Treatment Facility – Peter Covert, Chief Administrative Officer and Sean Curtis, Maintenance Manager

Chairman Culver reported that Mr. Covert and Mr. Curtis were available to answer any questions concerning this item and that the money for this had already been budgeted for, as work to be done at the Wastewater Treatment Facility was discussed at the previous years' budget. This has been delayed in hopes that assistance could be available but this has not happened and the work needs to move forward since the budget year is running out. He added that the county has a contract with Mr. Jerry Richards for the operation of the wastewater facility, the testing, and the monitoring of the sewage plant but this particular item is a structural type project which falls under Mr. Curtis and not Mr. Richards. Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to negotiate and enter into the contract with Polyengineering. At this time, Chairman Culver called for any comments and he recognized Mr. George Trotter and asked him to come forward. Mr. Trotter stated that he did not realize that the county had any wastewater treatment plants and that he thought they (treatment plants) were all municipalities out of Dothan. Chairman Culver responded by telling Mr. Trotter that this facility is at the county industrial park at the state line and it only covers facilities in that park. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Request to execute lease agreement with DDRA on small piece of land adjacent to courthouse parking lot pending DDRA approval and survey and authorize Chairman to execute and negotiate documents.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the executing of the lease agreement with DDRA and Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver commented that this is a small piece of grass that is behind Sticks and Cones, located on Foster Street, and it will potentially be used by several businesses in the downtown area. He added that the county has no function with the piece of dirt other than mowing and taking care of the trees located on it and that the county is not the entity that needs to be negotiating with private businesses in the downtown area and that the DDRA is the proper agency

for negotiations. When called for the question, and with there being none, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve job reclassification for the position of Survey Party Chief – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request for job reclassification and Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked Assistant Engineer Brittney Clayton to come forward to explain this item. Ms. Clayton commented that this particular job has become much more difficult in the past year as it has become more technical. The Personnel Board has updated the job description to include the new qualification requirements for this position and they have approved this job reclassification. Commissioner Shoupe clarified that according to the paper work submitted, there is no additional funding needed for this and there will not be any budget amendments for this year. Engineer Kirkland confirmed that this is correct. After calling for the question, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – Four Closed Roads at this time; State Line, Lanier, Dee Clark, and Indigo Pond

County Attorney – No Report

Meeting adjourned.