

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Culver, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Ricky Herring, County Attorney Pres Register, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, and Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Houston County Commission Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as a majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey and Commissioner Brandon Shoupe

Lt. Austin Sturdivan gave the invocation and Commissioner Doug Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER

Chairman Culver began by announcing that the National Peanut Festival was a tremendous success with wonderful weather and good crowds each night. The parade was also very well attended and the weather could not have been better. Chairman Culver continued by congratulating the Houston County Pageant Group for winning the overall float prize. Additionally, he announced that yesterday was Veteran's Day and it was a good day to remember our Veterans that gave us our freedoms that we live with each day.

Commissioner Siquefield commented that the Peanut Festival was a great event and he wanted to thank the Dothan Police Department, Houston County Sheriff's Dept., and the Dothan Fire Dept. for their assistance and help in making everything run smooth with traffic and participation of the events. He also thanked all the veterans for their service and the towns and schools that held events for the recognition of Veteran's Day.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – "Little Miss National Peanut Festival Maggie Wells Day"

Chairman Culver stepped down to the podium and called Miss Sophie Richards, the current Little Miss Houston County, to the podium to recognize her as she was recently crowned due to Little Miss Maggie Wells becoming Little Miss National Peanut Festival. Chairman Culver presented Miss Richards with a Houston County pin and asked for any comments. A round of applause was given for Miss Richards.

Chairman Culver then asked Miss Maggie Wells to come forward. He stated that Miss Wells has had a good time for the last week during all the Peanut Festival events. He then asked for a motion for the proclamation and Commissioner Sinquefield made the motion. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairman Culver commented that they are very proud when a Little Miss Houston County, or Miss Houston County, becomes Miss National Peanut. He reported that the Houston County Pageants team does a tremendous job with the queens and a long line of representatives have done extremely well. Chairman Culver read the proclamation and presented it to Miss Maggie Wells. He congratulated Miss Wells and told her that today is her special day and to go and enjoy it and they appreciate the great job she has done in her role. A round of applause was given by all. Miss Wells commented that it has been an honor to have the chance to be Little Miss Peanut and that it is a blessing that God has provided for her and thanked everyone. Another round of applause was given for Miss Wells.

## 2. Proclamation – “Salvation Army Recognition” – Lieutenant Austin Sturdivant

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the “Salvation Army Recognition” Proclamation and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Chairman Culver then read the proclamation and presented it to Lt. Sturdivant and thanked him for all their efforts and the tremendous partnership the Salvation Army has with the County. He mentioned that the kettle drive is approaching and the County vs City Bell Ringing event will be held in a few weeks. Chairman Culver reported that the County’s United Way Campaign has just been completed and he is proud to announce that there was almost a \$2,600 in donations from last year. There were twenty-one fair share employees compared to last year there were only seven. Chairman Culver thanked all the department heads for their hard work and for the Salvation Army’s participation in the drive this year. Lt. Sturdivant announced that the Salvation Army Kettle Kick-Off is set for this Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and he thanked everyone for their participation with the Salvation Army and United Way donations.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Request to award ACCA Joint County Bids

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to award the ACCA Joint County Bids and Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. Chairman Culver stated that this is an annual item as Houston County is the awarding county for the State ACCA Joint County Bids. He asked for any questions or comments and Mr. George Trotter identified himself and asked what bids they were referring to. Chairman Culver answered that these are the ACCA Joint County Bids and Mr. Trotter asked what they are bidding for. Chairman Culver reported that there are a lot of bids and it is for the entire state of Alabama for the ACCA. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to enter into a finance agreement with Regions Bank for (2) Front End Loaders – Peter B. Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to enter into a finance agreement with Regions Bank and Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to sell office copier and misc. office equipment on GovDeals from Community Corrections Dept.

Commissioner Herring made the motion to approve the sale of the items on GovDeals. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Request to award bid to Mr. Love for the lease of land at the Industrial Park on State Line Road – Peter B. Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – A bid has been received for the land on State Line Road. Chairman Culver asked the County Attorney if that can bid can be awarded by unanimous consent and County Attorney Pres Register stated that this would need to be added as an agenda item. Chairman Culver stated that this would need to be agenda item #4 and it would be to award the bid to Mr. Love to continue farming the land at the Industrial Park on State Line Road.

County Engineer – 2 closed roads; in N. Broad St. in Cowarts and closing County Road 81 beginning on Monday.

County Attorney – No Report

Meeting adjourned.