

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 13, 2020

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

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the January 13, 2020, Houston County Commission Regular 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

Pastor Taylor Rutland, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Dothan, gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and the special called meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Shoupe. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER

Chairman Culver began by welcoming back Commissioner Siquefield as he has been under the weather. He also mentioned that the Dothan Area Young Professionals will be hosting their annual Aces for the Arts charitable event on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and he encouraged everyone to attend. This will be held at the Cultural Arts Center. Commissioner Shoupe commented that Wicksburg High School Symphonic Band has been invited to play at the Alabama Music Educators Association annual conference and normally this honor is reserved for larger bands and university bands. He continued by stating that Ms. Lori Hart has done a great job at Wicksburg High School and added that the school currently has two bands, a marching band and a symphonic band. Chairman Culver added that we have an abundance of talent in our community.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to appoint Valencia Flowers to the Dothan-Houston County Library System

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to appoint Valencia Flowers to the DHCLS. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Request to adopt resolution to provide Tier I Benefits to Tier II Plan Members – Sheri Garner, Personnel Department

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded. Chairman Culver reported that this was discussed on Thursday on what it would mean to the current employees and the retention factor. Also, the survey that was conducted showed that 98% of the responses were in favor of the change. After a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously to approve the request to adopt the resolution.

3. Request to award bid, to lowest bidder meeting specs, to replace chiller at Houston County Courthouse – Sean Curtis, Maintenance Mgr.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to replace the chiller. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Request to award bid to lowest bidder meeting specs for roof projects at the Courthouse, Board of Education, Personnel, and DHR Buildings – Sean Curtis, maintenance Mgr.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to award bid for (2) 2020 Chassis Crew Cab Trucks – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to award the bid for the (2) 2020 Chassis Crew Cab Trucks. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Request to sell the following items on GovDeals; Tahoe, Gator, shelving and tamps – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to sell the items on GovDeals. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – 4 closed roads; County Road 81, Silcox Rd., Flourney Moore, and Broad St.

Engineer Kirkland added that Broad Street has about another week of work to be done. Work is still going on at the proposed round about at Taylor and S. Park Ave. No road closures are expected this week, but delays could be expected.

County Attorney – No report

Commissioner Sinquefield asked Engineer Kirkland if Alabama Power had been contacted concerning the issue of the fiber optic lines being run under the road. Engineer Kirkland responded that the project has been stopped until they can meet and Alabama Power will have to obtain the proper permits to go under the roads. Alabama Power will be responsible for the damage that was done to the road (Silcox).

Meeting adjourned.