

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 27, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, County Attorney Pres Register, Acting County Engineer Veronica Goins, and Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert.

Chairman Culver welcomed everyone to the January 27, 2020, Houston County Commission Regular Meeting and called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Lynn Miley, of Westwood Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Ricky Herring led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER

Chairman Culver began by commending the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce for the meeting they conducted earlier this morning with the Legislative Delegation as it was a well attended event. He added that even though everyone does not always agree with what the Legislative Delegation does, everyone should feel blessed to have the Delegation that we have as they work well together for the good of the people in our area.

Commissioner Siquefield congratulated Walter Hill, and his entire staff and volunteers, at the Wiregrass United Way for exceeding their goal in this year's campaign drive. He also thanked the Houston County Employees for their pledges and donations as well and noted that participation for the county was up twenty-five percent this year. Commissioner Siquefield reported that those donations will be going towards area agencies such as House of Ruth, Wiregrass Hope Group, and many others and will be beneficial to those in need. Chairman Culver added that because the United Way met their goal, the Wiregrass Foundation will donate an additional \$400,000 to WUW. Chairman Culver thanked the Wiregrass Foundation for all they do for our community as well.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to reappoint Adam Hartzog to Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request to reappoint Adam Hartzog to the SEARPD. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve temporary polling place change for Taylor City Hall for the 2020 Primary and Runoff Elections – Patrick Davenport, Judge of Probate

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the temporary polling place change and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt resolution authorizing participation in the ACCA Liability Fund for calendar years 2021-2023 and execute the 2021-2023 ACCA Liability Self Insurance Fund, Inc. Participation Agreement – Peter Covert, CAO

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve expenditures for jail medical staff Liability Insurance and accompanying budget amendment – Peter Covert, CAO

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve budget amendment for refund from ACCA for Jail Training Classes – Major Bill Rafferty

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve budget amendment for revenues and expenses for repairs to include Sprayer Trailer and Fortner Street Bridge – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. Chairman Culver commented that this is an in and out on expenditures and revenues which results in a net zero amount. When called for the question, the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to adopt Resolution establishing a public hearing to address amendment to subdivision regulations – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request to adopt Resolution establishing a public hearing to address amendment to subdivision regulations. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported that this public hearing will be held immediately before the next regular commission meeting on February 10th, 2020. The proposed amendments to the subdivision regulations will be discussed at the next Administrative Meeting on February 6th. Commissioner Shoupe asked how the community will be informed of the proposed changes. Chairman Culver asked County

Attorney Pres Register to come forward and explain the process. Mr. Register stated that as far as what is required by law, a notice is all that is required. The resolution presented today has the proposed ordinance that will amend it and will be available in the commission office. The notice of the public hearing will be posted in the regular areas. Chairman Culver commented that this will be on the agenda for the next meeting. When called for the question, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Request to sell a 2013 Ford Escape on GovDeals – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request to sell the 2013 Ford Escape on GovDeals. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – 3 closed roads; County Road 81, Flourney Moore, and Broad St.

South Park Roundabout construction has begun as the county completed their portion last week and the city was to begin today.

County Attorney – No report

Meeting adjourned.