

MINUTES OF HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2007

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Bobby R. Snellgrove, Commissioner Frances M. Cook, Commissioner Phillip L. Forrester, Gary Sherrer, County Attorney, Justin Barfield, Acting Engineer, and Roy Roberts, Administrator

ABSENT: Mark Pool, Engineer

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum was present, and welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Commissioner Curtis Harvey. Commissioner Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported he needed the media's assistance in notifying the public that the portion of Brannon Stand Road between Flowers Chapel Road and Fortner Street would be closed to through traffic March 27th between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. The chairman pointed out there had been a bad accident there on March 22nd and the dirt containing the fuel spill would be removed and replaced with clean soil. He urged everyone to please be aware of the road closing. Chairman Culver also instructed the Road and Bridge Department to notify the businesses located along that stretch as well as the residents that would be affected.

Chairman Culver reported he planned to write a letter of appreciation to Dr. John Burgess for his heroic efforts on March 23rd, at an accident that occurred near Webb. He pointed out Dr. Burgess was traveling to Dothan and was right behind the wreck. Chairman Culver reported one young man died at the scene, and he felt due to Dr. Burgess' quick actions he saved some other lives.

The chairman pointed out Ms. Diedre Turner, reporter for WDHN, had taken a job in Atlanta and would be leaving Dothan at the end of the week. He thanked Ms. Turner for the fair coverage she had given to the county, and wished her well.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to extend bids on reinforced concrete, MC-70 prime, and seed for six months.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to extend the bids on reinforced concrete, Mc-70 prime, and seed for six months. Commissioner Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

2. Request from Dothan City Board of Education and Houston County Board of Education to adopt a Resolution asking the Legislature to amend local bill extending termination date of sales tax.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request from the Dothan City Board of Education and Houston County Board of Education to adopt a Resolution asking the Legislature to amend the local bill extending the termination date of sales tax. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked for any discussion? There being none, the chairman called for the question on the motion, and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Liquor License Request – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) – Eric Lee Young and Jessica Lee Sampson d/b/a J & E Grocery, 9360 E. State Highway 52, Webb, AL.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request for a retail beer license (off premises only) for Eric Lee Young and Jessica Lee Sampson d/b/a J & E Grocery, 9360 E. State Highway 52, Webb, AL. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Liquor License Request – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) – Eric Lee Young and Jessica Lee Sampson d/b/a J & E Grocery, 9360 E. State Highway 52, Webb, AL.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to approve the retail table wine license (off premises only) for Eric Lee Young and Jessica Lee Sampson d/b/a J & E Grocery, 9360 E. State Highway 52, Webb, AL. Commissioner Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from the Town of Avon for the county to build/construct parking lot at the Town Hall.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request from the Town of Avon for the county to build/construct parking lot at the Town Hall. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. The chairman reported this project is per the county's normal and customary policy where the Town of Avon will pay for the materials and the county will do the work. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Staff:

a. County Administrator

Mr. Roberts reported Amsouth and Regions had merged and this would cause a change in the name on the anytime teller that is located on the county property. Mr. Roberts stated he did not think it would require any action by the commission, he just wanted to make them aware of it. Mr. Roberts reported if the commission had no objections, he would execute the necessary paperwork.

b. County Engineer

Mr. Barfield, Acting Engineer, reported the bridge, located between Highway #52 and Old Webb Road, on Omussee Road is open.

c. County Attorney – There was none.

Adjourn.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.