

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JULY 12, 2010

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Bobby R. Snellgrove, Commissioner Frances M. Cook, Commissioner Phillip L. Forrester, Gary Sherrer, Attorney, Mark Pool, Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, established that a quorum was present, and welcomed everyone. He reported it should be a relatively brief meeting, and one item would be deleted from the agenda. Rev. Cliff Morrison, Associate Pastor, Bay Springs Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Cook led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Forrester seconded; and the motion seconded. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

### Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reminded everyone to go to the polls and vote in the run-off on July 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated the Probate Judge had prepared everything that would allow anyone who would like to vote to do so. The chairman reported the polls would be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., and he hoped it would be a good turnout.

Sheriff Hughes reported there had been some construction work at the Water and Electric Complex on South Park. He stated he had spoken with the Probate Judge and he had been and looked at it, and there would be at least one deputy to assist the public getting in due to the construction. The Sheriff asked people to come on and vote.

Chairman Culver reported there was roadwork ongoing on Choctaw between the Circle and Westgate Parkway. He stated that road is closed and people going to vote at Westgate will have to go around.

Commissioner Snellgrove asked Mr. Pool if the road was closed on S. County Road #33? Mr. Pool stated yes. Commissioner Snellgrove stated the road was closed south of Lucy Grade on County Road #33 between it and Sweetie Smith Road, and it could possibly impact some people going to vote. Mr. Pool reported they were doing underwater work on two bridges. He stated this portion will be closed for approximately a month and a half. Chairman Culver reported polls are open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., and there was plenty time for people to go vote regardless of the construction work, and he encouraged them to take another route.

Chairman Culver reported when the commission receives accolades from citizens on employees, they like to mention them. He stated Ms. Cheryl West, a friend of his, contacted him and commended Mrs. Lakreshia Hendrix in the Sanitation Collections Department. The chairman reported Ms. West stated "Mrs. Hendrix was so helpful, and was perfect because she understood things that she could not explain

to anyone else.” The chairman stated it is always good when they receive nice comments back from the public. He asked that this be passed on to Mrs. Hendrix and let her know the commission appreciates her doing a good job, and it is noticed.

#### Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – “Amputees Across America Day” – Mr. Will Craig, DMO, Health South

Chairman Culver reported a request had been made to remove this item from the agenda, and there would no presentations.

#### Regular Agenda

1. Appointment to SE Alabama EMS Council.

Chairman Culver reported the recommendation was Mr. Roger Nall. Commissioner Cook made a motion to appoint Mr. Roger Nall to the SE Alabama EMS Council as recommended. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. The chairman reported this is a regional council and the county has four appointments, and according to Clark Matthews and Fire Chief Williams is a very active council. He pointed out the county’s appointees include: Clark Matthews, Chief Jim Smith, Cottonwood, Chief Larry Williams, and Roger Nall. The chairman called for the question; and it carried unanimously.

2. Request from Alabama Power Company to use the Farm Center as an emergency response staging area.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request from Alabama Power Company to use the Farm Center as an emergency response staging area. Commissioner Forester seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve sanitation pickup outside the city limits of Ashford by the City of Ashford.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve sanitation pickup outside the city limits of Ashford by the City of Ashford. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported on Thursday it was pointed out this will bring the county into compliance with the law. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached list in Minute Book)

4. Request to approve sanitation pickup outside the city limits of Columbia by the Town of Columbia.

Commissioner Forrester made a motion to approve sanitation pickup outside the city limits of Columbia by the Town of Columbia. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached list in Minute Book)

5. Request to award bid for the cleaning of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the jail and community corrections.

Commissioner Forrester made a motion to award the bid for the cleaning of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the jail to the low bidder meeting specs, ServPro, in the amount of \$59,854.17.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The chairman reported this item was budgeted and planned. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

6. Request to extend current bid for stone delivered to county yard for another six (6) months.

Commissioner Forrester made a motion to extend the current bid for stone delivered to the county yard for another six (6) months with Johnston Trucking, LLC. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Mr. Pool reported this item used to be bid on an annual basis, but due to the economy with prices up and down they switched it to six months. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached letter in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report.

County Engineer

Mr. Pool reported the crews were working on flood damage, Fortner Street, S. Brannon Stand Road, and Jordan Avenue. He pointed out they had just completed the paving on Jones Road. Mr. Pool stated next would be Guy Branch Road near Cottonwood and Miller Street in Webb. Chairman Culver stated he had already mentioned the roads that were closed previously. Mr. Pool stated yes, a portion of County Road #33, and the Ardilla intersection.

Chairman Culver asked how long the county would be on S. Brannon Stand Road and Fortner Street? Mr. Pool stated they were getting close on S. Brannon Stand Road and it would be about a month on Fortner Street.

Commissioner Snellgrove asked about Saunders Road in Ardilla? Mr. Pool stated it would be about 2 months. He pointed out the county is only one-third of the team on the project. Chairman Culver reported the completion of the road would not be held up by the county.

Adjourn.

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