

MINUTES OF HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2006

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark Culver called the 9:00 A.M. meeting to order, established that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone. Captain Mark Gilliam of the Salvation Army gave the invocation. Commissioner Snellgrove 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 stated it is an honor and a privilege for the commission to be seated at the podium once again for four years. He reported they were thankful for the blessings that the citizens of the county had bestowed upon them. The chairman stated they understood the charge that has been given to them and they accept that charge and plan to move forward progressively as a county.

ACCA Joint Bidding Project

The chairman reported Houston County is the awarding county for the ACCA state-wide bid. He stated they opened the bids on October 27th, and it needs to be read into the minutes that those bids were opened and received on October 27th. Chairman Culver reported no action has to be taken other than to read it across the minutes. He pointed out the bids will be awarded at a future meeting.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – “Farm City Week” – Richard Murphy and Willie Durr, Co-Chairpersons and members of the Farm City Week Committee

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Willie Durr, Co-Chairperson, to come forward. Commissioner Forrester made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring November 17th through 23rd as “National Farm City Week.” Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Durr. He thanked Mr. Durr and the committee for the opportunity to recognize the interplay between the farm community and the city community. Mr. Durr thanked Chairman Culver and

he stated this year's theme is "Partners in Agriculture." He stated he thought our citizens realize from the time they wake up in the morning until they go to bed at night, they encounter products not only produced in Houston County but throughout America. Mr. Durr reported he hoped this will continue and pointed out Americans spend a relatively small amount on food compared to different countries. He stated we need to continue to appreciate the farmers and be extremely appreciative of the relationship that exists in the Wiregrass. Mr. Durr then presented each commissioner with a can of peanuts that were produced in Alabama.

2. Proclamation – "The Salvation Army" – Captain Mark Gilliam

Chairman Culver asked Captain Mark Gilliam, Mrs. Sha'nah Martin, and Mr. Lester Stewart to come forward. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing The Salvation Army. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Proclamation and presented it to Captain Gilliam. He thanked Captain Gilliam for the wonderful work they do all across the nation and the world, and stated the commission looked forward to signing up for a time when they can ring the bell. Mrs. Martin encouraged everyone to come to the Wiregrass Commons Mall on November 17th, at noon and participate in the kickoff of the Angel Tree. She reviewed other events that will be scheduled throughout the holiday season. Mrs. Martin pointed out there are over a 1,000 families who have already signed up for assistance this year. Captain Gilliam thanked the commission on behalf of The Salvation Army.

Consent Agenda

1. Request to re-appoint Commissioner Frances Cook to the National Peanut Festival Board.
2. Request to award bids for 15 cubic yard pull pan, 275 h.p. 4 wheel drive tractor, 5 cubic yard loader, and 190 h.p. crawler dozier.
3. Request to change November 23rd Administrative meeting to November 22nd due to Thanksgiving.
4. Request to award bid on oil, grease, and fluids.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to approve the consent agenda to re-appoint Commissioner Frances Cook to the National Peanut Festival Board, award bids for 15 cubic yard pull pan, 275 h.p. 4 wheel drive tractor, 5 cubic yard loader, 190 h.p. crawler dozier, and oil, grease, and fluids to the low bidders meeting specs in each category, and to change November 23rd Administrative meeting to November 22nd due to Thanksgiving. Commissioner Harvey

seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached bid summary sheets in Minute Book)

Regular Agenda

1. Request to set schedule for meetings.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to set the commission meetings on the second and fourth Mondays at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to construct parking area for Veteran's Memorial Park.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to grant the request to construct the parking area for the Veteran's Memorial Park as per the county's policy. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the county's policy includes doing all of the labor and equipment, etc., but it does not include the materials. Mr. Forrest Register of the Veteran's Memorial Park Committee, reported he had received word that someone would be covering all of the materials. He thanked the commission for their support. Chairman Culver reported this is an outstanding project and he commended the committee for getting this project done with private funds. He stated he thought it said a lot about the project as well as the way the community feels about the veterans. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to renew agreement with GovDeals.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to renew the agreement with GovDeals to be backdated to October 31, 2006. Commissioner Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment to bring the Water Study from FY 2005-06 to 2006-07.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the budget amendment to bring the Water Study from FY 2005-06 to 2006-07. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

5. Request to approve budget amendment on Phase 1 Taylor Road property from the Houston County Port Authority - \$2,200.00.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the budget amendment on Phase 1 for the Taylor Road property from the Houston County Port Authority in the amount of \$2,200.00. Commissioner Forrester seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was work on Phase 1 to purchase the property that the Port

Authority was billed for when the commission thought the Port Authority was going to end up with the property. He reported since the Port Authority is not going to have the property they have requested the commission pay the bill. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

6. Request to approve re-classification – abolish one Construction Supervisor position and create one Road Foreman position (\$6,885 per year savings including benefits)

Commissioner Cook made a motion to grant the request to approve the re-classification to abolish one Construction Supervisor position and create one Road Foreman position for an annual savings of \$6,885 per year including benefits. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7. Request to approve budget amendment for installation of antenna for Sanitation Repeater System in the amount of \$5,098.00.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment for installation of antenna for Sanitation Repeater System in the amount of \$5,098.00. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. The chairman stated this is basically the same as the water study in that it was money in last year's budget but did not get billed until this year. The chairman called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

8. Request from Houston County Schools for assistance with the following:
 1. Construction of road connecting Ashford Elementary School to the Industrial Park Road.
 2. Construction of connecting road and teacher parking lot at Rehobeth Elementary/Middle School

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request from Houston County Schools as per the county's policy for assistance with the following: 1. Construction of road connecting Ashford Elementary School to the Industrial Park Road. 2. Construction of connecting road and teacher parking lot at Rehobeth Elementary/Middle School. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Request to accept grant and pursue emergency purchase to meet grant requirements.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request to accept grant and pursue emergency purchase to meet the grant requirements. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. Mr. Roberts reported this is a Homeland

Security Grant that the county received notification that the time was about to expire on the acceptance of the grant. He pointed out the county originally applied for it under one set of requests and that was denied but they authorized a different set of items that had been previously approved for other counties and this will involve purchasing ten enclosed cargo trailers and those trailers will be fully loaded with equipment in an emergency situation like chainsaws, cones, radios and cameras and any other devices that would allow the 10 counties in our region to quickly respond to any emergency. He pointed out the counties will be responsible. Mr. Roberts reported Mark Pool, Shelby Womack, and Clark Matthews have worked on this. He stated at the present time, they foresee getting all of the equipment or the vast majority of it prior to the November 30th deadline. Mr. Roberts reported it was placed on this agenda because they would not have time to get it if it was not approved today. He pointed out this will certainly be a worthwhile project. Commissioner Cook asked if there would be some type of sign-in sheet in order to keep up with all of the items? Mr. Roberts stated an agreement will be developed for each community to accept responsibility for the items that are in their trailer as well as the trailer. Commissioner Cook stated the commission wanted the items to be there when they are needed. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

1. Administrator

Mr. Roberts reported the county had received a check in the amount of \$13,408.00 for a Workmen's Comp refund on the county's premiums. He stated it is basically a redistribution of the ACCA's self insured plan. He reported he had received the final sales tax numbers for this past year and there was a 5.72 percent increase in our sales tax revenues. Mr. Roberts stated that was good healthy growth and the county has been pretty persistent for several years.

He reported bids were opened on computers and normally this would be placed on the next agenda but three of the computers are needed immediately. He asked that the commission authorize the awarding of the bid based on the low bidder meeting specs? Chairman Culver asked if anyone objected to addressing this item in this meeting? There were no objections. Commissioner Cook made a motion to award the bids on computers to Gateway, low bidder meeting specs in each category, and to Dynamix Group, Inc., low bidder meeting specs, on one printer in the amount of \$8,567.00. Commissioner Harvey seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached bid summary sheets in Minute Book)

Mr. Roberts reported they are mailing requests for bank proposals to all of the area banks.

2. Engineer

Mr. Pool stated everything was going well.

3. Attorney

There was no report.

Adjourn.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.