

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JUNE 24, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner, Melinda S. McClendon, Gary Sherrer, Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Dennis Singletary, Pastor, Bluff Springs Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner McClendon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported the Admin meeting would be moved to Wednesday, July 3rd due to the July 4th Holiday.

He also stated Ms. Ashley Edlund, WTVY Reporter, would be leaving to take a job in Augusta, Georgia. The chairman thanked her for her working relationship with the county over the years, and he wished her well.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to enter into a contract authorizing Prim & Mendheim, LLC, to file suit on behalf of Houston County related to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request to enter into a contract authorizing Prim & Mendheim, LLC, to file suit on behalf of Houston County related to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported, as pointed out on Thursday, it does not mean that the county is guaranteed anything. He stated they will look and see if the citizens of the county will have the opportunity to recover funds potentially lost during that event. The chairman stated this is done on a contingency basis and there will be no cost to the county unless funds are recovered. He pointed out the city has joined in this with the same law firm and the county and the city will be doing this together. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding for 2013 Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant and the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2013 Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant and the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the

Sheriff's Department will use the funding for cameras in their vehicles. He stated the cameras are exceedingly important. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Minute Book)

3. Request to adopt Resolution entering into a contract with ALDOT for a grant related to digital mapping of Houston County with an 80/20 match.

Commissioner McClendon made a motion to adopt the Resolution entering into a contract with ALDOT for a grant related to digital mapping of Houston County with an 80/20 match. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this year the county is redoing the aerial photography. He pointed out ALDOT has requested the ability to use some of the information and has offered this grant. The chairman expressed appreciation to Ms. Starla Moss Matthews, and Mr. Greg Holland for moving forward on this and trying to recover some funds. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

4. Request to enter into an Agreement with ALDOT to resurface Fortner Street from Cumbie Road to just west of Brannon Stand Road, approximately 5.783 miles.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to enter into an Agreement with ALDOT to resurface Fortner Street from Cumbie Road to just west of Brannon Stand Road, approximately 5.783 miles. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is an approved ATRIP project along with the road in the next item on the agenda, and there will be four more before the end of November. He reported the work will be done on the two on the agenda, and the bid will be let at the end of the month. Chairman Culver stated the contractor has 90 days to begin work. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

5. Request to enter into an Agreement with ALDOT to resurface Judge Logue Road from SR-123 to U.S. 84, approximately 5.403 miles.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to enter into an Agreement with ALDOT to resurface Judge Logue Road from SR-123 to U.S. 84, approximately 5.403 miles. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is the same situation as in Item #4. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

6. Request to reject bids on the Disposal of Inert Waste Materials.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request to reject bids on the Disposal of Inert Waste Materials. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Mr. Kirkland reported they have been hauling to Rose Hill located on the edge of Dale County. He pointed out they have not met all of the \$15,000 threshold to tie the county into a contract. Mr. Kirkland reported they were going to reject the bids. He stated there is another facility on Omusee Road and when they are on the west side of the county they will haul to Rose Hill and when they are on the east side of the county they will haul to the Omusee Road facility. Mr. Kirkland reported this would make it more efficient and allow them to do a better job. He stated there is only \$.50 a ton difference in price. Chairman Culver reported inert waste

is not household garbage; it is building materials and limbs and other debris. He stated there is a much lower price per ton for inert waste by disposing it at these two landfills. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request from the Houston County Board of Education for 30 loads of dirt to be delivered to Houston County High School.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request from the Houston County Board of Education for 30 loads of dirt to be delivered to Houston County High School. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Mr. Kirkland reported a pipe was laid at the football field and they want help with the dirt. Chairman Culver stated the commission appreciates them doing that. He stated it would be good to know if the school or the school system laid the pipe. Mr. Kirkland stated he would find out, but he thought the school system laid the pipe. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Dempsey expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sean Curtis and Mr. Danny Cumbie for their work over the weekend installing the phone system. He stated with the new system the band width should be significantly increased. Chairman Culver reported he had noticed that the internet works much faster than it did and particularly out at Road and Bridge.

County Engineer – there was no report

County Attorney – there was no report

Adjourn.

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