

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 2013

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Mark Kocsis, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Siquefield 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 reminded everyone that there would not be an Administrative meeting on August 22nd due to the commissioners being out of town at the annual ACCA Conference. He reported they would meet on Monday, August 26th.

The chairman stated although Mrs. Debbie Hussey was not present, he wanted to recognize her and congratulate her for 20 years of service to the county. He reported she works in the Personnel Department. He asked Mrs. Thompson to please tell her.

Chairman Culver reported that the Old Howell School was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He stated some people may know it as the pajama factory or Dothan Manufacturing Company. Chairman Culver reported he thought there were plans to turn it into senior housing.

Regular Agenda

1. Appointments to the Houston County Healthcare Authority.

Chairman Culver reported the following appointments for the Houston County Health Care Authority: Mary Louise Mayo, John McDaniel, Roddy Cook, MD, and Bob Theune. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to re-appoint the above mentioned to the Houston County HealthCare Authority. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported there is a process involving the HealthCare Authority and a nominating committee and each commissioner appoints a member to serve a 6 year term on a rotating basis. He stated this board has been very progressive over the last several years. Chairman Culver reported the Alabama College of Medicine on the east side of the county is spurring significant growth on that side of town, and it is in part due to the foresight of these board members. He thanked the commission for appointing good people who can make good decisions. The chairman reported these are the most important appointments made by the commission. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Re-appointments to the Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council – Chairman Mark Culver and Commissioner Doug Siquefield.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to re-appoint Chairman Mark Culver and Commissioner Doug Siquefield to the Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to authorize to begin the abandonment/vacating road process for I.C. Road.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the authorization to begin the abandonment/vacating road process for I.C. Road. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this will begin the process and once everything is done the commission will vote again. Mr. Sherrer reported there would be a public hearing at a commission meeting. The chairman stated it would be publicized when it comes up. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to adopt SE Alabama Solid Waste Authority Resolution.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the SE Alabama Solid Waste Authority Resolution. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported for many years the Houston County Commission has been part of and initiators of the SE Alabama Solid Waste Authority. He stated, as has been discussed, the county now does other things with its solid waste, and the contract with them ended earlier this year. He reported pending approval by the authority, this resolution will terminate the county's relationship with them and remove the county's board members because they would no longer be necessary. Chairman Culver reported the county's board members are Bill Dempsey, Jackie Battles, and Mark Pool, who is already removed. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

5. Request to award bid to APAC Mid-South, Inc., Birmingham, AL for the resurfacing and traffic striping on County Road 22, County Road 33, and Nuclear Plant Road, and issue matching funding.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to award the bid to APAC Mid-South, Inc. Birmingham, AL for the resurfacing and traffic striping on County Road 22, County Road 33, and Nuclear Plant Road, and issue matching funding. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is the next ATRIP project that was let at the end of July. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

6. Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve items to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported the first pre-conference on the ATRIP projects to start the roads will be this week, and probably in the next 2-3 weeks work will begin on Judge Logue Road. He pointed out it was moving faster than the 90 days, and is actually approximately 45 days.

County Attorney – there was no report

Chairman Culver reported in 4 weeks they hoped to be prepared to have a budget before the commission for approval for the following year. He stated the process is moving along well and they are now to the point that they need the commission to make some decisions. Chairman Culver commended the department heads for the manner in which they handled their budgets. He thanked Bill Dempsey and his staff for their work on putting the information together. The chairman reported it would be up to the 4 commissioners to either approve the budget or change it.

Adjourn

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