

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JUNE 9, 2014

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 S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Henry Morris, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported Sunday, June 15th, is Father's Day. He urged everyone to remember those fathers who have passed away, and those who have fathers who are still living to spend time with them, and enjoy family time together.

The chairman reported the budget process would begin on Wednesday, June 11th, at 1:00 P.M. He stated they would have their first hearing on major capital projects and labor. Chairman Culver pointed out the meeting would be on the 2nd floor of the old Mayer Building in the Break Room. He reported the commission approved a labor study this year, and labor was going to be a very integral part of what they do.

Awards and Presentations

1. Request to adopt Resolution of encouragement for participants of WIRED 2014 – Mark Anderson, Director, WIRED 2014

Chairman Culver asked Mark Anderson, Director, WIRED 2014 and his guest to come forward. Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution of encouragement for participants of WIRED 2014. Commissioner McClendon seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Culver then read the Resolution, and presented it to Mr. Anderson. Chairman Culver reported this is a tremendous event that encourages the youth to do many great things for the community. The chairman stated the commission wanted to thank all of the people who have worked to put this together. Mr. Anderson stated he appreciated the opportunity to come and talk about this event which has been happening in the community since 2008. He reported WIRED is a local non-profit ministry that was birthed from the Columbia Baptist Association. Mr. Anderson recognized Ms. Judy Gay, who serves on their Board, and also works with the Columbia Baptist Association. He reported the event has grown each year since 2008 and it allows them to do more service in the community. He pointed out this year in Houston County, there will be over 50 ministry teams serving the county. Mr. Anderson stated there

will also be teams serving in Dale, Henry and Geneva counties. He reported in WIRED, they join together as churches, business leaders, and non-profits to do exceedingly more together than they could do alone. Mr. Anderson reported they teach them about service, and he stated WIRED is one of the largest local service organizations in the U.S. He stated they are expecting over 750 students to come to the community June 22nd-27th, and they will be taught the significance of service to others. Mr. Anderson stated they appreciate the community's support and he encouraged any businesses who would like to come and partner with them to do so. He thanked Mr. Dean Mitchell, Chamber of Commerce, for the great job he has done to help them to get the word out about their ministry. Mr. Anderson also thanked the commission for giving him the time for the recognition.

Chairman Culver reported Mr. Anderson and his family have given back to the community in other ways. He stated as everyone should know that as the proprietors of Eagle Eye that they are making a significant investment in the community with their store going in the old Northside Cinema 1 facility. He reported they appreciate his family giving back to the community and helping with the economy.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution for the dedication of public Right of Way of road off South Lena Street at the rear of Houston County West Main Parking Lot for public access.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the dedication of public Right of Way of a road off South Lena Street at the rear of the Houston County West Main Parking Lot for public access. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this was discussed on Thursday and it is hard to explain. He stated the Resolution provides that people will be able to access property forever, and without this they would not be able to. Chairman Culver stated it was the commission's intent that this be done when they bought the property several years ago. He stated for whatever reason this was not done, and this is correcting it. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to adopt Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this is done annually regarding the wastewater treatment at the sewage treatment facility at the Distribution Park. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County for the 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and Houston County for the 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported on Thursday, there was a question about the distribution. He asked Captain Tony Gonzalez to come forward. Chairman Culver stated

Commissioner Battles asked about how the money is distributed. Captain Gonzalez reported the City of Dothan handles the grant and they handle the distribution amount. Chairman Culver stated rarely does the county argue with them. Captain Gonzalez reported the county comes out in the long run with the bookkeeping issues and other issues involved with the grant. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve Interlocal Coop Agreement with the City of Dothan, the Houston County Board of Education, and the Dothan City Board of Education to let joint bids.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the Interlocal Coop Agreement with the City of Dothan, the Houston County Board of Education, and the Dothan City Board of Education to let joint bids. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. The chairman reported this is an expansion of an existing agreement in place with the City that the City and County Boards of Education can all be a part of. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to sell used dumpsters belonging to Sanitation on GovDeals.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to sell the used dumpsters belonging to Sanitation on GovDeals. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported on Thursday it was reported that there were about a dozen, but in fact, there are 45-50 dumpsters. He stated if anyone is in the market for a dumpster, they would need to go online. It was pointed out they would be placed on the GovDeals' website on June 10th. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Dempsey stated as previously reported, that the first budget meeting would be Wednesday, June 11th, at 1:00 P.M., with the department heads request for changes in labor and/or capital . He stated the meeting would be in the Break Room on the 2nd floor of the Mayer Building.

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported that are 7 roads closed with 6 of them having cross drain work. He pointed out they have also added County Road #22 and will be redoing the bridge. Mr. Kirkland stated it will take 2-3 weeks on it, and it is located on the Houston-Henry County line.

County Attorney –

Mr. Sherrer stated he had no report. He introduced Mr. Press Register, a recent graduate of the University of Alabama Law School. He stated he was excited about him joining his law firm, and hopes he can be of service to the commission. Chairman Culver stated the commission was glad to have Mr. Register.

Request to Recess to Reconvene on Tuesday, June 10th, at 4:45 P.M, to award the bid for flooring at the Administrative Building and the Personnel Building.

Commissioner McClendon made a motion to recess to reconvene on Tuesday, June 10th, at 4:45 P.M., to award the bid for flooring at the Administrative Building and the Personnel Building. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. He reported the bids on the following would be opened in the morning and he hoped they would be able to award the bids tomorrow afternoon, and then adjourn.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to reconvene the recessed meeting at 4:45 P.M. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. All commissioners except Commissioner Battles were in attendance.

1. Request to award bid for the flooring at the Administrative Building and the Personnel Building.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to award the bid for flooring at the Administrative Building and the Personnel Building to the low bidder meeting specs, McCord Contract Floors, as amended in the amount of \$126,704. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported last time there was only 1 bidder, and they rejected the bid and re-bid in order to give everybody an opportunity to bid. He reported for various reasons, there is still only 1 bidder. He stated the county would be receiving a rebate of approximately \$20,000; therefore bringing the total amended price to \$126,704. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

2. Adjourn

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