

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AUGUST 8, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Pres Register, County Attorney, Brittney Clayton, Acting County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Kevin Knight, Pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation. Commissioner Doug Siquefield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported there would be no administrative meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> due to the commissioners attending the annual ACCA meeting. He reported the commission would be operating a little different because the administrative meeting and commission meeting would be combined on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

He stated Foster Fest would be held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and he encouraged anyone who has never attended to go and participate. The chairman also pointed out the Commission's Law Enforcement Banner would be there for citizens to sign if they would like. He reported a special place will be created for the banner.

Chairman Culver stated the Wiregrass Museum of Art would be having their Annual Yard for Art Party on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for those interested in attending.

Commissioner Shoupe reported the students in county schools started back today. Chairman Culver pointed out most of the commissioners attended the Houston County Board's Teacher Institute on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated being a teacher is a special calling, and we have great teachers in the city, county, and private schools.

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request to fill vacancy on the Houston County Health Care Authority.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to appoint Taylor Knight to fill the vacancy on the Houston County Health Care Authority. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported a letter would be sent to the SAMC notifying them of the appointment. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from the Probate Judge to adopt Resolution authorizing consent to participate in the statewide electronic poll book project for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Statewide General Election – Patrick Davenport, Probate Judge.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request from the Probate Judge to adopt the Resolution authorizing consent to participate in the statewide electronic poll book project for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Statewide General Election. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

- 3 Request to replace/repair roofs of the Jackson Buildings for a total of \$35,800.00 from the Capital Replacement Fund – Sean Curtis, County Buildings.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request to replace/repair roofs of the Jackson Buildings for a total of \$35,800.00 from the Capital Replacement Fund. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Sean Curtis to come forward. The chairman reported there had been some discussion regarding the repair of the two roofs, and it was felt they could be replaced instead of throwing good money after bad. Mr. Curtis stated they were actually going to be patched and would last approximately 2 years. After discussion regarding the amount it would cost to replace the 2 roofs at Suites 262 and 260, it was reported the total cost to replace them would be \$30,000.00 leaving around \$27,000.00 in the Capital Replacement Fund. Commissioner Shoupe made a substitute motion to replace the roofs on all 3 buildings. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked for other comments. Commissioner Battles stated he agreed that replacing the roofs on all 3 was the best route to go. The question was asked about the bid process, and Mr. Curtis stated he would get with the county attorney. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

- 4 Request to approve 2 grants for the Sheriff's Department – OCDEF overtime reimbursement - \$10,000 grant and SE Alabama Highway Safety Office – overtime reimbursement - \$5,000 grant – Captain Bill Rafferty.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the OCDEF grant in the amount of \$10,000 and the SE Alabama Highway Safety Office grant in the amount of \$5,000 for overtime reimbursement as requested by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5 Request to approve ATRIP Supplemental Agreement and Resolution between ALDOT and Houston County on five (5) projects – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the ATRIP Supplemental Agreement and Resolution between ALDOT and Houston County on five (5) projects. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this agreement will allow the county to recover \$900,000 to complete the economic development project with the City of Dothan and Dale County at the airport. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

- 6 Request to approve the pre-order of a Caterpillar Rubber Tired Excavator for the FY2016-17 budget to avoid a two (2) percent price increase that will become effective the middle of August – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the pre-order of a Caterpillar Rubber Tired Excavator for the FY2016-17 budget to avoid a two (2) percent increase that will become effective the middle of August. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

- 7 Request to approve property assurance form from NRCS for EWP project on Dewberry Road – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the property assurance form from NRCS for EWP project on Dewberry Road. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

- 8 Request from the Houston County Board of Education for a driveway at Wicksburg High School for emergency vehicles to enter/exit the football field at Wicksburg Road.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the request from the Houston County Board of Education for a driveway at Wicksburg High School for emergency vehicles to enter/exit the football field at Wicksburg Road. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

- 9 Request to approve items to be sold on GovDeals – Road and Bridge.

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

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Acting County Engineer Clayton reported they were working on County Road #55, and Cobb Road was closed. She pointed out Liberty Road would be opening later in the day. Mrs. Clayton reported some weather is moving in.

County Attorney – there was no report

Chairman Culver asked Mr. Steve Carlisle, EMA Director, to come forward for an update on the weather. Mr. Carlisle reported most of the rain is going to occur in the Big Bend area. He stated our area should get 1-2 inches of rain.

Adjourn

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