

MINUTES OF HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
JUNE 25, 2007

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Phillip L. Forrester

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order. Rev. Michael Grimes, Pastor, Grandview Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Frances Cook.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver thanked the Henry County Water Authority. He stated one of the county's top priorities on their long range plan is to establish water throughout the county. The chairman reported the Houston County Water Authority was recently approached by the Henry County Water Authority who is interested in running some lines into Houston County to serve some residents at no cost to the Houston County Water Authority and to the Houston County Commission. He pointed out the Houston County Water Authority voted to allow them to run the lines. Chairman Culver reported it has been the county's stance the whole time that they do not care whose water is in front of houses just so everyone has water. He stated that the Henry County Water Authority would be running lines along Houston County Road 22, Folmar Drive, Everett Way, Center Church Road, and Houston County Road 55. He reported most of these roads run along the Henry/Houston County Line. He expressed the commission's appreciation to Henry County for their willingness to work with Houston County on achieving their goal of taking steps in order to get water to all citizens of the county.

The chairman congratulated Commissioner Harvey on the celebration that was held on Sunday in Newville at Commissioner Harvey's church in honor of his first year of pastoral leadership.

Chairman Culver reminded everyone about the public hearing at the Ashford Depot, at 6:00 P.M. He reported there is a CDBG grant for a water expansion project that is being applied for by the SE Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission in a small area below Ashford on Cosby Road. He urged everyone that might have an interest in the water program to attend.

The chairman recognized Mr. Justin Barfield for passing his Engineering exam, and congratulated him on behalf of the commission.

Mr. Pool reported in order to be a registered engineer, Mr. Barfield had to get a degree from an accredited university, take an 8 hour exam while he was going to college, and work under another professional engineer for 4 years. He stated Mr. Barfield had to apply to the board to take a test, and also had to take another 8 hour test. He stated now that Mr. Barfield has his license, he has to take 15 hours of continuing education for a year and adhere to a Code of Ethics.

Mr. Barfield reported he did work 4 years under Mr. Pool, and he was a good teacher. Mr. Barfield then recognized his mother and grandmother.

Chairman Culver reported in the last few weeks there have been a rash of fatalities in Houston County and just outside of Houston County. He stated very few of them have been on county roads but his concern is the number of accidents. Chairman Culver reported there have been 5 fatalities, which are entirely too many and many families have been impacted. The chairman urged people to take extra time and be more cautious as they go about their travels. He stated he did not know why there had been so many accidents but most of them have been due to driver error or mechanical error.

Commissioner Harvey reported there had been discussion on Hydraulic Road in Webb. He stated some constituents wanted the road paved and some did not want the road paved. Mr. Harvey reported there is a tentative meeting scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M., at the Webb Town Hall. He stated at the meeting he will take a majority of the consensus, and that will decide whether or not the road will be paved. The commissioner reported he wanted to inform the general public.

#### Consent Agenda

1. Request to take bids for insert to go in new jail van.
2. Request to extend current paving contract with Lewis Incorporated for an additional six months.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to approve the consent agenda to approve the request to take bids for an insert to go in the new jail van and to extend the current paving contract with Lewis Incorporated for an additional six months. Commissioner Harvey seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Minute Book)

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request from Houston County Board of Education to gravel road at Ashford Elementary.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion that the commission grant the request to gravel the road from Ashford Elementary School through the Industrial Park back to old Highway 84 with no cost to the Houston County Board of Education, and Houston County will pay for gravel, material, equipment and the labor involved. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion.

Chairman Culver reported the motion that was made is in direct conflict with the county's policies as established. He then referred to the portion of the policy on Work requested by the Houston County School Board that specifically states that the Houston County School Board will pay for materials with the county supplying the labor and equipment. He reported in addition, there is a policy for doing work on roads within municipalities. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Pool if this is a city road? Mr. Pool reported it is not a county road. The chairman then read from the policy that the county engineer will be requested in writing to approve them and they will pay for all of the materials. Chairman Culver reported basically it is 50/50. The chairman reported he wanted to make sure everyone understood that the project needs to be done. He stated that they really need to pave the road, and he wished they could figure out a way to pave it instead of graveling it. Chairman Culver reported the second concern he had is that the letter the commission is addressing stated: "we respectfully request that the Houston County Commission will consider graveling a portion of the industrial road in order that Ashford Elementary may direct car and bus traffic." Chairman Culver stated the way he read the request is that it is only asking for the work to be done on the Industrial Road. He stated theoretically, the motion is beyond the scope of the request. Chairman Culver reported there was also a letter in the packet from the City of Ashford basically backing up the Board of Education's request. He stated the commission later learned that the Industrial Board owns the property. Chairman Culver reported the commission received a letter from the Industrial Board that day stating what Commissioner Snellgrove's motion contained, and they also requested that the culvert be widened. He pointed out now they were talking about pipe. The chairman stated he felt there was a lot of confusion about this and conflict with policies. He reported he was for doing this project and keeping the school kids safe, but he did not know if the commission could properly address what is before them because what the commission is being asked to do is not really what the letter said. Chairman Culver then recommended that the commission table this matter for two weeks and get all of the appropriate letters and commitments and come back in two weeks and vote on this and move forward as the commission should. Commissioner Snellgrove reported in the last paragraph of the letter from the Board of Education, they asked the commission to consider graveling a portion of Industrial Road in order that Ashford Elementary may redirect car and bus traffic. Commissioner Snellgrove stated that was the motion. Chairman Culver reported the motion was beyond that. Chairman Culver reported the letter requests a portion of the Industrial Road and it does not say anything about the school property. The chairman stated since the meeting on Thursday, he had heard they wanted the school property paved. Chairman Culver reported there is now a letter stating

they wanted the property paved and it is not the agenda today, and would have to have unanimous consent to be placed on the agenda. Chairman Culver stated he would like to see this matter handled properly and at the present time it is muddled up. He asked the commission to table this item. Commissioner Cook asked if there would be a problem in delaying it for two weeks in order to get all of the questions answered? Mr. Pool asked if they were talking about the rock or the asphalt? The chairman stated either or. Mr. Pool asked when school started? Mr. Tim Pitchford, Superintendent, reported the teachers start around August 10<sup>th</sup>, and the students about a week later. Mr. Pool stated there would be no problem in delaying the request for two weeks. Mr. Pitchford reported periodically as superintendent, he goes out and views traffic flow at the schools. He stated a couple of years ago, it became obvious that they had three critical safety and traffic issues. He stated the worst was at Rehobeth Elementary, and with the help of the commission and the road and bridge department, the school board owns the property and they have paved and connected Hadden Road to Highway #203. Mr. Pitchford pointed out they hope this will address the problems this school year. He reported the second one is at Wicksburg, and he planned to make a recommendation at the Board of Education meeting that night to ask the board to seek out an architect to start drawings on a K-3 at Wicksburg. He stated it is on the 80 acres of land that is owned out away from the school and that will redirect several hundred students that the traffic involved in dropping those students off and picking them up away from the gnarled traffic problem they have. He stated this leaves Ashford Elementary. He reported they were actually talking about two requests: 1. He stated he asked the commission to consider graveling a portion of the Industrial Park. Mr. Pitchford reported a few months back, the Board of Education was asked by the City of Ashford if they would grant an easement for a road adjoining Ashford Elementary for an Industrial Park Road. He stated the board quickly approved that because they saw an opportunity to address that third and final safety issue with traffic, to be able to separate bus traffic. Mr. Pitchford pointed out right now everybody is going in and out the same way. He reported he has parents and community leaders calling weekly about a serious safety issue there. He stated he thought there was a grant being applied for to pave the Industrial Park Road, and for whatever reason that has been delayed. He stated the safety issue is still there and nobody knows how long it will be before the project is complete. The superintendent reported this is not their property and he stated if it was, the commission would have a letter asking for paving and the Board of Education would try to pay for it. He stated part of the request is to gravel a portion of the road so that they can re-direct traffic out of there. Mr. Pitchford stated he did not think they could ask parents to use a dirt road especially when it is rainy. He reported the second request is because gravel and students don't mix; especially elementary students on campus. The superintendent reported the request that Mr. Pool received this morning is to pave the Board of Education's portion of that road where they have connected to the Industrial Park, and they will pay for the materials. Chairman Culver reported the request the Board of Education submitted for the paving is appropriate and proper, and he believed should be

done but unless someone wanted to ask for it to receive consent today, it is not on the agenda. Mr. Pitchford stated they do not have an issue because the paving part is not an issue if the road is not graveled because they cannot use it anyway. He reported he knew the commission had policies as did the Board of Education and he was for the rules. Chairman Culver reported when the county built the connector road, the Board of Education gave the right of way, and the intent was for the road to be paved. The chairman stated the intent is still to pave the road at some point. The chairman stated he wished the commission could figure out how to pave it, and maybe recoup the money later. He stated he did not know if they could do that working with the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Pitchford reported his intent is for the students, and their safety. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Pitchford if he had a problem with the commission tabling this item for two weeks as long as whatever work is done before the children start back to school? Mr. Pitchford stated they would like to have the work done before school starts. Commissioner Snellgrove stated the chairman had eluded earlier to several accidents resulting in fatalities within the last two weeks, and he stated they did not want the school kids, parents and grandparents to be involved in an accident because the commission is not doing whatever they can to provide safety for them. Commissioner Snellgrove asked the chairman to call for the question on the motion? Chairman Culver then repeated the motion to approve the request from the Houston County Board of Education. Commissioner Snellgrove stated the motion is to gravel the road from Ashford Elementary School through the Industrial Park for access to and fro. The chairman asked Commissioner Snellgrove if he was asking for something that is not in the request? Commissioner Harvey stated he knew there is definitely a safety issue, and it is something that will have to be addressed. Mr. Harvey stated it needed to be done before the students start back to school, and the safety of the kids is more important than anything they can think about right now. He stated he also understood policy. Mr. Harvey stated he thought the commission needed to come to some type of reason where they would all be of one accord. Mr. Pool reported when the Chairman was reading the portion of the policy on municipalities about paving a dirt road he referred to the next to the last line, the municipality will pay for all materials. He stated that is for projects that they request; that is not for paving a dirt road. Mr. Pool reported the county does not have a policy for industrial roads. He reported this is an industrial road but it has not been opened up to traffic. Mr. Pool reported there are no signs or anything as to who is going to blade it. He stated he had gotten a letter from the Industrial Board requesting the county to maintain the road and there are also some pipes toward the front and they have to be widened out. Mr. Pool stated he did not think safety needed to be confused with traffic because they are two things. He reported congestion is not a safety problem; it is a lot of cars that cannot go anywhere. Mr. Pool reported when you put speed in there then you have traffic problems. The engineer reported he had recommended a couple of years ago to cut another road through and that way there could be an entrance and exit. He stated he did not think it was good to mix truck traffic and school traffic. Mr. Pool reported the Ashford Industrial Board applied for an industrial

access grant and he stated they will not pay for something that has already been done. He stated the commission needed to forget about the county doing the work and getting back some money. Mr. Pool reported they could pave the entire road and have it done before school starts. He questioned if the road should be built to industrial access standards? He pointed out industrial access standards will run the cost up but the road will hold up to the heavy trucks. Chairman Culver stated Mr. Pool was reading from the policy on municipalities and the request on the agenda is not from a municipality; it is from the school board. He stated the other policy would be in place. The chairman pointed out it is muddled up because the school board is requesting work be done on the industrial development board's property. Chairman Culver stated his point is this is a project the commission wants to get done and it can be done in time, but there are a lot of questions. He stated the commission would probably do better to place it on the agenda and approve it some manner in two weeks. Commissioner Cook made a motion to table the item for two weeks. The chairman stated the motion to table was non-debatable. Commissioner Harvey asked why the item was being tabled? Commissioner Cook stated she was for doing the work but it would allow answers to all of the questions; and be able to go forward with the work. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver stated there was a motion to table the item for two weeks when the commission will again present it and approve it. The chairman called for the question; and the vote was: YEAS: Commissioners Cook and Harvey NAYS: Commissioner Snellgrove. The chairman declared that the motion passed. Chairman Culver reported that he and Mr. Snellgrove and Mr. Pool needed to get with Mr. Pitchford, Mayor Alloway, and the Ashford Industrial Development Board to come up with one concise request that the commission can move on in two weeks. Chairman Culver reported the request needs to come from the Industrial Development Board because they own the property. The chairman asked Mayor Alloway to come back in two weeks to the Administrative meeting and give the commission an update on the industrial access grant. Mayor Alloway reported he went to the meeting in March and it was a positive meeting with the DOT, and they told him to come back in October to hopefully get the money. Mayor Alloway reported they were talking about \$1.1 million for the DOT standards on that road. He reported there is a culvert pipe that they were addressing in the Industrial Development Board, and it is covered with the DOT access money. He stated he did know why they want to do the work now. Mr. Pool reported it is too narrow, and they were just going to extend it. The chairman reiterated that the Mayor, the Industrial Development Board, Mr. Pitchford, Mr. Pool, Mr. Snellgrove, and he needed to sit down and figure out how they want to address it and get it into one concise request from the Industrial Development Authority for the gravel, and Mr. Pitchford's letter would serve for his request. He reported Mr. Pitchford's request would be placed on the next meeting's agenda to approve. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Pool to plan to schedule the work to be done as soon as it is approved. Mr. Harvey stated the road will be taken care of before the students start back to school. Mayor Alloway stated Mr. Pool was correct in that they will have to have some type of traffic control because there will be quite a

few cars and trucks utilizing it. Mr. Pool stated they will need speed limit signs, curve signs, stop signs, etc. Commissioner Snellgrove asked if the commission was putting the people off for two weeks until another meeting so that they can be put off later? He asked if the commission was planning on taking action in two weeks? Chairman Culver stated that would be his intent. Commissioner Snellgrove stated Mr. Pool needed time to get the materials on the road. The chairman stated that was part of the discussion to make this happen by the time the children start school. Chairman Culver reported it is the intent of this commission to have it done pending nothing in nature takes place.

2. Request for a replacement laptop computer for Commission Office.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request for a replacement laptop computer for the commission office. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Roberts about the cost? Mr. Roberts stated he thought there was money to cover it. It was reported the cost would be approximately \$1,500.00. Chairman Culver reported the motion needed to include the transfer of the funds through the appropriate budget adjustments. He asked Commissioner Cook if she would amend her motion to include the budget adjustments? Commissioner Cook stated yes. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request from Maintenance to approve pavilion design for break area.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to grant the request from maintenance to consider the approval of the pavilion design for the employees' break area for the administrative building. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Mr. Sean Curtis then showed slides of two different designs. One of the designs was an open 12'x14' aluminum smoking area pavilion with handrails. He stated the hand rails could be removed. Mr. Curtis reported the top would be brown to match the administrative building. He also stated ceiling fans would be installed to help boost the air. The second design was 12'x14' and had glass panels and a brown bench in the back. Mr. Curtis stated plans were to take the bench out and place two picnic tables inside. He reported the glass panels could be deducted from the purchase and they probably would not put glass panels at every section but offset them so air could move. He reported it would be the same brown tin top stainless seam metal that is on top of the admin building. Chairman Culver asked if this would cover the complete pad that had been poured. Mr. Curtis stated yes but they were leaving room for the generator. The chairman reported the difference in the two is that one is completely open and one can have glass panels in some areas. The chairman asked Mr. Curtis if he was sure both designs would support one or two ceiling fans? Mr. Curtis stated yes. Commissioner Cook asked about the difference in the cost? Mr. Curtis reported about \$1,000 and the open one is more expensive. Mr. Curtis reported \$10,000 for one and \$11,000 for the open one. Chairman Culver asked how much was budgeted for the project? Mr. Curtis reported \$5,000 and he was going to have

money moved from his 231 fund to cover the cost. Mr. Curtis reported they have money saved on the fire alarm system that will be applied to this. Mr. Curtis reported he had originally planned for what he had shown them but much simpler. Chairman Culver stated he did not want to put something out there that would look bad next to the building. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Curtis for his recommendation? He stated he liked the glass one better. He stated there are 5-7 people who smoke and they are planning to add two picnic tables inside the pavilion. The chairman reported this is more than just for smoking. Chairman Culver asked for comments from any department heads or employees who might use the area? Mr. Pool stated he thought the bench seating would be better than the picnic tables. The chairman stated part of the design is so people can eat lunch. Ms. Nancy Bristow stated she did not think the bench in the back was a bad idea even with the picnic tables. Ms. Bristow stated she liked the glass one with some panels out. Mr. Robert McLain asked where it would be located? He stated they tried this same thing in New York City and if you have low rails and the kids can get to it they will use it as monkey bars. Mr. McLain reported a lot of children get hurt because they slip in between and try to crawl under it. He stated the ones with walls are more protective. Chairman Culver reported it would be located on the back corner of the administrative building. The chairman stated the public can get to it and he told Mr. McLain he had a good point. Commissioner Cook made a motion to amend the previous motion to approve the glass enclosed structure and to make the appropriate budget amendments within that budget. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. The chairman reported the commission was back to the primary motion. He asked Mr. Curtis if the pavilion would fit with the bench and picnic tables, and how much would the bench add to the cost? Mr. Curtis stated he did not think it would be that costly, but he would have to look that up. He stated they gave 3 feet on each side and it would mean shifting the benches from one side to the other. Chairman Culver asked Mr. Curtis what he was planning on the picnic tables? Mr. Curtis stated that was part of the discussion at budget letting the Employee Vending Fund do the picnic tables. Chairman Culver stated based on the conversation if they can figure out how to put benching on one side and not have it so tight maybe expand it a foot on either side. Commissioner Snellgrove asked what the total cost would be on the design that was selected? Mr. Curtis stated there would be some deductions because they would take out some of the glass panels. Mr. Curtis reported the price was \$11,184.00. Mr. Curtis reported that should cover everything but the tables. He stated they would be moving money but not adding money. The chairman called for the question on the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### 4. Request to establish new roads to add to the Dirt Road Paving List.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to add 30 miles of new roads to the Dirt Road Paving List. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported they are approving the process for the new roads to be added.



He stated the staff at Road and Bridge will go out and give the commissioners information as far as houses per mile, length of the road, right-of-way, etc. so they can make their determinations on which roads they want to add. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

5. Liquor License Request – Lounge Retail Liquor Class I – transfer from Night Moves, LLC to Mel’s Lounge and Package, Inc. – 14276 W. U. S. Highway 84, Newton, AL (Wicksburg Community)

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request of the transfer of the Lounge Retail Liquor Class I License from Night Moves, LLC to Mel’s Lounge and Package, Inc, - 14276 W U.S. Highway 84, Newton, AL (Wicksburg Community). The motion died for lack of a second. The chairman asked Mr. Sherrer, attorney, if the commission was supposed to notify the ABC Board that no action was taken? Mr. Sherrer stated yes. The chairman stated in order to get it on the floor a motion has to be made but there was no second to the motion.

6. Liquor License Request – Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) – Mel’s Lounge and Package, Inc. – 14276 W. U. S. Highway 84, Newton, AL (Wicksburg Community)

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License for Mel’s Lounge and Package, Inc., 14276 W U.S. Highway 84, Newton, AL (Wicksburg Community). Chairman Culver reported this is a request for a new license and does not have anything to do with the transfer. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Snellgrove asked why someone would request a transfer of a license and the next request would be for a license? The chairman stated he thought the first request was for the transfer of the on premise license, and the second one is for a new package store. Chairman Culver reported in discussion on Thursday, he had stated he was going to talk with Mr. Sherrer about this item . He stated basically what the commission just did is what they talked about doing. The chairman reported the second request has nothing to do with the ongoing controversy between the individuals; it is a new license request for a new location. Mr. Sherrer stated that was correct. He reported because of the controversy related to whether there is consent from all of the owners from the transfer, if he had been asked specifically by the commission his recommendation would have been not to take any action until that is cleared up. Mr. Sherrer reported with regard to a new license, there is not ink in the water of any type, and the commission addressing that and granting that is based on what the information from the Sheriff is probably appropriate to do.

Mr. Brad Nelson, one of the former owners of Night Moves, LLC, stated that granting permission for the second license will be involved with the same conflict

of the denial of the first license will be because the inventory that is inside the building will still be defeating what he is trying to do protect his interest. Mr. Nelson reported he had requested the former partner to submit a final inventory of everything. He stated the former partner had turned in a piece of paper to the Courthouse stating every member had signed off on it. He stated approving the package store license, which is at the same location, and not at a new location, will be the same thing he is trying to prevent from happening. Chairman Culver reported the commission understands that, but in discussion with the attorney again, all the commission can address is what is presented to them, and what Mr. Nelson has is a conflict between he and Mr. Giles. The chairman reported the inventory is really of no concern to the commission because it does not impact what they are doing. He stated according to Mr. Sherrer, the new license does not have the cloud over it that the other did because it is a new license. The chairman asked Mr. Sherrer if that was correct? Mr. Sherrer stated that was correct because a new license is a new license. Mr. Nelson stated he understood but the merchandise inside the building that is part his is going to disappear. Chairman Culver stated that was for a court of law. Mr. Nelson stated he knew that and that was why he had an attorney. He reported a motion was in court, and they were waiting on the courthouse. He stated he knew this would be a quicker way and he wanted the commission made aware of it.

The chairman asked for any other comments understanding the court of law and the commission is not going to get into that.

Mr. Allen Croson reported a new license has nothing to do with inventory past or present.

Commissioner Snellgrove stated the first request was for a Lounge Retail Liquor Class I license and the second one is for a Class II Lounge Retail Liquor license. Mr. Sherrer reported the first request was for a transfer. Mr. Snellgrove stated in the past, if the commission denies the request, the ABC Board overrides the commission. He reported the state courts have been involved in some of the decisions that the commission has made, and went ahead and allowed the people to have it. Mr. Snellgrove stated that he did not understand why the commission has to vote on it because they are going to be overruled later. Commissioner Snellgrove asked Mr. Sherrer for an explanation? Mr. Sherrer reported the Alabama Legislature passed a law that county commissions are the first tier. The chairman called for the question on the motion, and the vote was: YEAS: None NAYS: Commissioner Snellgrove and ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners Cook and Harvey. Chairman Culver declared that the motion failed 0 -1 with 2 abstentions. Chairman Culver reported the commission would advise the proper authorities.

Staff Reports:

- a. County Administrator

Mr. Roberts reported there is a request for approval that was received after the Administrative meeting for a JAG grant that deals with computers for the Sheriff's Department, and they would like for the commission to address it if they would like to do so. Chairman Culver reported it takes unanimous consent to consider it. The chairman reported the reason it is being considered today is because the Sheriff's Department received this Thursday and the grant must be submitted by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At that time, Deputy Yeomans of the Sheriff's Department, came forward and stated in the past, the Sheriff and the City have entered into the small grants, and this year, the former administration and the City were awarded \$40,198.00. He reported the county's portion is 25% or \$10,049.00. He stated the city has brought forth the laptop computers and setup in the cars with the printers, and card readers. Deputy Yeomans reported when the city priced out their systems they also priced out two high end systems for the county to go in the cars at \$8,100 each. He stated the reason it adds up to \$16,000 for 2 laptop systems is because the city added a lot of extras and the county does not need it. He asked the county to approve \$2,300 over the amount of the county's portion of the grant. Chairman Culver reported the agreement would have to be redone changing it from the \$6,151.00 to \$2,351.00. Commissioner Snellgrove asked if the Sheriff had the money in his budget? Deputy Yeomans stated no. Mr. Roberts reported this appears to be an 80/20 grant. Deputy Yeomans reported the city has it as a 75/25 grant. Mr. Roberts reported in looking at it, it appears the county is going to pay a higher price for their money than the city is going to pay for their money. Chairman Culver reported the way he understood it is the 75/25 match is the way Chief Powell and Sheriff Hughes have agreed, and they both have signed the document. Chairman Culver reported with the 75/25 match, the county will receive \$10,049 but the grant itself is an 80/20 grant. The chairman questioned the city's portion of \$2,251.00 because that figure is not 20% of \$30,000.00 they will receive. Deputy Yeomans reported the way the city has it figured the systems are \$8,100 each and for the county to come up with two systems the county would have to have \$6,151.00, He stated for them to get four systems it would be \$32,400, and they are receiving \$30,000.00 and that would leave them with \$2,400 in their 75% match. Chairman Culver stated if it is a 20% match, it does not add up to that amount. Deputy Yeomans reported they would not be responsible for matching the extra the system would cost past the grant. Chairman Culver reported the bottom line is that it is a \$40,000 grant and they have agreed that the county gets \$10,000 or 25%, and regardless of how the city's funding is done the county's amount will be approximately \$2,300.00. Chairman Culver stated what it amounts to is that the county is getting a \$10,000 grant and they are being asked for a 20% match.

Commissioner Snellgrove asked why this could not have been brought to the commission on Thursday? Chairman Culver stated it was his understanding it was brought to the Sheriff's office on Thursday after the administrative meeting.

He reported it was brought to the commission office on Friday. Chairman Culver reported the Sheriff knows the deadline for getting items on the agenda and he asked Deputy Yeomans to relay to the Sheriff to pass along to the city the county's time constraints. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request to designate the \$2,351 for the JAG grant. Commissioner Harvey seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached grant in Minute Book) Commissioner Snellgrove asked if a budget amendment would be made to handle the funding? Mr. Roberts stated there will either have to be a budget amendment or the Sheriff will have to identify some other funds to transfer to offset it. The chairman reported the motion that was made would include authorizing the necessary budget adjustments. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

b. County Engineer

Mr. Pool reminded everyone that the stop signs would be swapped at the intersection of Prevatt and Forrester Road on June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Snellgrove asked for help from the news media.

c. County Attorney – There was no report.

Commissioner Snellgrove reported there would be a fish fry and he hoped to have the date soon.

Adjourn.

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