

## MINUTES OF HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JULY 14, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Bobby Snellgrove, Commissioner Frances M. Cook, Gary Sherrer, Attorney, Mark Pool, Engineer, and Nancy Bristow, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Phillip L. Forrester, and Bill Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Acting Chairman, called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, established that a quorum was present, and welcomed everyone. Rabbi Lynn Goldsmith, Temple Emanu El, gave the invocation. Commissioner Snellgrove led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Announcements and Public Comments from Chairman and Commissioners – there were none.

### Regular Agenda

1. Request from Revenue Commissioner to approve annual errors, insolvents, supplements and escape reports.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Revenue Commissioner's request to approve the annual errors, insolvents, supplements and escape reports. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve recommendation to fill position of In-Home Service Director.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mrs. Sherri Douglas to fill the position of In-Home Service Director. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey asked Mrs. Mary Lou Strickland and Mrs. Douglas to come forward. Mr. Harvey stated Mrs. Strickland had recently retired and he thanked her for the excellent job she had done. He introduced Mrs. Douglas and she stated she was up for the challenge and looked forward to working with everyone. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request from EMA to approve budget amendment to transfer \$6,685 for Homeland Security Grant.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to approve the request from EMA to approve the budget amendment to transfer \$6,685 for Homeland Security Grant. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book.

4. Request from EMA to approve budget amendment for fuel in the amount of \$2,087.94.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request from EMA to approve the budget amendment for fuel in the amount of \$2,087.94. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

5. Request from Rabies Control to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$56.05 to purchase new dog trap.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request from Rabies Control to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$56.05 to purchase a new dog trap. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

6. Request from Road & Bridge to approve budget amendment to transfer \$50,000 to Fuel and Lubricants.

Commissioner Snellgrove made a motion to grant the request from Road and Bridge to approve the budget amendment to transfer \$50,000 to Fuel and Lubricants. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached budget amendment in Minute Book)

7. Request from EMA to enter into agreement with Lee Helms Associates for the Pandemic Influenza Operation Plan Revision. (100% grant)

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the request from EMA to enter into an agreement with Lee Helms for the Pandemic Influenza Operation Plan Revision. Commissioner Snellgrove seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey reported there was one other item that was not on the agenda:

Request to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City and County for the 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

Mr. Harvey asked Sheriff Hughes to come forward and explain . Sheriff Hughes stated this is an 80/20 grant with the county's responsibility being \$416.40. He reported the grant will provide one additional laptop computer, mounting equipment and software for a deputy's car for mobile data transmission.

Acting Chairman Harvey asked if any of the commissioners had a problem with putting this item on the agenda? There were no objections. Commissioner Snellgrove then motioned to grant the request to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dothan and the Houston County Commission for the 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Harvey called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Staff:

- a. Chief Administrative Officer – there was none.

b. County Engineer

Mr. Pool reported there is no trash pick-up program. He stated they are averaging .67 inmates a pay and they cannot run a program like that.

He reported there are some new federal guidelines out that will require every sign in Houston County to be replaced with much brighter type material. He pointed out the county has until 2015 to complete the project. Mr. Pool stated they would be breaking the county into sections and would be doing one section at a time. He reported the cost would be approximately \$150,000 in materials. Mr. Pool reported there would be a lot of labor involved because they would pull the signs down, bring them to the shop, put the new faces on them and then put them back out. He reported the county will not have to buy new signs; just new sign faces.

Mr. Pool reported the construction and the light at the intersection of Murphy Mill Road and Brannon Stand Road should be underway by the next commission meeting.

He stated the guardrail project that had been discussed previously should have begun.

Mr. Pool reported the new paint striper should be here and working by the next commission meeting.

He stated the bridge at Brannon Stand and Fortner is on schedule. Mr. Pool reported they were working well and most of the time they work 7 days a week. He stated they do anticipate working more than that when the project gets a little further along.

Mr. Pool reported they were speeding the bond resurfacing up due to the increase in fuel costs. He pointed out there is a fuel index in the contract and each month it changes and it is going up. Mr. Pool reported instead of doing the project during the winter, the next 25 miles of resurfacing should begin by the next commission meeting.

c. County Attorney – there was none.

Commissioner Snellgrove asked on the sign project if it was mandated by the federal or state government and if there would be any grant money to cover any of the expense? Mr. Pool stated it was mandated and there would be no grant money because everyone in the country has to do it. Commissioner Cook asked if Mr. Pool stated the county had until 2015 to complete it? Mr. Pool stated yes.

Adjourn.

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