

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JULY 8, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Melinda McClendon, Acting County Attorney, Patrick Jones, Acting County Engineer, Myer Holloway, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver and Gary Sherrer, County Attorney

Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Acting Chairman, called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Clark Cornelius, Pastor, Grace Anglican Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Battles 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

Acting Chairman Siquefield stated the commission was glad to have Steve Carlisle back, and he expressed the Commission's sympathy to him on the death of his father.

Commissioner Siquefield reported Governor Bentley was in town and Chairman Culver was meeting with him. He also stated that the Governor would be speaking at noon to the Rotary Club.

Acting Chairman Siquefield congratulated the Dothan School of Dance's Team for their competition in the Hollywood Vibe – Battle of the Stars in Orlando, Florida. He stated they won several awards.

Awards and Presentations

1. Proclamation – "Kindergarten Readiness Day for Houston County" – Lynn Ivey, Houston County Children's Policy Council

Acting Chairman Siquefield reported Ms. Lynn Ivey was not able to attend, and he asked Ms. Collins Trot, Houston County Children's Policy Council, to come forward and to bring her guests. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring July 23rd, as "Kindergarten Readiness Day for Houston County." Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Ms. Trot then introduced her guests: Mrs. Tami Culver and Mrs. Amy Vinson, Dothan Education Foundation, Mrs. Linda O'Connell, Alfred Saliba Family Services, and Ms. Vanessa Dickens, Wallace Community College. Commissioner Siquefield read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Trot. Ms. Trot thanked the commission for the Proclamation and stated these groups were trying to bring day care and preschool providers together with kindergarten teachers to make sure the students are prepared and ready for kindergarten. Mrs. Culver thanked Mrs. Twyla Williams, Yes We Can! Dothan, for all of her work on this project. Acting Chairman Siquefield thanked the group for coming and bringing this to the commission's attention.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to approve limb pickup for two weeks resulting from recent storm.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request for limb pickup for two weeks resulting from the recent storm. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Siquefield requested that the people in the county who had limbs from the storm that happened on June 28th put them out at the road for the next two weeks and the county would pick them up. He stated it may take longer than two weeks, but the county would get them. Mr. Holloway asked that the citizens call the Road and Bridge Department and place a work order for them to be picked up. Acting Chairman Siquefield called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve purchase of broom off Gov Deals.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the purchase of a broom off Gov Deals. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. It was pointed out this is a self-propelled broom. Acting Chairman

Sinquefield reported that there is money in Road and Bridge's budget, but they are going to look on GovDeals to see if they can find a used one. Acting Chairman Sinquefield called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve change in dumpster usage for county buildings and other entities.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the change in dumpster usage for county buildings and other entities. Commissioner McClendon seconded the motion. Acting Chairman Sinquefield reported in September the county would no longer be picking up the dumpsters for county buildings and other entities as a cost saving measure that will hopefully alleviate some liability concerns. Acting Chairman Sinquefield called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chairman Sinquefield reported there was another item for the agenda if no one objected. He stated the item was to increase the amount of money appropriated for the repair of the Courthouse scanning equipment. There were no objections to adding it to the agenda. Acting Chairman Sinquefield asked Captain Jeff Carlisle to come forward and explain. Captain Carlisle reported that the original request presented to and approved during the June 10th meeting was to provide 50% of the funding for the repair of the scanning machine with the total expected cost to be approximately \$2,000 (county portion \$1,000). He stated that this estimate was inaccurate and the new estimate includes the following: \$1,969 maintenance and repair (invoice dated 5/22/13) plus \$3,777.71 for replacement of parts (invoice dated 7/2/13) plus an additional amount not yet finally determined. Captain Carlisle reported that the revised total cost is expected to be between \$8,000 and \$9,000 with the county requested to pay half of this. Captain Carlisle reported that Sheriff Hughes would like to see this tabled pending clarification of the total cost. Commissioner Battles asked if Courthouse security has the ability to scan individuals entering the courthouse? Captain Carlisle indicated that they do by utilizing an older scan machine along with hand held scanners. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to table the request until the next meeting. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Acting County Engineer Holloway reported the contractor was working on Prevatt Road. He also reported on July 22nd, cross drain work would begin on Fortner Street.

County Attorney – Acting County Attorney had no report.

Adjourn

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